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THE 4TH ANNUAL GREAT EARLE PUMPKIN PATCH 9/26 - 10/30



THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

This Saturday, September 26 at 4:00 pm

Our pumpkins will be delivered this Saturday, September 26 at 4:00 pm, and we need plenty of helping hands to get them unloaded and ready for the season. We'd love for you to join us! Whether you can stay for the whole time or just lend a hand for a little while, your help will make a big difference. Bring your family, a pair of work gloves, and your fall spirit! We'll see you there!

We also need helpers in the pumpkin patch this fall season. This is a great way for our retired, WFH, SAHM or any of our friends with a flexible schedule could help out. There is no experience needed to sell pumpkins! Sign-up using the QR code if you're able to help unload or volunteer in the patch during the season.

Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Needed

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

**Wednesday, September 30th
5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

Main Entree

BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Slaw

Grilled Chicken Salad

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Entree

Please make your reservations by 12:00 pm on Monday, September 28th. This is to give the caterer an accurate headcount. Please be aware that we may not be able to add you to the count if you miss the deadline.

Register for Wednesday Dinner

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

As reported last week, good things have been happening behind the scenes. God has been at work and we have good news to report! Our pastor candidate and his wife have agreed that God is leading them to Earle Street Baptist Church! It is now up to you, the church, to extend to them an official call.

Please save the date for the weekend of October 16-18 for Call Weekend. The committee will be meeting on Sunday to plan the weekend schedule, and we will provide that information as soon as we have it. In order to respect his privacy and that of his current congregation, his name and information will be provided closer to Call Weekend.

Thank you for your continued prayers and patience. Please pray fervently for him and for his church as they enter this time of transition.

"The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:14

BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

ONLINE ONLY @ESBCGREENVILLE.ORG
SEPTEMBER 20- OCTOBER 4

**\$40 CHILDREN & YOUTH
\$50 ADULTS**

PRACTICES START OCTOBER 11TH WEEK
GAMES START:
11/5 THURSDAY GAMES FOR ADULTS
11/7 SATURDAY GAMES FOR K4-8TH GRADE
11/9 FOR MONDAY GAMES FOR 9-12TH GRADE

A photograph of a young girl sitting on a green bench, holding a basketball. She is wearing a black t-shirt with the text "GIRLS GET RICKETS" on it. In the background, there is a sign that says "BASKETBALL SIGNUPS".

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Practices begin the week of October 11th. If you need to know specific practice times before you register, please email Lucy (lucy@esbcgreenville.org). Men and Women games begin Thursday, November 5th. Youth and Children Games begin Saturday, November 7th. High School Games begin Monday, November 9th. We will run registration online only September 20-October 4th. If your child is trying out for a school team, **DO NOT REGISTER**. Please email Lucy and she will add them to the waiting list. Once teams are formed, we will add in players if room allows.

Register for Basketball

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, September 27th

9:15 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Children's Love Offering for Habitat for Humanity

Ordinance of Baptism: Hadley Clow and Mary-Brooke Wells

Anthem: *Christ Be in My Waking* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27

Series: *Questions God Asks*

Sermon: "Why Are You Afraid?" by Gary Strickland

MINISTER ON CALL

September 25-27

Janice Hinnant

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janice@esbcgreenville.org

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report for September 20, 2026

Sunday School Attendance128

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary150

Preschoolers and Children..... 16

Total..... 166

Online Views (as of 9/23/26)..... 92

BUDGET REPORT

Report for September 20, 2026

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

Budget Gifts (this week)\$9,741

Budget Offering Requirements.....\$597,080

Budget Gifts to Date\$476,645

Global Missions Offering\$19,308

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Randy Ellenburg 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, Decorations Committee and the Personnel Committee. Randy is a member of the Reflections Sunday School class.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 27

8:15 am	Greenville Church Without Walls (Sanctuary)
9:15 am	Sunday School (All Rooms)
10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
4:00 pm	Youth Ensemble (Choir Room)
4:45 pm	Youth Handbells (Handbell Room)
5:15 pm	Earle Street Ringers (Handbell Room)
7:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Akers)

Monday, September 28

9:00 am	Yoga and Flexibility Class (Gym)
2:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Hammond/Merck)
4:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Judson CP)
6:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Brooks)

Tuesday, September 29

9:00 am	Staff Meeting (Room 200)
2:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Hammond/Merck)
6:30 pm	Women's AA Open Group Meeting (FLC)
	Boy Scouts (Room 205)

Wednesday, September 30

11:00 am	Wednesday Morning SS (Room 200)
12:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Hubble)
2:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Hammond/Merck)
5:00 pm	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
	Youth Hang Out (FLC)
6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
	Preschool and Children Activities
	Youth Small Groups (FLC)
7:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Ward)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 1

2:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Hammond/Merck)
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Room 205)

Friday, October 2

8:30 am	Gym Reserved (Hubble)
2:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Hammond/Merck)
6:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Day)

Saturday, October 3

7:30 am	Gym Reserved (Akers)
5:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Day)

SEPT. 27TH - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our Children's Love Offering has been moved to THIS SUNDAY! Due to a scheduling conflict, our EarleKids will be collecting their Love Offering this Sunday instead. So if you were mentally prepared to wait another week... surprise! Thank you for being so gracious and flexible with the change. We appreciate your understanding more than you know!

