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Inspired by Gospel of Matthew 25:40 — “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” — Operation InAsMuch is all about turning our faith into action. This is a church-wide opportunity to step outside our walls and serve others in practical, meaningful ways.

Please click the link below to view all available service opportunities and sign up. We look forward to serving together!

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## SUMMER PRAYER PALS

We have an incredible summer ahead and would love for our entire church family to be part of it! This year, 35 from our church family are heading to Look Up Lodge, 20 will be serving in the Bronx, and 14 are traveling to Ecuador. Would you consider partnering with us in prayer by signing up to be a Summer Prayer Pal? You'll be matched with a student or adult. You'll be praying specifically for them throughout the summer. That's it! Just prayer!

We're also planning a special opportunity for you to connect with each other! Join us on **Wednesday, May 20th for a combined Prayer Pal Mixer and Youth Grad Night**, where you'll get to meet your Prayer Pal! Because some are participating in multiple trips, we need a total of 55 prayer pals. We need 32 more pals to sign up! Even if you're going on a trip yourself, we'd love for you to sign up and pray for someone else too!

Become A Prayer Pal

## INTERNET SAFETY TRAINING

This Sunday, April 26th

5:30 - 7:00 pm

The Julie Valentine Center will be leading our youth and adults through Internet Safety Training and Generative Artificial Intelligence. This training is open to youth and adults of all ages. Childcare will be provided. For those who registered in advance, the meal will begin at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## JOIN US IN WORSHIP

**Sunday, April 26**  
**9:30 am: Sunday School**  
**10:15 am: Worship**  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Prelude: *This Is My Father's World* by the Youth Handbells  
 Anthems: *Make a Joyful Noise, Look At the World, You Shall Go Out in Joy* by the Youth Ensemble;  
*He Never Failed Me Yet* by the Youth Ensemble & Sanctuary Choir; Chloe Rau and Wren Smith, soloists  
 Testimony: Serenity Hayes  
 Scripture: Luke 2:41-52  
 Sermon Series: *From One Generation to Another*  
 Sermon: "The Whole You" by Gary Strickland

## DEACON OF THE WEEK



**Bob Walker is our deacon of the week.** 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.

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Linda Long

## MINISTER ON CALL

**April 24-26**  
 Lucy Wilkinson  
 (864) 270-6436  
[lucy@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:lucy@esbcgreenville.org)

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

### Report for April 19, 2026

<b>Sunday School Attendance</b> .....	119
<b>Worship Attendance</b>	
Sanctuary .....	146
Preschoolers and Children.....	8
Total.....	154
Online Views (as of 4/16/26).....	89

## BUDGET REPORT

### Report for April 19, 2026

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$15,713
Budget Gifts (this week) .....	\$19,464
Budget Offering Requirements.....	\$251,402
Budget Gifts to Date .....	\$195,213
Global Missions Offering .....	\$9,975

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

**Wednesday, April 29nd**  
**5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

### Main Entree

Baked Potato and Salad Bar

Grilled Chicken Salad

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Entree

Dinner Reservations

## AN UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The committee is looking forward to "Writing Day" on Sunday! We will work with our consultants all afternoon, updating the Church Profile developed by the previous committee, and writing a new Pastor Profile, based on information you provided during the Conversational Conversations. In addition, we will be establishing a "score card" to facilitate evaluating pastor candidates, based on our Pastor Profile. On Sunday afternoon, Bill Wilson from CHC is also meeting with the Stewardship and Personnel Committees regarding their involvement in the search and onboarding process.

Please continue praying for us and these committees - especially on Sunday as we all complete these crucial steps.

"Forget the former things: do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up: do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18

# From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

**Earle Street Ringers**—Beautiful ringing last Sunday! Thank you for your faithfulness to this group. We will take a break until fall, so enjoy your well earned rest!

**Youth Ensemble & Handbells**—This Sunday is Youth Sunday! Here is our schedule for Sunday morning:

8:55 am: Handbell rehearsal in the sanctuary  
9:55 am: Youth Ensemble rehearsal in the choir room

The Sanctuary Choir will join us at 10:15. You will wear your choir robes for the service.

**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

April 29: “Walking in the Spirit of Self-Control”  
Led by Gary Strickland

May 6: “Walking in the Spirit Wrap-Up”  
Led by Margo Love



## SPRING CAMPING TRIP

Join us for our Spring Camping Trip at Lake Jocassee on May 15-17th! The cost for each campsite is \$100 for the weekend. We would love for you to join us. Let Lucy ([lucy@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:lucy@esbcgreenville.org)) know if you have any questions!

## Food Drive to Support



**We invite you to prayerfully consider donating the following items:**

- Rice, pasta, dry beans, and lentils
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Canned proteins (tuna, chicken, beans)
- All purpose flour
- Cooking oil and basic spices (sugar, salt, garlic powder, etc.)
- Baby formula and diapers
- Culturally diverse, shelf-stable foods



Collection will be in the Welcome Center.

