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MIDWEEK RECHARGE

Wednesday Evening Schedule
Beginning This Wednesday, September 4th!

5:15-6:00	**Dinner**
5:45-6:30	**Preschool + Children's Choirs**
6:00-6:30	**Adults: "Disciples Then and Now"** **Youth Bible Study** (Grades 6-12)
6:30-7:15	**Preschoolers: Mission Friends** **RAs** (Boys, Grades 1-5) **GAs** (Girls, Grades 1-5) **Youth Open Gym** (Grades 6-12) **Adult Small Groups:** Men's Bible Study Group, Women's Parenting Group, "Christianity and Science: Friends or Foes," Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
7:15-8:15	**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**
8:15-8:45	**Women's Ensemble Rehearsal**

PINK MAMA'S ICE CREAM TRUCK

We are so excited to host the Pink Mama's ice cream truck on September 4th to celebrate the beginning of our new Wednesday night schedule! Before the big night, here are a few things to keep in mind.

• For this night only, supper will begin at 5:00. That way, children will have time to eat supper and dessert before choir at 5:45.
• Pink Mama's will be offering a variety of options, including both ice cream and shaved ice!
• The treats are free, but please limit each member of your family to only ONE visit to the truck.

The 4th will be a great night for our church! Please plan to join us!

BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, September 18th

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Would you like to make an impact? Donating blood saves lives. Every whole blood donation has the power to save up to 3 lives! Your donation could be someone's chance at another day. Sponsored by the Medical Ministry Team of ESBC, the Blood Connection Bloodmobile will be onsite on September 18th.

FLU SHOT CLINIC AT SEPTEMBER XYZ
Tuesday, September 24

The Medical Ministry Team is sponsoring two flu shot clinics in September. One clinic will be on Tuesday, September 24 before and after the XYZ meeting. The clinic will be provided by Kim Hartley, a church member who is a pharmacist at Ingles Markets. The flu shot is provided at no charge for anyone on Medicare. Please bring your Medicare card or any other prescription card with you so that Kim can have the correct information to bill Medicare. There will also be pneumonia vaccines provided that are also covered by Medicare for individuals who are interested or need to receive that vaccine. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Hartley at 410-456-5647.

The second flu shot clinic will be on Sunday morning, September 29, and will be open to everyone in our congregation.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, blood pressure screenings will take place on Sunday, September 8th.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, September 1

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Quartet: *The Love of God* by Butch Blume, Stephen Clyborne, Wendell Cothran, and Phil Plumblee

Anthem: *O Love* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: 1 John 4:10-19

Sermon Series: Our Greater Way Covenant

Sermon: "Accepting, Trusting, and Resting in God's Love" by Stephen Clyborne

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USHERS

9:15 am: Knox Boggs (Captain), Rick Green, Keith Merck, Jay Gibson, Rob Traywick, Al Wassynger, Hugh Cureton

Preschool Coordinator: Bethany Hovis

10:30 am: Glenn Arrowood (Captain), Barry Brooks, Morice Smith, Maudie Blackwell, Gene Watson, Ron McAlister, Pat Riddle

Preschool Coordinator: Bethany Hovis

Sound Technician: Frank Tedards

Video Technician: Dan Boehm

Deacon of the Week: Glenn Arrowood

GREETERS

Welcome Center Greeters
9:15 am: Bert and Margaret Kirby
10:30 am: Leah Hunter

Preschool Welcome Center Greeter
9:15 am: Dana Collier and Rosemary Cureton

PRESCHOOL WELCOME CENTER

9:15 am: Leah Tankersley
10:30 am: Cindy Doolittle

HOMEBOUND VISITATION TEAM C
Peggy Bailey, Jennifer Broome, Dianne Lowe, Lynn Clyborne, Natalie Tyson, Madge Patterson

THIS WEEK AT ESBC

Sunday, September 1

8:00 am	Early Bird Sunday School Class (CR 203)
	Onesimus Men's Class (Room 201)
9:00 am	Media Library Open
9:15 am	Sunday School/Worship (All Rooms)
10:30 am	Sunday School/Worship (All Rooms)

Monday, September 2

LABOR DAY - Church Office Closed

6:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Greenville Hurricanes)

Tuesday, September 3

9:15 am	Staff Meeting (CR 200)
5:30 pm	Gym Reserved (Day)
6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Scout Building)
	Divorce Recovery Support Group (Pastor's Office)
	Grief Support Group (Room 206)
7:00 pm	Band Rehearsal (FH)