Now... get that loose change, dollar bills, and generous hearts ready.

CHILDREN'S
LOVE OFFERING



Date Change!!

Fall Bake Sale

Benefiting



Wednesday October 21st 6-7pm



The Great Earle Pumpkin Patch
225 W Earle Street
Greenville, SC 29609

EARLEKIDS FALL BAKE SALE

Wednesday, October 21st // 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Our EarleKids are getting ready to put their baking skills to work for a wonderful cause! This fall, the children will be preparing a delicious assortment of homemade treats and seasonal favorites, all to benefit Habitat for Humanity. And this year, we're bringing the bake sale to The Great Earle Pumpkin Patch! Come grab a pumpkin, enjoy some fall fun, and take home something delicious while helping support the important work of Habitat for Humanity. We can't think of a sweeter way to give back this fall!

CHILDREN'S
LOVE OFFERING

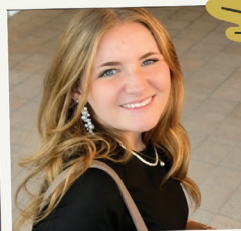


LOVE OFFERING: SEPT. 6
IN PERSON OR ONLINE GIVING
FOOD DONATIONS: WELCOME CENTER

FOOD DRIVE



THIS MONTH, WE ARE COLLECTING CANNED AND OTHER NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO HELP OUR FRIENDS AT RISE CAROLINA STOCK THEIR SOON-TO-OPEN FOOD PANTRY! THIS EXCITING NEW RESOURCE WILL ALLOW THEM TO BETTER SERVE FAMILIES IN THE REFUGEE COMMUNITY. FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME AND WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO STOCK THE SHELVES.



REAGAN PATTERSON

SENIOR of the MONTH!

Age: 17 years old

Grade: 12th

School: Greer Middle College

Birthday: January 13th

My Siblings

- Reese, 15
- Graham, 12
- Fields, 6

If I could eat one food for the rest of my life it would be...

Quesadillas



ESBC notes

I have been a member since I was 9 because my brother was attending Pre-K.

My favorite youth trip so far has been to Look Up Lodge. Getting to spend time with people my age who are also followers of Christ is one of the biggest blessings.



Favorite Bible Verse

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Plans For Next Year:

- Attend Clemson University
- Major in Biology
- I hope to be a Veterinarian!

Please be in prayer for Reagan this month and this year! If you would like to encourage her, please leave her a card in Lucy's box in the church office!



TRUNK-OR-TREAT
October 24th
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Who is ready to decorate and participate in one of our largest outreach events of the year? Whether you donate candy, decorate a trunk to hand out candy, man the popcorn or cotton candy machines, or man the Welcome Center to help direct folks to the restroom, there is a way for everyone to be part of the fun! And if you want to host a trunk but aren't quite **sure where to begin with decorating, don't worry—our Boo Crew** is here to help! We can provide a decorating kit or help you brainstorm a fun theme.

This year, our goal is **20,000 pieces of candy**—we think that's a pretty sweet number since that's exactly how much we gave out last year!

Trunk or Treat is so much more than a fun night of costumes and candy. It is one of the ways Earle Street Baptist Church gets to be a part of our community. By opening our parking lot to a night of safe, family-friendly fun, we have the privilege of becoming part of children's core memories while helping them know that Earle Street is a safe place where they are welcomed, loved, and cared for. It's one sweet way we can show our community that **Earle Street is home to all who enter.**

[Donate Candy - Amazon Wishlist](#)

[Decorate a Trunk](#)



GOAL JUSTICE
ESBC House Meeting
October 12th and 18th at 6:30 PM

Community Problems Assembly
Thursday, November 5th
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Earle Street Baptist is a member of Goal Justice (Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership), an organization of over 34 faith organizations who strive to “do justice” in our community. In order to do this, each faith organization holds “house” meetings where members identify issues that concern them. When the issues are identified, the organizations meet in a Community Problems Assembly to vote on issues that the Goal Justice group will focus on and present to governmental organizations to encourage them to address them. This year's Community Problems Assembly will be held at Earle Street Baptist on Thursday, November 5, from 6:30 to 8:00.

Goals from last year that have been successfully addressed include

- securing a commitment from County leaders and local magistrates to establish a Housing Court by January 1, 2027
- winning support from state legislators to pass H 4270, giving eligible tenants a second chance through the sealing or expungement of certain eviction records. Governor Henry McMaster signed the bill into law in May 2026
- winning the support of the Greenville County School Board to increase the number of mental health specialists to 51 by 2027-2028, advancing the district toward the national best-practice ratio of one mental health specialist for every 300 students

Come join us as we follow the words of Micah 6:8.
 “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly.”

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are excited to report that the new printed church directory is almost ready and should be available in October. If you are interested in a printed copy, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center or call the church office. To keep printing costs down, only one printed copy will be available per family. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Turner.