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GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

Wednesday, January 18 - Sunday, January 22, 2023

Pray - Give - Go

At these events, you will get to meet, fellowship with, eat with, and hear from missionaries around the world and right here in Greenville! We are so excited about what God is going to do through this event!

CELEBRATION KICK-OFF:

Night of Worship and Prayer

Wednesday, January 18th

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Thursday, January 19th

1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

SMALL GROUP LEARNING

Thursday, January 19th with Sunday School Classes

SERVE DAY (GO!)

Saturday, January 21st

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Click on the links below to serve!

[Prayer Walk](#)

[United Ministries](#)

[Miracle Hill](#)

GLOBAL MISSIONS BANQUET

Saturday, January 21st

5:30 - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Ticket sales end Monday, January 16th at noon.

[Purchase Tickets by clicking here!](#)

Meal Catered by Project Host:

Roasted Pork Loin, Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Winter Vegetable Medley, Rolls and Cookies

SMALL GROUP LEARNING

Sunday, January 22nd

9:15 - 10:15 am in Sunday School Classes

GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Sunday, January 22nd

10:30 am in the Sanctuary

FROM THE ESBC DEACONS

To our Earle Street family,

The Deacons continue to meet and pray over the Interim Pastor Search process. In our last meeting, two sub-committees of five deacons each were formed. One sub-committee is charged with vetting potential interim pastors who will preach, teach, and provide pastoral guidance. The other sub-committee will be vetting consulting organizations and possibly individual consultants who will provide assistance with the transition occurring in the next 12 to 18 months. We would like reassure the congregation that our outstanding staff has been preparing for this season in our church's life. Ministries and activities will continue, and our church remains in the most capable of hands: those of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for our staff, the deacons, and the deacon sub-committees tasked with the next phases of transition.

Your grateful servants,

The Deacon Board

While The Search Continues

While the Deacons are diligently praying and seeking to find the interim pastor God has for our church, we are blessed to have the following ministers delivering our Sunday morning messages:

Sunday, January 15

Wayne Turner, retired minister and ESBC member

Sunday, January 22

Duane Ostrem, retired missionary with the
International Mission Board

Sunday, January 29

Todd Wilson, retired minister, formerly served at
First Baptist Church, Clemson

TRANSITION PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sponsored by the Prayer Team

Saturday, February 4th

9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Rev. Al Phillips, Director of Missions for the Greenville Baptist Association will be our speaker. This will be an important time of prayer and inspiration. More information will be in next week's edition.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, January 15
10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Anthem: *At the Name of Jesus* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

Sermon: "First of All, JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!"
 by Wayne Turner

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Mary Arrowood is our deacon of the week. Mary Arrowood and her husband, Glenn, have been married since February 1970 and members of Earle Street since November 2011. She is a member of the NOP Sunday School class, the prayer and usher teams, and works all year with Operation Christmas Child on the Upstate Team. She and Glenn have two sons, Stephen and Brian, and one daughter-in-law, Valerie. They have two sweet granddaughters, Aria and Aliya.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Jo An Boehm and family upon the recent death of her cousin, Fred Urch.

Lesli Cloninger and family upon the recent death of her mother, Janie Cloninger.

Frank and Bev Hawkins, Brad and Katherine Hawkins and family upon the recent death of Bev's aunt and Brad's great-aunt, Faye Aiken.

Terri Hawkins and family upon the recent death of her husband, Danny Hawkins.

2022 YEAR-END FINANCIALS

God blessed our congregation during the 2022 calendar year in so many amazing ways. Thanks to His blessing and the generosity of our congregation, our church once again finished the year with a very solid financial foundation. The complete year-end financials will be presented at the January 25 church conference. However, below are the 2022 year-end totals.

