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CONGREGATIONAL DIALOGUE SESSION ON MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIPS Sunday, May 5 at 5:00 pm

The Missional Partnerships Task Force along with members of the Missions Cluster will present a proposal for updating and clarifying our missional partnerships at a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 5. In crafting this proposal the task force has worked diligently to embrace the direction the congregation indicated it wanted to go last fall in the three congregational conversations as a “centered-set church.” As a centered-set church, we will focus on making Jesus and his mission the center of everything we do and not be bound by denominational labels or programs. We would continue to support our traditional missions partners such as the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as add some new mission partnerships that would extend our missions work even more.

The meeting on May 5 will not be a church conference where we would vote on the proposal but a time to dialogue about the plan and receive feedback from the congregation as a whole. After this meeting a formal recommendation will be made at a future church conference. Plan to join us for this most important time for discussion and vision casting.

UPDATE FROM THE DEACONS

The deacons met on April 14th, and the following items were discussed:

- Updates were given on the upcoming work and reports of the Pastor Search Committee.
- Updates were given on the work of the Missional Partnerships Task Force. This group will be holding a few more meetings and preparing a report for the congregation.
- The Committee on Deacon Nominations has entered the initial stages of the revised deacon nomination process.
- The Property and Space Committee is moving forward with the sale of the church buses, and they are reviewing flooring options for the Family Life Center meeting spaces.
- The church has received generous gifts from the estates of two past members. Deacons were tasked with prayerfully considering how these funds can be used at ESBC.
- The deacons unanimously approved a new job description for the Connections Team. Discussion was held on next steps to ensure that outreach at ESBC does not fall by the wayside.
- Discussion was held about the importance of welcoming visitors on Sunday morning.



VOICES OF APPALACHIA CHOIR Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

The Alice Lloyd College choir, the Voices of Appalachia, tours annually to various regions of the US performing the hymns and ballads of the Southern Appalachian highlands. Join us for their upstate performance here in our sanctuary.



OPERATION INASMUCH Saturday, April 27

On Saturday, April 27, we will spend the day in our community helping other organizations and people with missions projects. This is a great way to get involved and meet new people: both inside and outside our church! There will be projects for every age group and every skill group. Click the link below to sign-up!

[Click here to register for a group!](#)

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, April 28
9:15 am: Sunday School
10:30 am: Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Preschool and Children's Sunday

Music by the Preschool Choir and Young Musicians
Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 18:1-5
Sermon: What We Can Learn From Children
by Gary Strickland

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Terri Headley

CONGRATULATIONS

Malachi and Catherine Carnes on the birth of their daughter, Mavis Joy Carnes, born on April 19, 2024. Mavis is the granddaughter of Chuck and Tracey Carnes and Lee and Tammy Dowdy.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of April 21, 2024

Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus.....	135
*Virtual/Zoom.....	0
Total.....	135

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary.....	186
Preschool/Children Department.....	32
Total.....	218
Virtual.....	174

* Virtual refers to the total number of times the livestream has been viewed by publication of this newsletter.

BUDGET REPORT

Report for April 21, 2024

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$23,238
Budget Gifts (this week).....	\$9,692
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$371,801
Budget Gifts to Date.....	\$284,378
Global Missions Offering.....	\$14,711

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Mary Beth Young is our deacon of the week. Mary Beth and her husband Russell joined in 2007. They have two daughters, Emma and Reese. She works as an attendance clerk at JL Mann High School. In addition to serving as a deacon, she co-teaches the Daily Bread Sunday School class, serves in the nursery and on the Youth Ministry Committee, and leads the Wednesday night Moms Group.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, May 1

5:00 - 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Click the link below to make your reservation!

Main Entree: Chicken Fingers, Slaw, Baked Beans

Salad Entree: Grilled Chicken Salad with Toppings

Pizza Entree: Two Slices of Pizza

[Sign Up for Dinner](#)

From the Minister of Music

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

Youth Choir—No rehearsal this Sunday because I have a concert Sunday afternoon. Youth Sunday is May 5. Since we have not had a rehearsal with everyone there, we will need to meet early to go through some logistics.

