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## Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29  
10:30 am in the Sanctuary

## Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, April 2  
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

## Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 3  
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

## Easter Sunday Celebration

Sunday, April 5  
9:00 am: Potluck Breakfast  
9:45 am: Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30: Worship Service  
*All are invited to bring flowers to place on  
the flowering cross outside the sanctuary.*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, April 8th  
5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

#### Main Entree (\$8)

Chicken and Rice Casserole, Sweet Potato Casserole,  
Green Beans

#### Grilled Chicken Salad (\$8)

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Entree (\$5)

\*\*\*Please remember to register by 12:00 pm on  
Monday, April 6th.\*\*\*

Dinner Reservations



### EASTER POTLUCK BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 5th  
9:00 am: Potluck Breakfast  
9:45 am: Egg Hunt  
10:30 am: Worship

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a joyful Easter morning together! Bring your favorite breakfast casserole or dish to share (scan the QR code to sign up) as we gather for food, fellowship, and celebration. After breakfast, children are invited to enjoy a fun Easter Egg Hunt—and adults are welcome to follow along and cheer them on!

Sign Up to Bring a Dish!

### UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

What great mornings we had on Saturday and Sunday! Over 70 people participated in the prayers on Saturday and 100+ people joined together for breakfast, conversation, and worship on Sunday. The conversation was lively and fruitful and there was a lot of laughter in the room. People shared freely, and the committee now has a good stack of post-it notes and responses to transcribe and analyze. Our ministers did not participate in the conversations Sunday but were handling things “behind the scenes”, which we appreciate. To gather their input, the committee will be interviewing each minister and some of our former ministers over the next few weeks. We will also begin work on updating the Church Profile and Pastor Profile.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and participation in the 40 days of prayer. There are still Prayer Guides, reminder cards and reminder rocks at church if you were not able to get one this weekend.

## JOIN US IN WORSHIP

**Sunday, March 29**

**11:00 am: Worship**

*Palm Sunday*

*Palm Processional*

Anthem: *Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!*  
by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11; John 10:1-11

Sermon: "Where Is This Parade Headed?"  
by Gary Strickland

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Scott and Diane Jeter** on the birth  
of their granddaughter, Camile.

## MINISTER ON CALL

**March 27-29**

Janice Hinnant

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## ATTENDANCE REPORT

### Sunday School Attendance

Sunday School..... 110

### Worship Attendance

Sanctuary .....135

Preschoolers and Children..... 17

Total..... 152

Online Views (as of 3/19/26)..... 97

## BUDGET REPORT

### Report for March 22, 2026

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

Budget Gifts (this week) .....\$11,246

Budget Offering Requirements.....\$188,551

Budget Gifts to Date .....\$147,365

Global Missions Offering.....\$8,140

## DEACON OF THE WEEK



**Martha Newton is the deacon of the week.** Martha and her husband, David, are natives of Charleston, SC, and have been married almost 49 years. Martha taught middle school and high school students before she and David went as missionaries to Thailand, where they served for 26 years. Upon returning to Greenville Martha worked at the Shi Institute at Furman before retiring earlier this year. Martha and David have been members of ESBC since April 2016. Martha enjoys serving in the Missions Cluster, singing in the choir, and working with the preschool choir. She and David have taken two teams from ESBC to minister in Thailand. The Newtons are proud parents of two grown children and grandparents of one grandson.

## DEACON NOMINATIONS TO BE RECEIVED MARCH 22 - APRIL 5

The deacon election process began this past Sunday. Nominations should be submitted no later than April 5. Members of our church are invited and encouraged to nominate those whom they believe would be good candidates to serve as deacons for the coming term of service. A sample nomination form is included in this newsletter. 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 at the church. To nominate online, please click below. To nominate in-person, written forms will be available in the Welcome Center, Fellowship Hall and Vestibule and can be submitted in one of two secure lock boxes. You may nominate as many candidates as you choose, but please use one form for each individual nominee.

