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Dear ESBC Family,

Thank you so much for your participation and patience with the discernment process. As our Wednesday night studies have clearly shown, waiting is a significant but difficult action for God's people.

Looking backward and forward, we can see God at work. Looking back we see:

- Jesus Christ is Lord and Head of ESBC—over 100 years!
- The Greater Way Covenant
- The George Bullard sessions and Prayer Triplets,
- Engaging the Center for Healthy Churches to guide us, Consultants Bill Wilson & David Brubaker
- Delays due to schedules
- The August 9 Prayer Breakfast
- The first meeting of the Discernment Team (DT) and consultants August 11
- Listening Sessions in groups of 10 (September 12 & 13 and October 2)
- The Staff and over 120 church members participated! (Great sign for ESBC)
- David and Bill combined the many voices into a report presented to DT on October 20th
- Bill and David guided DT in starting a relational covenant on October 26
- Bill, David and DT presented the report to all deacons and staff on October 26
- The Deacons commissioned the DT to finalize a relational covenant flowing out of the report and the Greater Way Covenant!

Looking forward, You, the congregation, are invited by the Deacons, Staff and DT to an evening gathering on Sunday, November 23 (details to follow) to receive the endorsed report and recommendations from Bill and David (in person) and the finalized Relational Covenant.

Steps will be taken to provide transportation for those hesitant/unable to drive at night and possibly child care if needed. Please let the DT members or Staff know of any questions or needs to aid your attendance. Since this gathering and the report are so important for our faithfulness to our Lord, we plan to have it recorded so that we can return to it as needed.

May we truly wait upon the Lord and follow the Spirit's leading as the ESBC Body of Christ!

The Discernment Team (DT): Wendell Cothran, Calder Standridge, Helen Hewitt, Brittney Clow, Randy Ellenburg, and the two co-chairs, Meredith Smith and Wayne Turner.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, November 5th
5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Main Entree (\$8)

BBQ, Slaw, Baked Beans

Grilled Chicken Salad (\$8)

Mixed Greens, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Bacon Bits,
Cheese and Assorted Dressings

Pizza Entree (\$5)

Two Slices of Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni)

Please remember to **register by 12:00 pm on Monday, November 3rd**. This deadline is to give our caterer an accurate headcount.

Dinner Reservations



YouthGiving Sign Up

XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL

Thursday, November 20th
11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Lori and Ted Mclellan will present a wonderful concert of gospel hymns with a tribute to George Beverly Shea. Please register by Monday, November 17th if you will be joining us for lunch. Menu TBD.

Please note the date change due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

XYZ Reservations

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, November 2nd

9:15 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship

All Saints Sunday

Anthem: *Give Me Jesus* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Revelation 22:1-6

Sermon: "Catching a Glimpse" by Janice Hinnant

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Derek Lord is our deacon of the week. He has been attending Earle Street since 2003. He is married to ESBC lifer Anna Kay Hewitt Lord, and father to Moira Lord. He currently serves in the Children's Department, on the Recreation, Video, Parliamentarian, and Pastor Search committees.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

JoAnn Oswell Gary Strickland

MINISTER ON CALL

October 31 - November 2

Lucy Wilkinson

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lucy@esbcgreenville.org

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT EARLE

Are you looking for some ways to get more involved? That is great, because we happen to have some places to serve!

Ushers—We need more ushers for worship. Must be able to smile, say hello, walk while carrying an offering plate, and in general, be friendly and helpful.

Greeters—We need more greeters before Sunday School, and especially after Sunday School. Must be able to smile, say hello, walk guests to either a Sunday School class or the sanctuary, and in general, be friendly and helpful.

