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DEACON ELECTION

This Sunday, July 19th

Please find enclosed in this newsletter the deacon nominees eligible for election. The Committee for Deacon Nominations is excited to present these candidates. Please prayerfully consider each of these nominees and come to worship prepared to vote by ballot on Sunday, July 19. Absentee ballots are available in the Welcome Center.

The slate is as follows: **Glenn Arrowood, Paula Hayes, Linda Kirkland, Vicki Merck, Amy Moore, and Bob Walker**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRIPS

July 19: Deacon Election Sunday
July 19 - 23: CentriKid Camp - Ridgecrest
July 22: Hymn Sing & Stories
July 24: Greenville Drive Game
July 29: Fifth Sunday Night Singing
August 5: Summer Missions Report
August 8: Prayer Breakfast
August 12: Fall Kick-Off

ESBC NIGHT AT THE DRIVE GAME

Friday, July 24th

6:45 pm at Fluor Field

Join us for a fun night of baseball and fireworks after the game! Get your tickets now at the link below.

[Drive Tickets](#)



5TH SUNDAY NIGHT SING & ICE CREAM CONTEST
WEDNESDAY JULY 29TH

Get those churns & ice cream recipes ready!!

6pm Singing in the Sanctuary.
Ice Cream Contest to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

CONTEST SIGN-UP



The graphic features a yellow background with musical notes and a large image of a hand holding a waffle cone with three scoops of ice cream (vanilla, chocolate, and a swirl). A pink starburst shape is behind the text.

5th SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING

Wednesday, July 29th

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Our friends from First Baptist Church Piedmont will be joining us again! After the singing, we will have a time of fellowship. Sign up now to participate in the ice cream contest. See Anna Kay Lord for details!

[Ice Cream Contest](#)



Hymn Sing & Stories
Wednesday, July 22
6:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Led by Janice Hinnant

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HYMN SING & STORIES

Wednesday, July 22

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Led by Janice Hinnant

Do you have a favorite hymn? If you do, let me know what it is. I am planning to have a hymn sing/hymn stories night on Wednesday, July 22, at 6:00 pm. We will sing and learn about the hymns of our faith, and I would like it to be hymns that mean something to you. I only ask that you give me the hymn titles in writing—text, email, or written on a piece of paper. If you just tell me, I will not remember!

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, July 19

9:15 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem: *His Eye Is On the Sparrow*
by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-5

Series: *Questions God Asks*

Sermon: "Why Do You Look At The Speck"
by Gary Strickland

WELCOME HOME



UNA NEWTON

Una Newton joined on Sunday, July 12th by promise of letter from First Baptist Church, Travelers Rest.

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Keith Merck is our deacon of the week. Keith was on the cradle roll at ESBC and was baptized in 1966. Keith married another long-time member, Vicki Carlton, in 1983. Keith is retired from Duke Energy - Oconee Nuclear Station. In addition to his role as deacon, Keith serves as the Treasurer, on the History Team, The Habitat for Humanity Team, Recreation Committee, and Property and Grounds Committee.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Jimmy and Lori Stenhouse** upon the recent death of Jimmy's brother-in-law, Mike Deal.

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 19

8:15 am	Greenville Church Without Walls (Sanctuary)
9:15 am	Sunday School (All Rooms)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Akers)

Monday, July 20

9:00 am	Yoga and Flexibility Class (Gym)
2:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Pickleball)
6:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Brooks)

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 am	Staff Meeting (Room 200)
2:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Pickleball)
6:30 pm	Women's AA Open Group Meeting (FLC)

Wednesday, July 22

11:00 am	Ladies Bible Study (Room 200)
2:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Pickleball)
5:00 pm	Youth Hangout (Gym)
6:00 pm	Hymn Sing & Stories (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 23

4:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Johnson)
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Friday, July 24

5:00 pm	Sanctuary Reserved (Piano Central)
6:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Day)
6:45 pm	Greenville Drive Baseball Game

Saturday, August 23

5:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Day)
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ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report for July 12, 2026

Sunday School Attendance.....113

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary124

Preschoolers and Children..... 16

Total..... 140

Online Views (as of 7/15/26)..... 88

BUDGET REPORT

Report for July 12, 2026

Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$15,713

Budget Gifts (this week)\$24,093

Budget Offering Requirements.....\$439,953

Budget Gifts to Date\$354,849

Global Missions Offering\$17,753



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 9th

All students and teachers mark your calendars for Sunday, August 9th. Bring your backpacks and teacher bags for a special time of prayer over the new school year.



FIRST GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, August 16th

Believe it or not, backpacks are about to come out of hiding, pencils will soon be sharpened, and the first day of school will be here before we know it! That also means one of our favorite Earle Street traditions is just around the corner—placing God's Word into the hands of our rising first graders at the Bible Presentation Sunday August 16.

