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AN UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastor Search Committee is pleased to share with you the Church Profile that will be made available to our pastor candidates. In addition, if God has laid it on your heart to share the name of someone that you think would meet the ministry priorities, sermon priorities, and leadership qualities noted in our Pastor Profile (included in this newsletter and on pages 20-21 of the Church Profile), you may submit that name to the committee prior to May 24. All names will be passed on to the Center for Healthy Churches, where they will be included in the search process. To submit names, please send an email to pastorsearch@esbcgreenville.org. Please include the candidate's name and contact information or current place of service, and, if you are willing, a brief description of why God has led you to consider this person as one to lead us into the future.

Church Profile

AN UPDATE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON DEACON NOMINATIONS

The deacon nominee information sessions have concluded with 10 nominees attending. Please keep them and the CDN in your prayers as we move forward in the Deacon Nominee process.



MEET YOUR SUMMER PRAYER PAL Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm

Join us for a special opportunity for you to meet and connect with your Prayer Pal! There is still time to sign up! Because some are participating in multiple trips, we need a total of 68 prayer pals. 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



We could not serve our community or operate Earle Street without you! As a small token of our gratitude, the staff invites you to an appreciation picnic. The meal (hamburgers and dessert!) will be provided but we ask that you register in advance so we may prepare enough food.

Volunteer Picnic

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

XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL
For All Senior Adults!

Thursday, May 28at 11:00 pm
BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Lemon Squares
Kristen Pace from the Upcountry History Museum will give us a brief overview of our history as it relates to the galleries on display at the Museum. From the Native Americans, the Revolutionary War, early growth of Greenville, Textile Mills, World War II to Civil Rights. She will highlight the various changing exhibitions and program offerings. All senior adults are encouraged to attend!

XYZ Reservations

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, May 10
9:30 am: Sunday School
10:15 am: Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Anthem: *Find Us Faithful* by the Sanctuary Choir
 Sermon Series: From One Generation to Another
 Scripture: Joshua 14:7-15; 2 Timothy 4:7-8
 Sermon: "Staying Strong and Finishing Well"
 by Gary Strickland

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Libby Young is our deacon of the week. Libby is newly retired from working at the Furman University Library. She and her husband, Kurt, moved to Greenville over 25 years ago from Rhode Island. Living in the North Main neighborhood they felt a welcome at Earle Street Baptist, where they raised their daughters, and have been members since the late 1990s. Both daughters live in the metro DC area now. Libby team teaches the No One's Perfect Sunday School class and is currently serving on the Mission Vision Council.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Jan Hubble Pat Riddle

MINISTER ON CALL

May 8-10
 Lucy Wilkinson
 (864) 270-6436
lucy@esbcgreenville.org

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report for May 3, 2026

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| Sunday School Attendance | 109 |
| Worship Attendance | |
| Sanctuary | 160 |
| Preschoolers and Children..... | 21 |
| Total..... | 181 |
| Online Views (as of 5/7/26) | 89 |

BUDGET REPORT

Report for May 3, 2026

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| Weekly Budget Requirements..... | \$15,713 |
| Budget Gifts (this week) | \$15,684 |
| Budget Offering Requirements..... | \$282,827 |
| Budget Gifts to Date | \$217,977 |
| Global Missions Offering | \$10,345 |



Dear Earle Street Families,

Thank you for allowing us to be part of your children's lives—it is truly a gift we don't take lightly. Seeing them lead the service was so special and such a beautiful reminder of the faith growing within them. We are grateful for each of you and the opportunity to walk alongside your families.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, May 13th
 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Main Entree

Lemon Pepper Chicken, Pasta Salad, Marinated Vegetables and Lemon Pie

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Entree

Please make your reservations by 12:00 pm on Monday, May 11th. This is to give the caterer an accurate headcount.

Dinner Reservations

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

We have been so blessed the last two Sundays by our Preschoolers, Children, and Youth leading us in worship.

Youth Ensemble & Handbells—Wow! Your ringing and singing on Youth Sunday was just beautiful! I am so proud of you, and am grateful for your dedication and hard work. I also want to thank Rosemary Cureton for accompanying this wonderful group. We could not do this without you! All the youth who participated in the worship last Sunday did a wonderful job!

Preschool Choir and Young Musicians—You did a beautiful job last Sunday! I am so proud of you! Thank you for your hard work each week! I also want to thank our directors and leaders who are so dedicated to working with these children: Kathy Turner, Kim Johnson, and Martha Newton (Preschool Choir); Debbie Blume, Miriam Ellenburg, Stuart Moore, and myself (Young Musicians). Thank you so much!



We're gearing up for this year's VBS, Rainforest Falls, where kids will explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God—their safe place in life's storms. It's going to be a fun and meaningful week! If you're ready to join the adventure, volunteer and child participant registration is now open—we'd love to have you be part of the fun!

The VBS Team
(Meredith Smith, Anna Kay Lord, & Stuart Moore)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAYS

Friday, June 5th: 8:00 - 11:30 am/12:00 - 3:30 pm
Thursday, June 11th: 8:00 - 11:30 am/12:00 - 3:30 pm

There are two opportunities for ESBC to help with a Habitat project. On Friday, June 5th we will be working to install siding on the Faith Build home. This home is constructed by churches and religious groups in the Greenville area. The work is divided into 2 shifts and we would like 10 volunteers per shift. The morning shift is 8:00 am to 11:30 am and the afternoon shift is 12:00 am to 3:30 pm. You can volunteer for one or both shifts.

Our second opportunity is on Thursday, June 11th and we would be installing shelving and hardware. This is on the first duplex build by Greenville Habitat and would be some of the finishing touches. This will be 2 shifts and we would like 4 volunteers per shift.

You can work one shift or all four. Please sign up using the link below or call the church office. We hope to have two successful projects for Habitat this year. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Merck at mkeithvicki@currently.com.



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) know if you have any questions!

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

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 workshop.** Classes currently scheduled -
 - May 13th at 4:00 pm/6:30 pm (before and after Wed night supper and church conference.)
 - Worwill 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 (8:45-9:15 am) and after worship (until 12:15 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