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**OPERATION INASMUCH**  
Saturday, April 25th

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.

This year, we are offering seven different service projects, giving everyone a chance to participate in a way that matches their gifts, interests, and abilities. Whether you enjoy hands-on work, encouraging others, organizing, cleaning, or building there is a place for you!

We will be serving Chick-fil-A biscuits at 8:00am. Please sign up for breakfast so we will have a good count for breakfast.

In the afternoon, we will host a cookout from 2:00–5:00 pm at a local apartment complex in partnership with The Church Without Walls. We encourage you to sign up for a morning service project and then join us for this special time of fellowship and outreach in the afternoon.

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

[OIAM Breakfast Reservations](#)

[OIAM Projects](#)

## AN UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Over the past month, the Pastor Search Committee has carefully reviewed the data gathered during our congregational conversations. We are grateful for the thoughtful participation of so many in our church family. Your input is already proving invaluable as we begin shaping a pastor profile and partner with CHC to discern the individual God is calling to lead our church.

We wanted to share a few key insights from what we heard:

**Openness to Female Candidates:** 85% of respondents indicated that they would not be opposed to female candidates being considered for the position (60% Yes, 25% No Preference)

**Ministry Priorities:** The top 3 ministry priorities were:

1. Nurturing spiritual growth of church members
2. Working with the deacons/lay leadership to establish a vision for the church
3. Active support of local missions

**Sermon Priorities:** The top 3 sermon priorities were:

1. Makes Christ real
2. Biblically based
3. Challenges me to live more faithfully

In addition, we received meaningful feedback through your personal trait preferences and open-ended responses. These insights will play an important role in shaping the full pastor profile.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness during these 40 days of prayer. We ask that you continue to lift up this process—and our future pastor—in prayer as we move forward together.

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## XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL For All Senior Adults!

**Thursday, April 23 at 11:00 pm'**

**Menu:** Meatloaf, Macaroni and Cheese, Mixed Vegetables,  
Strawberry Salad, Rolls and Apple Pie

## “Celebrating Color in the Garden”

Our very own Master Gardeners Jan Hubble and Jan McKinney will share with you samples of garden beauty the Lord created! If you'd like to enjoy the lunch following the program, please sign up at the link below or call the church office.

[XYZ Reservations](#)

## JOIN US IN WORSHIP

**Sunday, April 19**  
**9:30 am: Sunday School**  
**10:15 am: Worship**  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

Prelude: *The Ash Grove* by the Earle Street Ringers  
 Anthem: *At Calvary* by the Sanctuary Choir  
 Scripture: Hebrews 5:11-6:3; 1 Corinthians 13:11  
 Sermon Series: *From One Generation to Another*  
 Sermon: "Becoming Adult" by Gary Strickland

## SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of  
**Jean Brown** in the death of her husband, Jim Brown.

## STAFF ANNIVERSARY

**DEBBIE BLUME**  
 April 15, 2007  
 19 years

## MINISTER ON CALL

**April 17-19**  
 Janice Hinnant  
 (864) 346-3834  
[janice@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:janice@esbcgreenville.org)

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

**Report for April 12, 2026**

### Sunday School Attendance

Sanctuary .....112

### Worship Attendance

Sanctuary .....130

Preschoolers and Children..... 17

Total..... 147

## BUDGET REPORT

**Report for April 12, 2026**

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

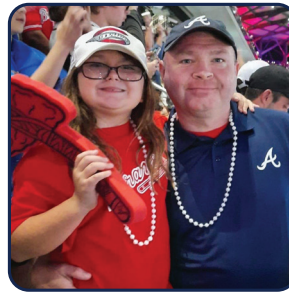
Budget Gifts (this week) .....\$9,858

Budget Offering Requirements.....\$235,689

Budget Gifts to Date.....\$175,749

Global Missions Offering.....\$9,665

## DEACON OF THE WEEK



**Calder Standridge** is our **deacon of the week**. He joined Earle Street in 2017. Calder is a sales representative for Republic Nation Distributing Co. In addition to being a Deacon, Calder also leads Children's Worship Service, 2K and 3K Sunday School, coaches girls basketball, works in the Imagination Station during VBS, and serves on the Ordinance and Youth Ministry Committees. Calder enjoys spending time with his daughter, Scarlett, and cheering on the Gamecocks and Atlanta Braves.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE**  
**Wednesday, May 13th**  
**6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**