## FOOD DRIVE TO SUPPORT RISE CAROLINA

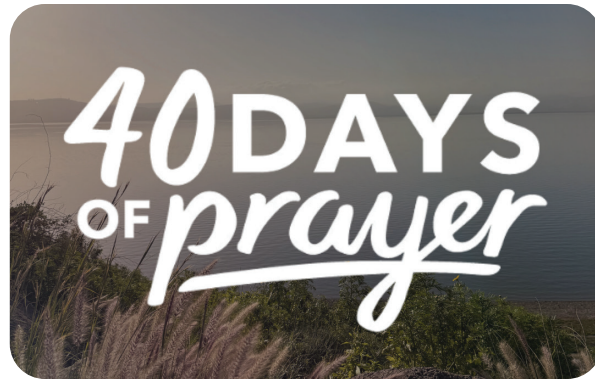
As part of our mission to love our neighbors and serve those in need, our church is hosting a food drive to benefit Rise Carolina, a local organization that supports refugees and immigrants as they begin new lives in our community. Refugees and Immigrants face many barriers such as limited transportation, language differences, and the high cost of resettlement. We will be collecting shelf stable and culturally appropriate food as well as baby supply items in the ESBC Welcome Center. Let us be the hands and feet of Christ by extending hospitality, compassion, and practical support to our new neighbors. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in serving others.

## THE GREATER WAY FUND

The Greater Way Fund was established in August 2024 to be used for additional funding for current mission partners, mission emergencies, spontaneous needs that arise or new mission opportunities. The Mission Vision Council has been tasked with evaluating opportunities presented by mission partners and other non-profits.

If you believe that your organization would benefit from The Greater Way Fund, please click the link below and fill out the request form. We will prayerfully consider your organization's mission and request. Thank you for the work that you are doing.

[The Greater Way Fund Request](#)



**40 DAYS OF PRAYER**  
**March 22 - April 30**

Will you commit to praying during our 40 Days of Prayer? You can access the daily prayers here or on our social pages, pick up a copy in the office or click below for the prayer guide.

**Day 37 – April 27**

“They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God’s goodness to everyone.” (Acts 2:46-47) May Earle Street Baptist Church reveal your salvation to those in our community who feel broken, risen Christ.

**Pray for community and relationships that are life-giving to be developed for our next pastor and their family.**

**Day 38 – April 28**

“When he was insulted, he did not reply with insults. When he suffered, he did not threaten revenge. Instead, he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.” (1 Peter 2:23) We entrust ourselves to you, almighty King.

**Pray for unity of spirit within our PSC, our staff, our leadership, and our congregation.**

**Day 39 – April 29**

“Though you were like straying sheep, you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your lives.” (1 Peter 2:25) We gladly follow your guidance, good Shepherd. See our joy! (1 Peter 2:25)

**Pray that we would be sacrificial in love, willing to set aside our own wants and preferences for the larger call of God in our midst.**

**Day 40 – April 30**

“Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.” (Psalm 23:6) Pursue us, Christ! We do stray, but you will not let us get away. We stand in awe of your deep love.

**Pray “not My will, but Yours be done.” Amen. Luke 2:42b**

40 Days of Prayer Guide

## **THE REALM CHURCH ONLINE DIRECTORY - YOUR ESBC CONNECTION SIGN UP/SIGN IN**

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. Our goal is to have the online Directory as complete as possible by summer.

Options to connect:

- **Do it yourself.** Go to onrealm.org and ask to join. You will receive an email invite from church staff. Accept that and Realm will lead you through the process of setting up your account.
- **Attend a Realm class.** Classes currently scheduled -
  - April 23rd at 10 am and 1 pm (before and after the April XYZ meeting.) May 13th at 4 pm and 6:30 pm (before and after Wed night supper and church conference.)
  - Classes will be led by church staff and those working on directory
- **Individual appointments.** Call Kathy Turner at 812-786-0352 (Connections Team co-chair) or the church office to set up a time to meet with someone at the church to personally guide you through the process of setting up your account.

### **What about pictures?**

Pictures will be taken informally. Nothing to buy!

This can be done during a Realm class, individual appointments or at special picture taking opportunities to be offered on Sunday mornings before Sunday School and after worship in the Fellowship Hall on May 3, 10, and 17. No need to sign up, just show up. Your picture will be taken and then uploaded to the online directory.

### **What if I am already in the online directory?**

Simply sign in to your account and check your directory listing to make sure all information is correct and that your privacy settings are set to allow church members to access your contact information. You decide what is available. Pictures can be taken at one of the special picture taking opportunities listed above.

### **What about Security of my information in Realm?**

Realm is extremely secure. No one can access the online directory unless they have been approved by the church staff through the invitation process and have set up their own account with a login and password. The directory is a closed system with no access by anyone else.

### **What if I don't have email or internet access?**

You can still participate. Have your picture taken at one of the special opportunity times. Fill out a paper form you will be provided with your contact information and the church staff will see that you are included in the online directory. You will also be provided with a printed copy of the directory made from the online directory so you will have access to the same information available online.

Printed directories can be ordered by online users for a cost to be determined. Online users are, however, encouraged to use the online directory only to keep printing costs down. Print directories will be available sometime in late fall of 2026.

Thank you, Church Family - The Connections Team