Total Budget	\$1,335,232
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,233,297</u>
	(101,935)

Total Offerings	\$1,424,520
Total Budget	<u>\$1,335,232</u>
	89,287

Total Offerings	\$1,424,520
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,233,297</u>
	191,222

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of January 8, 2023

Sunday School Report

On-Campus.....	245
Virtual.....	<u>2</u>
Total	247

Worship Attendance

On-Campus.....	429
Virtual	<u>296</u>
Total.....	725

BUDGET REPORT

Report for January 8, 2023

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$28,873
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$23,015
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$57,747
Budget Gifts to Date	\$29,967

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our offering envelope company is experiencing supply chain issues and will not be able to send envelopes out for January and February. If you would like to have some plain offering envelopes to get you by until then, please contact Gina Conn by email at gina@esbcgreenville.org, or by phone at (864) 233-5332 x 200. Envelopes will also be available in the pew pockets. Thank you for your patience while we work together with the company to resolve this issue.

Online Giving

While using offering envelopes is a great way to give your tithe and offering, another way to give is online! By using this link: www.esbcgreenville.org/give, you have the ability to designate your offering and even setup an automatic recurring donation. Using your Realm account (our church database software) you can also lookup your giving statements and register for Wednesday night dinners.

THANK YOU

The theme was woven throughout the fabric of our experience last Sunday. It was the basis for the amazing anthem the choir sang. It was engraved on the baton that was presented to the ministerial staff. It was the benediction before the singing of the final amens. It was repeated again at the gracious reception that afternoon. And, as we continue to try to take it all in, it is still theme that is echoing in our hearts:

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." -Philippians 1:3-6

Indeed our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for the extraordinary and overwhelming expressions of love for the past twenty-one years, but especially last Sunday:

- The special edition of the newsletter, which we will always treasure.
- The tireless work of staff and volunteers to make the service so beautiful and worshipful and the reception so elegant and joyful.
- The instrumental music (organ and piano) that set the tone so beautifully for the worship of God.
- The powerful anthem presented with such feeling and majesty by our amazing Sanctuary Choir.
- The hymns of our faith (all my favorites) that you sang with such gusto.
- The precious children's sermon that Karli presented.
- The call to worship led by Lucy and the pastoral prayer led by Jay.
- The thoughtful and biblical sermon that Janice prepared and delivered so masterfully.
- The opportunity to "pass the baton" to our ministerial staff that had previously been passed along to me.
- The countless extravagant love offerings from the church, collectively and individually.
- The clever song composed and sung by the only other member of Earle Street's "Living Former Pastors Club," and the t-shirt that officially marks my induction into that exclusive club.
- The memorable words spoken at the reception, even and especially the words of the best brothers anyone could ever have.

It will take us a long time to take it all in. But for now, we are trusting you to know how much we love you - - always have, always will. Our gratitude to you is only matched by the grace you have shown us. Regardless of what the next season of our lives holds for us, Earle Street will always be our spiritual home and you will always be our family.

With deep love and profound gratitude,
Stephen and Sylvia





From the Connections Minister

Jay Roland (ext. 203) – jay@ESBCgreenville.org

One of my favorite passages of Scripture is 1st Thessalonians chapter one. In it, Paul reminds the Thessalonians of his prayers for them and he rejoices over them and with them. He rejoices because their faith, love, and because of the steadfastness of their hope in Jesus.

Verses five through seven always stand out to me. The Gospel message came to the Thessalonians in power and full conviction, in the Holy Spirit and through God's servants. And this is the part I love, in verses five and six we learn that this word was received by the Thessalonians in the midst of great affliction but joy from the Holy Spirit. This enabled them to become imitators of the Lord and their faith resounded through the nations.

As you know, our church is now in a time of transition. It's not going to be easy. But even in a time of testing, amid uncertainty and anxiety, the Scriptures remind us that we can receive the Word of God with JOY, with full assurance, and it is only God's presence with us that can accomplish this.

In the person of the Spirit, God is here with us. His desire is to work among us. To unify and sanctify us in His name and truth and to bring glory to Himself in the process (John 17). But are we listening? Are you listening? Because if we are, God will speak to us and this time in the life of our church can be a time of spiritual growth, full certainty, and great joy.

In Christ,
Rev. Jay Roland

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Sanctuary Choir—The anthem last Sunday was so beautiful and worshipful. As I have told you, when you sing from the heart with understanding, it shows. Thank you, and thank you, Debbie and Randy for your exquisite music. What a glorious day!