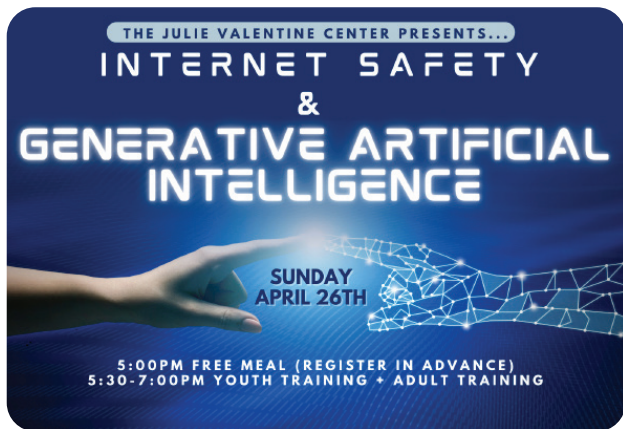
After confirming the eligibility of each person nominated, the Committee on Deacon Nominations (CDN) will invite all those who have been nominated to an informational meeting. At this meeting, responsibilities and qualifications of deacons will be outlined, questions will be answered, and candidates 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

## From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

**Sanctuary Choir**—We will not rehearse on Wednesday, April 1. Instead, we will stay after the Maundy Thursday service and rehearse.



## 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 will be provided soon. 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



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.



## 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



**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 8 – March 29:** *“So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...”* (Matthew 7:12) Almighty Father, may we treat others with dignity and respect knowing that doing so is what honors Christ. Amen.

**Pray for PSC member, Grey Register, that God would grant him wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility. Pray for the Register family and all of Grey’s other responsibilities.**

**Day 9 – March 30:** *“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”* (Matthew 7:7) Almighty Father, we thank you that in our seeking, doors are opened. Amen.

**Pray that our church will continue to support and trust the work of the Pastor Search Committee.**

**Day 10 – March 31:** *“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”* (Matthew 5:7) Almighty Father, may we show mercy to others as you have shown to us. Amen.

**Pray for PSC member, Meredith Smith, that God would grant her wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility. Pray for the Smith family and all of Meredith’s other responsibilities.**

**Day 11 – April 1:** *“Kings will be silenced because of him, because they will see what they haven’t seen before; what they haven’t heard before, they will ponder.”* (Isaiah 52:15) Lord, we turn our eyes and ears to you. Fulfill our longing, Christ.

**Pray that the PSC will look, not to their own interests, but to the interests and needs of the church as they make their decisions.**

**Day 12 – April 2:** *“I tell you, I won’t drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way in my Father’s kingdom.”* (Matthew 26:29) Lord, we eagerly anticipate joining you in your new way. (Matthew 26:29)

**Pray for PSC member, Margo Love, that God would grant her wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility. Pray for the Love family and all of Margo’s other responsibilities.**

**Day 13 – April 3:** *“Because he didn’t despise or detest the suffering of the one who suffered—he didn’t hide his face from me. No, he listened when I cried out to him for help.”* (Psalm 22:24) Today we cry out with Christ, and we know that we are heard.

**Pray that we will be united in our decision regarding the individual who is called to become our next senior pastor.**

**Day 14 – April 4:** *“When I was panicked, I said, ‘I’m cut off from your eyes!’ But you heard my request for mercy when I cried out to you for help... All you who wait for the LORD, be strong and let your heart take courage.”* (Psalm 31:22,24)

**Pray for PSC member, Denise Plumblee, that God would grant her wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility. Pray for the Plumblee family and all of Denise’s other responsibilities.**

## SAMPLE 2026-2027 DEACON NOMINATION FORM

### 2026-2027 DEACON NOMINATION FORM

Those eligible for election must be at least 21 years of age, have been a church member for no less than two years, 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)

In addition to staff members and their immediate families, the following people are **INELIGIBLE** for nomination because they are currently serving either as a Deacon or on the Committee for Deacon Nominations or have a spouse who is a Deacon.

D=Deacon, S=Spouse, C=CDN

Chuck Adams (C)	Monte McKinney (D)
Brittney Clow (D)	Jan McKinney (S)
Dana Collier (D)	Keith Merck (D)
Neil Collier (S)	Stuart Moore (D)
Curtis Dobbins (C)	Martha Newton (D)
Randy Ellenburg (D)	David Newton (S)
Miriam Ellenburg (S)	Denise Plumblee (S)
Noellen Groff (D)	Phil Plumblee (D)
Helen Hewitt (D)	Grey Register (D)
Jan Hubble (C)	Rebecca Register (S)
Derek Lord (D)	Bill Smith (C)
Anna Kay Lord (S,C)	Calder Standridge (D)
John Love (D)	Donna Walker (C)
Joyce McCarrell (D)	Libby Young (D)
	Kurt Young (S)

The following people are currently serving as a deacon but are **ELIGIBLE** for nomination because they are currently service an unexpired term:

Linda Kirkland

Bob Walker

**Nomination for Deacon:**

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