We want to be sure every child receives this special gift. If you have a rising first grader, or if you know a child who doesn't have a church family and would be blessed by receiving a Bible, please email children@esbcgreenville.org with the child's name, parent's name, and contact information. Help us make sure no little hearts miss out on this treasured milestone!"

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Connections Team invites and encourages all church families to participate in the Realm Church Online Directory. Get connected, recognize church family from their pictures, and give the new pastor help to recognize each person at ESBC more quickly and easily.

We are excited to report that 102 families had their photos taken for our directory! If you missed having your photo taken we have 2 more opportunities. Photos will be taken in Room 206 before Sunday School (8:45-9:15am) or after Worship until 12:15 pm on **Sunday, August 2nd**. You may also have your photo taken on **Wednesday, August 5th** before or after Wednesday activities. This is the last day to have your photo taken. You may also stop by the church office during the week to have your photo taken.

You can still be included in the directory at any time. This deadline is for the first edition of the printed directory. Online users are encouraged to use the online directory only to keep printing costs down. Print directories will be available Fall of 2026. The Connections Team will monitor new editions and offer reprints when necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Turner at turnerkathy@hotmail.com.

PERIOD PROJECT BOX

On average, a woman who menstruates spends between \$120 and \$260 per year on basic (store-brand) single-use menstrual products like pads and tampons. This often exceeds \$500 though for those who have special requirements. The lack of access to menstrual health products is often a misunderstood or an utterly unknown issue in the United States. Menstrual health products are necessities but are not available in many schools, shelters, and communities to menstruators and students in need. The Period Project works with local organizations to create an understanding of the pressing issue and also donates supplies to those in need. There is a collection box in the Welcome Center for new and individually wrapped items. Please see Nancy McCarrell for more information.

COLUMBARIUM SURVEY

In order to determine the interest in purchasing a niche in an Earle Street Baptist Church Columbarium, we are asking for you to reply to this survey.

The columbarium is reserved for current and former members and staff of ESBC. Qualifying purchaser can also purchase niches for immediate family. A niche would cost \$5,000 and will hold two urns.

If you are willing to purchase a niche pre-construction, please use the link below to fill out the survey or call the church office. Payment would not be required unless the project is approved by the congregation. This information will allow the Columbarium Committee to determine the church's cost to move forward with construction.

[Columbarium Survey](#)

DEACON NOMINEES



GLENN ARROWOOD

Glenn has been a member of Earle Street since November 2011. Glenn and his wife, Mary, have been married for 56 years and are both Greenville natives. They have two sons, Stephen and Brian. Stephen lives in Greenville and is a pharmacist. Brian lives in Huntsville, AL, works at Redstone Arsenal, and has two daughters, Aria and Aliya. Glenn retired in July 2015 from a local consulting engineering firm. He is a member of the NOP Sunday school class, a member of the Safety Ministry team, an usher, and a greeter.



PAULA HAYES

Paula has been a member of Earle Street since 2004, when she was called as Minister to Preschool and Children. She served in this role for thirteen years. She and her husband, Harry, have been married since 2009. They have twin daughters, Madison and Serenity. She currently works as a Registered Behavior Technician at ABS Kids. Paula is a member of the NOP Sunday School class, serves in the Preschool ministry, helps with Triune Mercy Center and rings with the Earle Street Ringers.



LINDA KIRKLAND

Linda and her husband, Don, have been members since 1995. Linda retired in 2021 from Greenville County Schools after teaching high school English for 50 years. She taught for 10 years at Greenville High School and 36 years at Riverside High School. At Earle Street, Linda is a member of the Sanctuary Choir, Loaves and Fishes Sunday School Class, and the Senior Adult Ministry. Linda and her husband Don enjoy delivering meals for the Meals-on-Wheels program.



VICKI MERCK

Vicki Carlton Merck joined Earle Street Baptist when she was 9 years old. She has been an active member through the years, serving in many different capacities. She currently serves on the Nominating Committee, Columbarium Ad-Hoc Committee and also serves as a volunteer in the Pre-School Department. She has served as the Church Clerk for many years and attends the Sojourners Sunday School class. She is married to another long-time member, Keith Merck.



AMY MOORE

Amy and her husband, Stuart, met at Wake Forest University School of Divinity and married after she graduated in 2008. They moved to the upstate in the fall of 2013 and joined Earle Street the following summer. In 2017, their son Cam was born. Amy enjoys working from home for Together Women Rise, a nonprofit working towards global gender equality. Around Earle Street you can find her co-leading the Daily Bread Sunday school class, rocking babies in the nursery, and singing in the choir.



BOB WALKER

Bob has been a member of Earle Street since 2006. He and his wife, Judy, have been married since 1970 and have four children and eight grandchildren. He is an academic advisor for the Health and Wellness Division at Greenville Technical College. He and Judy operate an income tax preparation service called Walker Taxes Ranger, LLC. In addition to his role as a deacon, Bob serves on the Community Missions Team, is a member of the Sanctuary Choir, and Sunday School teacher.