Wednesday, September 4

5:00 pm	Media Library Open
	Dinner for Everyone (FH)
5:30 pm	Recreation Committee Meeting (FLC)
5:45 pm	Preschool Choir (Room 101C)
	Music Makers Choir (Room 101A)
	Young Musicians Choir (Choir Room)
6:00 pm	Adults: Disciples Then and Now (FH)
	Youth Bible Study (FLC)
6:30 pm	Mission Friends K3-K4 (Room 101C)
	Mission Friends K5 (Room 101B)
	RAs (Room 205)
	GAs (Room 205)
	Youth Open Gym (FLC)
	Adult Small Groups
	Men's Bible Study Group (Room 300B)
	Women's Parenting Group
	"Christianity and Science: Friends or Foes (Room 202)
	Men's Ensemble Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	Youth Committee Meeting (FLC)
8:15 pm	Women's Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 5

10:00 am	WMU Council Meeting (CR 200)
3:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved (Fee)

Friday, September 6

6:30 pm	Gym Reserved (Day)

CR: Conference Room
FH: Fellowship Hall
FLC: Family Life Center

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Wednesday, September 4

Lemon Pepper Chicken, Creamed Corn, Crowder Peas, Rolls, Tangy Fruit, Tea and Coffee

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for the Labor Day Holiday.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - South Lewis, Kayla Swain, Mia Johnson
2 - Kim Johnson
3 - Mike Aiken, Christina Welmaker
4 - Blaun Bennett, Cole Barras, Emme Rabideaux
5 - Kay Dillard, Dan Boehm, Bryce Dailey, Anna Fickey
6 - Bill Hendrix, Ed Callahan, Joree Ouzts, Carlisle Hutchinson, Ella Grace Woods
7 - Natalie Tyson, Joyce Harris
8 - Mackenzie Elliott, Macklin Hutchinson
9 - Bill Burt, Addison Bullock
10 - Jordan Slaybaugh, Michael Conte
11 - Eddie West, Joe Giles, Donna Walker
12 - Gene Watson, Danny Ard, Lynn Barrett, Gabe Carnes, Thomas Lewis
13 - Leah Hunter, Jane Penick, Kurt Young
14 - Ginger Adams
15 - Mary West, Henry Martin
16 - Sharon Youkey, Robbie DeMars, Jean Nokleby, Jill Pearce
17 - Larry Plumblee, Teresa Lewis, Steve Bomar, Joanne Masters, Carrie Mussman, Amelia Harmon
18 - Charles Howard, Jim Woods, Joyce McCarrell, Martha Hendrix
19 - Lib King, Jim DeYoung, Norma Green
21 - Dan Merck, Jane Craze, Jimmy Stenhouse
22 - Jan McKinney, Lucy Brewer
23 - Jensie Malphrus, Chip Sims, Steve Taylor, Taylor McCarthy
24 - Thelma Huskey, Rick Green
25 - Ellie Simmons
26 - Bobbie Clayton, Carol Poole, Jake French
27 - Mary Arrowood, Keith Anderson, Carolyn Tate, Andy Burns, Robin Ballard, Maggie Sizemore, Wade Holtzclaw
28 - Nancy Baker, Saundra Richards, Ronnie Poore, Melissa Wilson
29 - Meredith Smith

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

At our church conference on July 17, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposed revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws. The congregation will have an opportunity to discuss and vote on the proposed revisions at our next church conference on September 18. In the meantime, you are encouraged to review the proposed revisions by picking up a hard copy in the church office or accessing the proposed revisions on our web site. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stephen Clyborne, Denise Plumblee, or any member of the 2018-19 or 2019-20 Constitution and Bylaws Committee: Wayne Turner, Larry Worley, John Lewis, or Bill Penick.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

We will be placing the order for 2020 offering envelopes soon. If you currently use weekly envelopes and would prefer to use monthly, or vice versa, please let either Denise or Brenda know your preference by August 30th.

IN MEMORIAM

AGNES MASTERS
May 17, 1917 - August 25, 2019

THANK YOU

Dear Earle Street Family,

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and other expressions of support shown to me following my recovery. What a wonderful family of faith.

