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DISCERNMENT LISTENING SESSION SIGN-UP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, you are invited and genuinely encouraged to participate in one of the discernment and transformation listening sessions so that your voice can be heard and so that you can hear the voices of fellow members. The more prayer and the more voices heard the better the effort going forward. We ask that you spend much time in prayer and follow our Lord's leading: "Not my will, Thine be done!"

Listening sessions are scheduled for Friday, September 12th and Saturday, September 13th. Sign ups for listening sessions will begin on Sunday, August 17th in the Welcome Center and continue until Sunday, August 24th. A member of the Discernment Team will be in the Welcome Center before Sunday School, between Sunday School and Worship, and after Worship. You may also sign up on Wednesday, August 20th (5:00 - 5:45 pm) in the Welcome Center or call the church office during the week.

These sessions are limited to 10 people each. They will last 50 minutes and start on the hour.

Friday, September 12th: 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm

Saturday, September 13th: 8:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact any member of the Discernment Team.

Co-Chairs: Meredith Smith, Wayne Turner 812-786-0351 (retired and more readily available)

Team: Brittney Clow, Calder Standridge, Helen Hewitt, Wendell Cothran and Randy Ellenburg



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, August 20

5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Main Entree (\$8)

Baked Potato Bar

Grilled Chicken Salad (\$8)

Mixed Greens, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Bacon Bits, Cheese and Assorted Dressings

Pizza Entree (\$5)

Two Slices of Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni)

***Please remember to **register by 12:00 pm on**

Monday, August 18th. This deadline is to give our

Wednesday Dinner Reservations



EARLEKIDS MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SURVEY

Volunteering for children's ministry is truly special because you invest your time and love into nurturing the next generation's spiritual growth, character, and sense of belonging. Not only do you have the honor to be a part of their spiritual growth, the children will open your heart and mind to seeing God through their eyes. Come join the fun!

Volunteer Survey

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, August 17

9:15 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Grade Bible Presentation

Anthem: *Lord, Here Am I* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Sermon: "From the Altar to the Asphalt: Worship and Mission" by Gary Strickland

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Grey Register is our deacon of the week. Grey and his wife Rebecca joined Earle Street in 2017. They have 2 young children, Luke and Jack. He works in data science and analytics. Grey is a member of the Daily Bread Sunday School class and serves in the preschool ministry. He serves on the missions cluster as the liaison to United Ministries.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

June Bellamy Dennis Long

MINISTER ON CALL

August 15-17

Gary Strickland

(605) 413-7908

gary@esbcgreenville.org

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of August 10, 2025

Sunday School Attendance

On Campus.....141

Virtual.....0

Total..... 141

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary.....205

Preschoolers and Children..... 25

Total..... 230

Online Viewers..... 110

BUDGET REPORT

Report for August 10, 2025

Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$18,235

Budget Gifts (this week).....\$17,352

Budget Offering Requirements.....\$583,519

Budget Gifts to Date.....\$469,162

Global Missions Offering.....\$24,702

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17

9:15 am Sunday School (All Rooms)

10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

5:00 pm Deacon Ordination Service (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm Deacon Reception (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, August 18

9:00 am Yoga and Flexibility Class (Gym)

2:00 pm Gym Reserved (Pickleball)

4:00 pm Gym Reserved (Johnson)

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 am Staff Meeting (Room 200)

2:00 pm Gym Reserved (Pickleball)

6:30 pm Women's AA Open Group Meeting (FLC)

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 am Gym Reserved (Pickleball)

11:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Room 200)

5:00 pm Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm Adult Discipleship Group (Fellowship Hall)

 Youth Small Groups (Family Life Center)

 Young Musicians Choir (Choir Room)

 Preschool Choir (Room 100)

6:30 pm Preschool and Children's Activities

7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 21

4:00 pm Gym Reserved (Johnson)

Friday, August 22

6:00 pm Gym Reserved (Day)

Saturday, August 23

5:00 pm Gym Reserved (Day)

YOUTH CHOIR SUPER SUNDAY

Sunday, August 24th
4:00 - 5:00 pm

6TH - 12TH GRADE



All youth are invited to join us in the
Choir Room!