If you have any interest or any questions concerning either of these positions, please contact Janice at janice@esbcgreenville.org, or (864)233-5332, ext. 202.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday School Attendance

On Campus	99
Virtual	0
Total.....	99

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary	145
Preschoolers and Children.....	12
Total.....	157

Online Views (as of 10/30/25) 119

BUDGET REPORT

Report for October 26, 2025

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$18,235
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$7,113
Budget Offering Requirements.....	\$784,103
Budget Gifts to Date.....	\$591,706
Global Missions Offering	\$27,289

 GCWW + ESBC

WINTER Coat Drive

This winter we are partnering with Greenville Church Without Walls for their annual coat drive. We need new or gently used coats of all sizes including toddler, children, youth and adult sizes.



Donation Deadline:
Sunday, December 14th



Drop Off Location:
ESBC Welcome Center

Winter Coat Drive Wishlist

HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Drop off non-perishable food items
- Order items from our Amazon Wishlist
- Donate funds directly to Triune Mercy Center or United Ministries

More than 46,000 Greenville County Residents are preparing to lose their Snap Benefits. We are reaching out to our community with an urgent need for food items to fill the pantries at Triune Mercy Center and United Ministries, our local mission partners.

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Canned Meats
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Pasta
- Rice
- Dried Beans
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Ramen Noodles
- Crackers
- Individual Soups
- Individual Meals

SHOP OUR WISHLIST



Shop our Amazon Wishlist. Items will be delivered to the church and distributed to our mission partners equally.



DROP-OFF LOCATION
Welcome Center

Shop the Food Drive Wishlist

THE PERIOD PROJECT DONATIONS

Lacking the ability to purchase menstrual health products can be debilitating because it can hinder the ability to attend work or school. By increasing local, regional, and national awareness of period poverty and delivering menstrual health products to those in need, The Period Project is replacing poverty with community and shame with dignity. If you are interested in donating supplies, there is a donation box located in the Welcome Center. All items must individually wrapped.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

Starting November 2nd

- Infant & Toddler Room 106
- 2-4 Year Old Room 102 & Playroom 103
- K5-2nd Grade Room 100
- 3rd-5th Grade Room 101 A/B
- Children's Worship Room 101 C.

(Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month for K5-5th Graders)

NEW CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

Autumn is the season of beautiful changes. In that spirit, the Children's Council has decided to better support and bring consistency to the children, families, and the volunteers by restructuring the Sunday School classes beginning November 2nd. There will be a few room location changes but there will be signs hanging in the hallways and on the doors to help you find your friendly familiar volunteers. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEYS OF PAUL IN GREECE & TÜRKIYE

September 9–22, 2026

Walk in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul as Scripture comes to life across Greece and Türkiye. In Athens, explore the world-renowned Acropolis, the Parthenon, and Erechtheum, then stand where Paul once stood on Mars Hill and stroll the ancient agora. See the House of Parliament, Presidential Palace, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier before traveling to Corinth, where Paul met Aquilla and Priscilla and received a vision from the Lord. Visit the archaeological museum, the marketplace, and stand on the Bema, where Paul faced charges before Gallio.

In Thessaloniki, discover where Paul was accused of “turning the world upside down” with his preaching of Christ, and visit St. George’s Basilica, believed to be built over the synagogue where he once taught. Continue on to Veria, Amphipolis, Philippi, and Neapoli, then journey through Istanbul, Ephesus, Colossae, Laodicea, Cappadocia, and much more.

This unforgettable experience will bring the book of Acts to life before your eyes as you see, stand, and walk where Paul once shared the gospel.

An informational meeting will be held in the Family Life Center on Sunday, November 16th at 4:30pm. If you are unable to attend the meeting and are interested in this trip, please let Lucy know.





THANK YOU FOR A SPOOKTACULAR TRUNK OR TREAT!

Dear Earle Street Family,

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made our Trunk or Treat event such a joyful and memorable evening! From the creatively decorated trunks to the generous candy donations, your enthusiasm and love truly lit up the night.

It was a beautiful reminder of the strength of our community and the joy we can bring when we come together. Whether you passed out treats, helped with setup, reloaded trunks with treats, became covered in cotton candy, or simply came to celebrate, your presence made all the difference.

We are so grateful for each of you. Here's to many more moments of fellowship, fun, and faith!

Thank You!
The Children's Council & Activities Committee