Youth Choir and Handbells—We will start rehearsals back this Sunday, January 15. I need your \$25 deposit for Festival By the Sea this Sunday. If you have not already, please let me know your t-shirt size. The dates are March 3 – 5.

Earle Street Ringers—We will start rehearsals back this Sunday, January 15. See you then!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

Dinner Service: 5:00 - 5:45 PM

JANUARY 18TH

 Meat and Two	\$8
Grilled Chicken, Broccoli Casserole, Black-eyed Peas, Roll, Dessert, and Drink	
 Grilled Chicken Salad	\$8
Boxed salad with grilled chicken, Assorted Dressings, Dessert and Drink.	
 Pizza Meal	\$5
Two slices, dessert and drink	
	\$1
Single slices of pizza	

WEDNESDAY DINNER RESERVATION

XYZ SENIOR ADULT MEAL AND PROGRAM

Thursday, January 26th

11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Musical Program Presented By:

Wendell Cothran, Soloist

Randy Blackburn, Accompanist

Lunch Menu:

Meat Loaf, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Bean
Almondine, Baked Apples, Rolls and Red Velvet Cake

Our very own Wendell Cothran will be presenting through song this month. The program will include stories of: Growing up a Preacher's Kid, A Life Shaped by Family and Church, and A Call to Ministry and Service. Please make your reservation now if you plan to attend the lunch following the program.

XYZ LUNCH RESERVATION

NORTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH TRIP TO THE ARK ENCOUNTER AND CREATION MUSEUM

Northgate Baptist Church is sponsoring a trip in April to visit the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. Their travel coordinator, Debbie Hudson, has invited members of our ESBC congregation to travel with them. The trip is April 20 – 23 and the cost of the trip is \$489 per person/double occupancy. The cost includes motor coach transportation, lodging and admission to the Ark Encounter, the Creation Museum and the US Air Force Museum. For more details, click on the link below to view the information flyer.

NORTHGATE TRIP INFORMATION



Church Office Closed

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



JUNE 4-9, 2023

\$340



EARLE STREET

BASKETBALL SUNDAY

SUNDAY
JANUARY 29TH

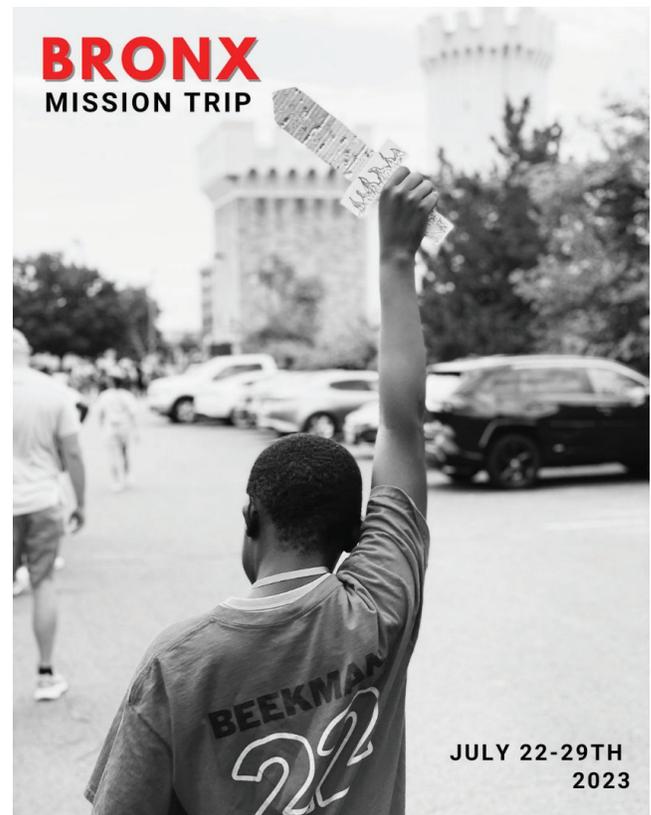
8:30 DONUTS + COFFEE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 WORSHIP



SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!



BRONX MISSION TRIP

JULY 22-29TH
2023