Pat Dietz

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Joe Bennett
Betty Hightower
James Sheppard
Bud Sunday

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Worship Services

9:15 am Attendance	182
10:30 am Attendance	189
Total Worship Attendance	371

Sunday School

9:15 am Attendance	141
10:30 am Attendance	173
Total Sunday School Attendance	314
9:15 am Average Attendance	141
10:30 am Average Attendance	173
Total Sunday School Attendance	314
Enrollment (to date)	912

BUDGET REPORT

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Weekly Budget Requirements	$27,050
Budget Gifts	$37,928
Budget Requirements to Date	$919,700
Budget Gifts to Date	$944,735

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LOVE OUR "NEIGHBOR" DAY
Sunday, September 15

Of course, we love our "neighbors" everyday. But on this Sunday, we are asking every church member to bring a "neighbor" who may not have a church home to Sunday School and worship. And we are putting quotation marks around the term "neighbor" because we are using the word the way the Bible uses it - - to refer not just to the people who may live on your street, but to friends, acquaintances, colleagues, family members, associates - - anyone in your life.

On this Sunday, Sunday School classes will be welcoming our neighbors with refreshments and more time for fellowship. In worship, we will be focusing on together-ness, and all the "one-another" language in the Scripture. God has created us in such a way that we need each other to live the life that God has created us to live.

Please begin now thinking of one of your "neighbors" who may not have a church home - - just one person, one couple, or one family - - and praying for the right opportunity to invite that person or couple or family to come to Sunday School and worship that day. Tell them it is "Love Your Neighbor Sunday" at your church, and you wanted to invite them to be your guest. On this Sunday, we are encouraging you to show your love for your "neighbors" not just by inviting them to church, but by taking them out to breakfast or lunch or having them over to your house after church.

Will you start now praying for opportunities to reach out to your "neighbors"? And Sunday School classes, will you begin planning now to make September 15 a special day in your class - - a day to welcome our "neighbors" and make them feel at home?

From the Associate Pastor

Chuck Emory (ext. 203) – chuck@ESBCgreenville.org

MIDWEEK RECHARGE

MIDWEEK RECHARGE: ADULT SMALL GROUPS

This Wednesday, September 4, we begin our new Midweek Recharge on Wednesday nights. I am excited about all the Bible study and discipleship opportunities for adults. In addition to the large group session from 6:00-6:30, we will have some great small group options from 6:30-7:15. Check out these small groups and find a place to plug in and recharge!

Men's Bible Study Group (Room 300B)
This ongoing group is open to men of all ages and stages. Their mission is to live the greater way together through prayer, Bible study, and conversation.

Women's Parenting Groups
Room 201 – Led by Jan Brown and Jean Brown
Room 203 – Led by Harriett McCarrell
These ongoing groups are for women of all ages who want to give and receive insight, encouragement, and prayer for the blessings and challenges of motherhood.

Christianity and Science: Friends or Foes? (Room 202)
All adults are welcome in this engaging and eye-opening seven-week course, led by Larry Worley, exploring the relationship between Christianity and science.

Women's Bible Study Group (Room 204)
Beginning September 11, Janet Landers will lead a series on women of the Bible, starting with Mary and Martha. Women of all ages and stages are invited to this Bible study.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: THE JOURNEY
Sundays at 10:30 am in Room 201

This Sunday, September 1, we will be offering a new adult Sunday School class, led by Barbara Massey and Andy Burns, called The Journey. The class will focus on the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, and reflective journaling.

The Journey will meet on Sundays at 10:30 am in Room 201. If you do not already have a Sunday School class to call home, I know Barbara and Andy would be glad to see you this Sunday!

XYZ MONTHLY CATERED MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP
for all senior adults
Tuesday, September 24
11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Program: Musical Program
Lindsay O'Rear - Minister of Music Emeritus
Taylors First Baptist Church

Menu: Greek Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Pear Salad, Lemon Pie, Rolls, Tea and Coffee

Mission Project: Items for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Call Jan Brown at 864-350-5541 to sign up or cancel your reservation!
Regular attenders (people on the permanent list) should call if they can NOT attend.
The cost of the meal is $6.00 per person.

CHRISTMAS AT THE COVE
Monday, December 9, 2019
8:00 am - 3:30 pm

The XYZ group is traveling to the Billy Graham Conference Center "The Cove" in Asheville, NC on Monday, December 9th, 2019. We will leave Earle Street at 8:00 am and return around 3:30 pm. We will celebrate the birth of our Savior by singing many of your favorite Christmas carols and hearing an inspiring devotional message. We will then enjoy a wonderful buffet lunch in their scenic dining room.