**Sign up by May 3rd to pray for our Students and Adults heading to Look Up Lodge, Ecuador and the Bronx this summer!**

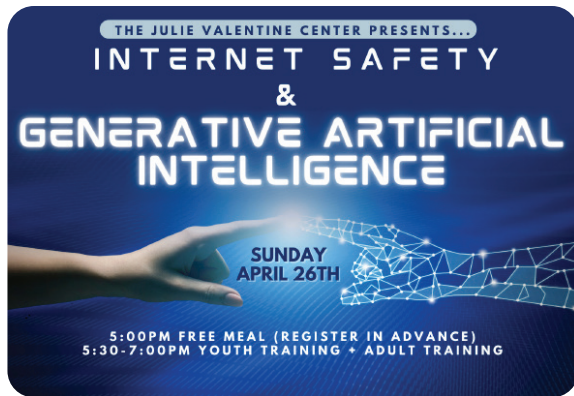
### SUMMER PRAYER PALS

**We need 32 more 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

Sunday, April 26th

5:00 pm: Free Dinner (Please register below.)

5:30 - 7:00 pm: Training

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 if there is interest. More details about the facilitators is below. If you plan to join for the free meal before training, please sign up below. You may also call the church office at 864-233-5332.

Internet Safety Training

### Food Drive to Support

**RISE**  
CAROLINA  
Resettle. Belong. Rebuild

**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.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, April 22nd

5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

### Main Entree

Chicken Pot Pie, Macaroni and Cheese, Broccoli Casserole and Brownies

### Grilled Chicken Salad

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Entree

Dinner Reservations

## From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

**Earle Street Ringers**—We will rehearse this Sunday morning at 8:45. See you then!

**Youth Ensemble & Handbells**—This Sunday is our last rehearsal before we ring and sing on April 26 for Youth Sunday. See you then!

## SPRING CAMPING

LAKE + TACOS + FRIENDS  
**LAKE JOCASSEE**  
DEVIL'S FORK CAMPGROUND  
MAY 15-17<sup>TH</sup>  
\$100 PER SITE

**CONTACT LUCY TO GET YOUR SITE!**

## 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!

## 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 22: "Walking in the Spirit of Gentleness"  
Led by Wayne Turner

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



**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 29 – April 19:** “On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus... Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.” (Luke 24:13,15-16) Reveal yourself to us, Christ.

**Pray that we will commit to fully supporting our new pastor and his/her family.**

**Day 30 – April 20:** “Then Jesus said to them, ‘You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about.’” (Luke 24:25) Reveal the meaning of scripture to us, Christ. (Luke 24:25)

**Pray that our next pastor will ‘finish well’ in their current place of ministry; that they will feel a sense of completion and well-being in the kingdom work and relationships in which they have been invested.**

**Day 31 – April 21:** “When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, ‘Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.’ So, he went in to stay with them.” (Luke 24:28-29)

May we offer you hospitality, Christ.

**Pray that our next pastor will be strengthened by the love that the congregation looks to share with him/her. May we be a blessing to the pastor and his/her family.**

**Day 32 – April 22:** “After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.” (Luke 24:30) We are grateful for our daily bread. Bless it for us, Christ.

**Pray that each member of the staff will connect with the next senior pastor, allowing each other to grow and thrive in their ministries.**

**Day 33 – April 23:** “Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight.” (Luke 24:31) Open our hearts, Christ, so that we can see what our eyes cannot: that you remain present with us.

**Pray for unity within the PSC, that they will continue to work as a team and will be unified behind the candidate that they recommend to the church.**

**Day 34 – April 24:** “They said to each other, ‘Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?’” (Luke 24:32) Light fires in our hearts, Christ. May we burn for your presence.

**Pray that the candidate and his/her family will have clarity during their visits and a clear understanding that this is the next step in the ministry that God has called them into.**

**Day 35 – April 25:** “As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly.” (1 Peter 1:22) May we see ourselves as a people set apart from the world, O Christ.

**Pray that we will be mindful of our spoken and unspoken expectations of our new pastor and this next season of ministry.**

**Day 36 – April 26:** “I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture.” (John 10:9) Guide us, good shepherd! May your love be our beacon.

**Pray that our next pastor will be able to have a time of restoration and renewal between leaving their last congregation and becoming a part of ours.**

## **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