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## BASKETBALL SUNDAY & CHILI COOKOFF

### BASKETBALL SUNDAY + CHILI COOKOFF

Sunday, January 25th

Join us as we recognize our basketball players during our worship service and celebrate with our annual chili cookoff immediately following the service. All are welcome to attend. If you'd like to bring a pot of chili please sign up at the link below. Bring your items to the Fellowship Hall before church.

[Chili Cookoff Sign-Up](#)

### EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

## ESBC Coffee Meet

Sunday, January 25 - 2:00 pm

### Cohesive Coffee

301 Airport Road,  
Greenville

Join us for  
some coffee  
and casual  
conversation!



### ESBC COFFEE MEET

Coffee meets return this month as we kick off 2026! Join us on Sunday afternoon, January 25, for the caffeine of your choice and light conversation. No agendas. Always laughter. Reach out to Denise Plumlee with any questions.

### DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE FOR NOELLEN GROFF

Sunday, January 25, 5:00 pm

*Reception following the service*



### GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

February 4-8, 2026

Our Global Missions Celebration is coming soon! Because we are a missional church, the work we do in community and around the world is a very intentional part of who we are, and we are excited to celebrate together February 4-8. Please plan to be a part of all the activities of the week.

**Wednesday, February 4:** Kickoff at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, table displays following for adults, teens, and children. Make a reservation, and join our guests for dinner at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Meet our guests and learn more about what we can do and are doing in our community and around the world.

**Thursday, February 5, 11:00am:** XYZ will host Annette Ellard, CBF, Kentucky, who will speak to the group regarding her refugee work. If you are staying for lunch, please make a reservation.

**Thursday, February 5:** Some classes hosting a guest for dessert and an informal time of Q & A in the evening. The youth and their parents will meet with Sloan Hendrick from A House on Beekman at 6:00 pm. The location still is TBD. This will be a fun, casual get together.

**Saturday, February 7, 5:30pm:** Family-friendly Missions Banquet featuring Henry's Barbecue. Sign up online or by calling the church office and bring your family and friends! Enjoy an evening of fun around the table with our guests and hear from a guest panel who will take your questions and share their experiences and prayer requests.

[Banquet Reservations](#)

**Sunday, February 8:** Guests in Sunday School and worship. Children participating in worship and an opportunity to pledge your missions gifts for 2026. Alfred Johnson, Greenville Church Without Walls, will be our guest speaker.

## JOIN US IN WORSHIP

**Sunday, January 25**  
9:15 am: Sunday School  
10:30 am: Worship  
*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*Basketball Sunday*  
*Budget Vote*

Anthem: *You Are Mine* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Genesis 2:7; Acts 17:22-28a;  
Ephesians 2:8-10

Sermon: "It's Good to Be Alive - Every Breath  
is Grace" by Gary Strickland

**Sunday, February 1**  
9:15 am: Sunday School  
10:30 am: Worship  
*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*Scout Sunday*  
*Missions Support Sunday*

Anthem: *Shine, Jesus, Shine* by the Sanctuary Choir

Sermon by Gary Strickland

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Josh Ellenburg

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

### Sunday School Attendance

Sunday School..... 128

### Worship Attendance

Sanctuary ..... 132

Preschoolers and Children ..... 15

Total ..... 147

Online Views (as of 1/22/26) ..... 127

## BUDGET REPORT

### Report for January 18, 2026

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$TBD
Budget Gifts (this week) .....	\$25,477
Budget Offering Requirements.....	\$TBD
Budget Gifts to Date.....	\$50,565
Global Missions Offering .....	\$2,805

## DEACON OF THE WEEK



Randy Ellenburg is our deacon of the week for Sunday, January 25th. Randy has been a member since 2010. He is married to Miriam and they have two children, Olivia and Joshua. They also have a grandson named Jasper. Randy is the manager of The Vine in Anderson, SC. He sings in the Sanctuary Choir, serves on the Wednesday Night Supper Team and on the Decorations Committee. Randy is a member of the Reflections Sunday School class.



Helen Hewitt is our deacon of the week for Sunday, February 1st. She has been a member of Earle Street since 1989. She has three children: Ted, Richard, and Anna Kay, six granddaughters and two grandsons. She retired from Haynsworth Private School where she was a K2 teacher. In addition to her role as a deacon, she is a member of the Prayer Team and teaches the Sojourners Sunday School Class.

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Please keep and refer to this newsletter for two weeks.  
The next edition will be published on February 5th.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, January 28th  
5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

#### Main Entree (\$8)

BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Buttered Potatoes

#### Grilled Chicken Salad (\$8)

Grilled Chicken Salad with Assorted Toppings

#### Pizza Entree (\$5)

Two Slices of Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni)

\*\*\*Please remember to register by 12:00 pm on Monday, January 26th. This deadline is to give our caterer an accurate headcount.\*\*\*

Dinner Reservations

# INCLEMENT WEATHER

If inclement weather prevents us from meeting, remember to check our website, social media pages, your email and WYFF and WSPA for updates.

## THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT: How Walking In The Spirit Impacts The World In Which We Live And Serve Adult Winter Discipleship Group Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

January 28: "Walking in the Spirit of Joy"  
Led by Libby Young

February 4: Global Missions Celebration

February 11: "Walking in the Spirit of Peace"  
Led by Stuart Moore

February 18: Ash Wednesday Service

February 25: "Walking in the Spirit of Patience"  
Led by Margo Love



## OPERATION INASMUCH Saturday, April 25

**OPERATION INASMUCH**<sup>®</sup> Mark your calendars and get excited! Operation Inasmuch is happening on April 25, 2026!

Operation Inasmuch is a worldwide ministry that mobilizes churches to serve the "least of these," and at ESBC, we are passionate about living out our calling to serve others and experience the joy that comes from it.

On April 25, you'll have multiple opportunities to make a real impact by serving alongside our ministry partners throughout the community. Have an idea for a project you'd love to lead? Reach out to Rebecca Register at [register@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:register@greenville.k12.sc.us)—she'd be thrilled to help you bring your idea to life!



**WILDFIRE**  
Saturday, March 7th  
Save the date for our annual youth fundraiser, Wildfire, on Saturday March 7th! This year we're once again partnering with VBS as we head into the rainforest for a fun night!

If you have a new or antique item valued at \$25 or more that would be a great addition to our silent auction, we would love to include it. Donations help make this event a success! Please contact Lucy at [lucy@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:lucy@esbcgreenville.org) if you're interested in donating. Thank you for supporting our youth!

## XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL

For All Senior Adults!  
Thursday, February 5th

XYZ will once again help ESBC Celebrate our Missions Program! Annette Ellard from CBF Kentucky will speak to our group about her work with refugees. All are welcome to attend the meeting and stay for the lunch after. If you plan to eat, please sign up by clicking below or calling the church office.

*Please note the change in date. There will be no XYZ meeting in January due to the Global Missions Celebration.*

[XYZ Reservations](#)

## From the Minister Of Music and Worship

Janice Hinnant (ext. 202) – [janice@ESBCgreenville.org](mailto:janice@ESBCgreenville.org)

**Youth Ensemble**—We will rehearse our music for the Gather & Praise Festival this Sunday, but we will not have handbells due to the ordination service.

**Earle Street Ringers**—No rehearsal this Sunday due to the ordination service.

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## BELT DONATIONS NEEDED

Teenage students at the Sullivan Center in Greenville are in need of belts. Students are required to wear a belt to be in dress code while they attend classes. These students are ages 16-18 and need adult size belts. New or gently used belts can be placed in the Welcome Center. Alfred Johnson will collect the belts and distribute them to the students in need.