8:45 am: Youth Handbells rehearse in the Sanctuary

9:00 am: Youth Choir meet in the Choir Room

After we go through a few things, you will go to Sunday School. See you then!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications are available for members of the graduating class of 2024. In order to qualify, an applicant must be a church member or a child of a church member, who has been accepted to any accredited college or university. The deadline for submission of the application is May 31, 2024. Please contact Lucy Wilkinson to obtain an application or for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS

Renovation of the Heart has been donated to the library. This is the book that was used this year at the Senior Adult Retreat. Why do we have difficulty with recurring sins? Author Dallas Willard gives insight into dealing with struggles we have in our Christian life. Stop by the library while you are at church to checkout this book and many other great titles!

BLUE JEAN BALL

FOOD TRUCKS + LIVE MUSIC!!
EARLE STREET BAPTIST
225 W EARLE ST GVILLE

**FRIDAY
MAY 10TH**

**ESBC
GYM**

**6-7PM
FOOD TRUCKS**


**7-9PM
CONTRA
DANCING**

TICKETS:
PRE-SALE @ ESBCGREENVILLE.ORG
\$8 ADULTS, \$6 YOUTH/KIDS (18 YRS AND UNDER)
\$10 AT THE DOOR

BLUE JEAN BALL

Join us for a fun night of food trucks and contra dancing! What is contra dancing? Read all about it by [clicking here!](#) Get your tickets now and invite your friends, family and neighbors for an evening of fun!

[Blue Jean Ball Tickets](#)



HAPPY GRADUATION 24

SUNDAY 5-5 @ 10:30AM
Youth and College Graduate Sunday
in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY 5-8 @ 6pm
Youth Grad Celebration in FLC

GRADUATE SUNDAY Sunday, May 5th

We are looking forward to celebrating our graduates in worship on Sunday, May 5th. If you would like to be recognized, please contact Lucy Wilkinson at lucy@esbcgreenville.org.



UNITED MINISTRIES SUPPLY DRIVE

United Ministries is in need of community partners to fulfill some items on their wishlists. UM helps people with emergency assistance, housing, education and many other needs. If you would like to partner with them, please visit their wishlist links below.

[Amazon Wishlist](#)

[Target Wishlist](#)



SWAN LAKE IRIS GARDEN DAY TRIP

Senior Adult Day Trip

Monday, May 20th

8:00 am - 8:00 pm

\$25 per person

Deadline to Register:

Wednesday, May 1

[Register for Swan Lake Trip](#)



Welcome to the world MISS MAVIS!

Please help us show how excited we are to have this beautiful new addition by feeding the new parents.

[Meal Train for The Carnes Family](#)

**DEACON NOMINATIONS TO BE
RECEIVED APRIL 21-MAY 5**

If you have not yet submitted a nomination for those whom you believe would serve well in the role of deacon, this is a reminder to do so by Sunday, May 5. A sample nomination form is printed below. Please review it carefully to note the eligibility requirements and the qualifications of those elected to serve.

There are two ways to submit the forms: online or in-person. To nominate online, please click [here](#).

To nominate in-person at the church, written forms are available in the foyer of the Sanctuary and in the Welcome Center. You may nominate as many candidates as you choose, but please use one form for each individual nominee. Forms may be placed in the secure lock boxes.

After confirming the eligibility of each person nominated, the Committee on Deacon Nominations (CDN) will invite all those who have been nominated to an informational meeting. At this meeting, responsibilities and qualifications of deacons will be outlined, questions will be answered and candidates will have the opportunity to indicate if they are willing to serve if recommended by the CDN and elected by the church.

DEACON NOMINATION FORM

Those eligible for election must be at least 21 years of age, have been a church member for no less than one year, and must be on the active church roll. Deacons who are rotating off will not be eligible for election for one year. Deacons serving unexpired terms will be eligible for re-election. Staff members and their immediate family (parents, children, spouses, and siblings) will be ineligible for election. While we recognize we are all flawed, imperfect people, in constant need of God's grace, we ask that as a spiritual leader, a deacon of Earle Street Baptist church should strive to be:

- A committed follower of Christ, growing toward a mature faith
- Actively involved and participating in the life of the church, using one's gifts through appropriate service in the church
- Committed to seeking God's vision for the church, have the interest of the whole church at heart, and working to help the church carry out its vision and mission
- A peacemaker within the congregation, seeking unity in Christ
- Demonstrating a life of positive personal witness to all they meet
- Demonstrating a consistent witness in their home life
- Practicing stewardship of time, talents, testimony, and treasure
- Temperate in all areas of one's life

(Scriptural basis for deacon ministry: Acts 6:1-4; Romans 12:1-8; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Timothy 3:8-13)

The following people are ineligible for nomination because they are currently serving either as a Deacon or on the Committee for Deacon Nominations: Glenn Arrowood, Mary Arrowood, Randy Ellenburg, Helen Hewitt, Joe Jones, John Love, Margo Love, Joyce McCarrell, Lamar McCarrell, Nancy McCarrell, Monte McKinney, Keith Merck, Vicki Merck, Stuart Moore, Meredith Smith, Calder Standridge, Wayne Turner, Donna Walker, Jim Wooten, Libby Young, and Mary Beth Young.

Nomination for Deacon:

Why I believe this person would serve well as a deacon (optional, but encouraged):



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 June 9-13
 5:30-7:30 pm

Dive into a friendship with God! You can help take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God while being immersed in the Word, discovering what living water is really all about!

Want to be a part of the deep-sea adventure? Follow the link to sign-up as a crew leader!

[VBS VOLUNTEER FORM](#)

Follow this link to purchase things from our Amazon Wishlist!

[VBS AMAZON WISHLIST](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the VBS Team!
 Anna Kay Lord, Meredith Smith,
 Aleta Woods & Stuart Moore
aklord19@gmail.com

ESBC FAMILY



Baseball Night

VS

GREENVILLE DRIVE **BOWLING GREEN**

SATURDAY, JULY 20 | 7:05 PM

FLUOR FIELD

945 S MAIN STREET, GREENVILLE, SC 29601

ADULTS: \$10 [GET TICKETS AT ESBCGREENVILLE.ORG](http://GETTICKETSAT.ESBCGREENVILLE.ORG) CHILDREN/YOUTH: \$8

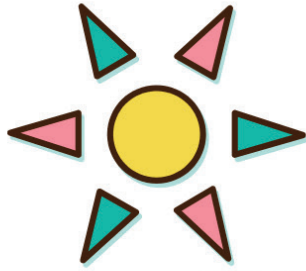
Greenville Drive Tickets



ESBC YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE



<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: white;">MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Youth + Grad Sunday 8 Youth Grad Night 10 Blue Jean Ball 17-19 Spring Camping 22 Last Wed Night 	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: white;">JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Shores of Asbury at Lake Hartwell 6-13 Bronx Mission Trip 20 Drive Game 24 First Wednesday Back 27 Tubing on Green River 31 Summer Wrap Up Celebration
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: white;">JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Pool Party 2-7 Look Up Lodge 9-13 VBS 13 Ecuador Meeting 15? Movie Night 21-29 Ecuador Mission Trip 30 Serve at Triune 	



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SUMMER

SCHEDULE



MAY

- 5th: Graduate Recognition Service (10:30 am)
- 5th: Congregational Dialogue Session (5:00 pm)
- 7th: Alice Lloyd Singers Concert (7:00 pm)
- 10th: Blue Jean Ball (6:00 pm)
- 15th: Church Conference (6:00 pm)
- 17th-19th: Spring Camping Trip
- 22nd: Last Wednesday Night Meal and Activities
- 23rd: XYZ Senior Adult Meeting and Meal (11:00 am)
- 27th: Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)

JUNE

- 2nd-7th: Look-Up Lodge
- 9th-13th: Vacation Bible School (5:30-7:30 PM)
- 21st-29th: Ecuador Mission Trip

JULY

- 3rd: Back-to-School Community Event
- 4th: Independence Day (Church Office Closed)
- 6th-13th: Bronx Mission Trip
- 20th: Greenville Drive Baseball Game (7:05 pm)
- 21st: Deacon Election
- 22nd-26th: CentriKid Camp
- 24th: Church Conference
- 31st: Summer Celebration

AUGUST

- 1st: Furman Music By The Lake (7:30 pm)
- 7th: Fifth Sunday Night Singing (6:00 pm)
- 14th: Fall Kick-Off (6:00 pm)