CALLING ALL 3RD – 5TH GRADERS!

Are children too young to serve as worship leaders? My answer is no, which is why we give all 3rd – 5th graders the opportunity to serve as acolytes. The acolytes come in at the beginning of each worship service and light the Christ candle on the communion table. This may seem like a random and unimportant activity, but lighting the Christ candle is a symbol of bringing the light of Christ into our worship. Consequently, the acolyte carries the light of Christ back out of the sanctuary at the end of the service, which symbolizes that we all take the light of Christ out with us.

We began having the children serve as acolytes several years ago. Why 3rd – 5th graders? They are old enough to handle the responsibility, and I've yet to meet a child that didn't like to have a lighter in their hands! We use the acolytes during the school year, from September through May.

If your child will be a 3rd – 5th grader this coming year, I hope he or she will consider serving as an acolyte in worship. Please contact me at janice@esbcgreenville.org to sign your child up to acolyte, or if you have any questions. The opportunity to serve God can never start too early!



WHY PARTICIPATE IN A CHILDREN'S CHOIR?

Beginning on Wednesday, August 13, we will once again hear the sweet sound of children singing. We have two choirs for children here at Earle Street: Preschool Choir (ages K3-K5), and Young Musicians (1st-5th grades). Why do we believe children's choirs are important, and why should your child participate?

- Choir teaches discipline. Children focus and work together to learn the music.
- Choir teaches working toward a goal. Children work each week to learn their music—not everything is instantaneous.
- Choir teaches using skills. Children are born singers, and choir gives them the opportunity to use that ability.
- Choir, especially at church, teaches children about God. We learn to sing our faith, even before we understand it.
- Choir is fun!

There are many more reasons why choir is important, especially for children. I am grateful for a church that sees the value of choirs for children and supports it with monetary and human resources. It's never too late to join one of our choirs, so if your child is not involved, I hope you will consider it!

WEDNESDAY DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

For all adults!

Waiting Produces a Spiritual Harvest: 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall: Through this time of study we will look at examples of those who found themselves waiting in various circumstances. We will find that each situation was unique but the waiting was placed in God's hands.

Moms Group: 6:00 pm in Room 205

This group is for moms of all ages! We will discuss parenting and be a support system for each other.

Mens Group: 6:00 pm Room 204

A new men's group will begin meeting for Bible study, shared learning, fellowship, and group activities.

YOUTH SUMMER RECAP!

What an incredible summer it has been! We are so grateful to the Lord for every moment we had to grow together in faith—through learning, serving, and simply enjoying life as a community.

We kicked things off with an amazing week at **Look Up Lodge**, a time that is truly foundational for our youth. Stepping away from life's distractions gave them the chance to focus deeply on their walk with the Lord.

From there, we traveled to **Bangkok, Thailand**, where God opened doors for powerful ministry. We led Sunday School and worship for ex-offenders and children of current prisoners at the House of Blessing. We visited two prisons to share encouragement through testimony, song, dance, and the message of Christ. We spent time with refugees—visiting homes, playing games, sharing meals, praying, and hosting a VBS-style fun day for families at Calvary Baptist Church. One of the most moving parts of the trip was walking alongside the Sadiq family during a difficult season of life ([click here for more info: GiveSendGo | S Family Support](#))

Our annual trip to the **Bronx** was another highlight. Visiting the same community year after year allows us to see the ways God is working there—and to build long-term relationships with the kids we serve.

Between trips, we dove into a teaching series called **“Unashamed”** - equipping students to stand confidently in their faith. We also made time for plenty of local fun—pool parties, a water obstacle course, and our always-anticipated tubing trip (though this year, August surprised us with cooler weather!)

Thank you for your constant prayers and support for our youth. They truly are the future of our faith and our church—and by God's grace, we are in good hands.