After lunch, we can learn about the life and ministry of Billy Graham, browse the bookstore, or just sit by the fireplace in the lobby. We hope you will join us. The cost is $44 per person. You will need to pay for your ticket when you make your reservation. For reservations, sign up on the XYZ bulletin board or call Mike Brown at 608-3454. Only 26 tickets are available so sign-up soon. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, September 24th.

From the Pastor

Stephen Clyborne (ext. 204) – stephen@ESBCgreenville.org

Read Psalm 81:1-16.

Many of us consider God's basic nature to be passive and God's wrath to be active. But the Bible in general and this psalm in particular view God's nature and wrath quite differently. According to this psalm, God is active in the events of our lives, very much "hands on" in the ebb and flow of human history. God had been active in mercy (verses 6, 7, 10), relieving Israel's bondage, bringing Israel out of the land of Egypt, testing them at the waters of Meribah (Exodus 17:1-7), and leading them to the secret place of thunder (i.e., Sinai - Exodus 19:18 and 20:18). God did not passively stand by and allow the so-called "natural" order of events to take place uninterrupted. Because of God's great mercy, God stepped in to get involved.

In spite of God's activity, the covenant people would not listen to God's voice. Israel would have none of God and would not walk in God's ways (verse 11). One might expect that God would get even more active and inflict wrath upon them by heaping some great catastrophe upon them. But God did something even worse. God became "hands off." God did nothing, and gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own counsels (verse 12). They thought they knew better than God, so God let them go. It is the most terrifying expression of God's wrath when God gives us up and lets us go our stubborn way (see also Romans 1:18-32).

The psalmist ends with a vision of what might have been and might yet be if the people would just quit going their own way and walk in God's ways (verses 13-16). As it turns out, God's basic nature is active, and God's wrath is passive. The worst thing that could ever happen to us is for God to give us up and let us go our own way.

Life Question:
In what ways is God's will in conflict with your will?

Prayer:
Lord, thank You for showing me Your way. Forgive me when I stubbornly go my own way, rather than walking in Yours. Amen.

WMU SERENDIPITY MEETING
Thursday, September 19
6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Serendipity, a ladies mission group, will start up again on September 19 at 6:00 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. As usual, we will begin with a light supper at 6:00 and then our program at 6:30. Mary Beth Young will speak to our group about The Little Library project she hopes to begin at our church and how our group can share and become involved. Please contact Sylvia Clyborne to be added to the supper count at sylviaclyborne50@gmail.com.

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

Janice Hinnant (ext. 202) – janice@ESBCgreenville.org

Parents of 3rd-5th Graders—If your child is interested in being an acolyte this year, please let me know by this Sunday! You can email me at janice@esbcgreenville.org.

Youth Choir—Thanks to all of you who came out for the Super Sundae last week! We will start our regular rehearsals on Sunday, September 8. I hope to see you there!

4:15 – 5:00 pm: Youth Choir rehearsal
5:00 – 5:30 pm: Youth Handbell rehearsal

Earle Street Ringers—We start our rehearsals on Sunday, September 8, at 5:30 pm. See you then!

From the Minister To Preschoolers and Children

Bethany Hovis (ext. 209) – bethany@ESBCgreenville.org

Children's Praise and Worship
This Sunday, September 1st will be our first session of Children's Praise and Worship! It will take place during the second service, meaning 1st-5th graders can just stay in the children's department after Sunday School. However, participation is optional, and if you would prefer your child go to worship in the sanctuary with you at 10:30, that is totally fine! This new program has no impact on preschoolers. Their schedule and options stay the same.

Remaining Volunteer Spots
Our new church year is up and running, but we still have some spots that need to be filled! Our most urgent needs at this time are 9:15 and 10:30 toddlers (no planning, just play!), 10:30 2s, and 10:30 3s and 4s. We also have several opportunities with children on Sunday mornings and with RAs on Wednesday night. Please be praying about these opportunities, and if God is leading you to get involved, let me know!

Wednesday Night Recharge
We are so excited about our Wednesday Night Recharge beginning September 4th! Please keep in mind that there have been no schedule changes for preschoolers and children. They will have choir from 5:45 to 6:30 and missions organizations from 6:30 to 7:15. It is our hope that parents will be able to get plugged in while their children are busy with their activities. We have a lot of great options!

Sunday School Training
If you are working with preschoolers and children in any capacity this year, it is required you attend training. Please take a look at the options below, and plan on attending one session. If none of these times work for you, please let me know ASAP!
September 8th, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
September 22nd, 2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
September 25th, 5:45 pm, Room 100
September 29th, 1:00 pm, Room 100