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BACK-TO-SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

This Sunday, September 8th

Donuts: 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School: 9:15 am

Have you been out of Sunday School for a bit? Never joined a class? Are you interested in finding out about our different classes? Join us for Donut Sunday! Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am. Grab a donut, fellowship with others and learn about our different classes. At 9:15 am, head to Sunday School! This event is for all ages!

COME AND SEE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

SPECIAL STUDY: Ecclesiastes

Beginning Sunday, September 8th

9:15 am in Room 203

You are invited to join the Come and See Sunday School class for a journey, chapter through chapter, through the book of Ecclesiastes. The writer of Ecclesiastes searched for answers. Did he find them? He searched for meaning in life. What did he discover? What can we learn from this wisdom writer to apply to our lives today? We will explore these questions and more as we go in-depth through Ecclesiastes together. This study will be led by Kathy Turner.

CLUSTER MEETINGS

This Sunday, September 8th

5:30 pm

Administration – Room 203

Spiritual Growth – Room 202

Fellowship – Room 201

6:30 pm

Worship - Choir Room

Ministry – Room 202

Missions – Room 203



Register for Basketball

THAILAND MISSION TRIP

Informational Meeting: September 8th

12:00 pm in the Family Life Center

If you would be interested in hearing about how you can join us to serve the Thai people next summer, come to the informational meeting on Sunday, September 8th at 12:00 pm in the Family Life Center Media Room. The Thailand trip will be around 2 weeks and is tentatively set for June 16-30, 2025. This trip is open to high school youth (with an adult) plus all college students and adults. Contact Lucy Wilkinson at lucy@esbcgreenville.org if you are interested but can't make the meeting.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, September 11

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

Click the link below to make your reservation by noon on Monday, September 9.

Main Entree: BBQ on Bun, Slaw, Baked Beans

Salad Entree: Grilled Chicken Salad with Toppings

Pizza Entree: Two Slices of Pizza

Register for Dinner

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, September 10 - October 15

6:00 - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

PruittHealth Hospice and Palliative Care is offering a six-week Grief Support Group led by Brenda Atkinson, Chaplain, CT. Please RSVP by Monday September 9 to Brenda.Atkinson@PruittHealth.com or call 864-962-6699. All are welcome!

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, September 8

9:15 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem: *A Resting Place* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38; 28:19-20;
2 Timothy 3:14-17

Sermon: "Didache (διδάχη)" by Gary Strickland

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Dana Collier is our deacon of the week. Dana has been a member since 1993. She and her husband, Neil, were married at Earle Street the same year. Their daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Johnny Rhodes, live in Greenville. Dana has served as a church office administrator/ministry assistant for 30 years. She loves her NOP Sunday School class and singing second soprano on the back row of the choir. Dana is a member of the Greeter Team and the Personnel Committee. She enjoys music, theater, football, shopping, traveling, and meeting new people.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

David Bridges Lynn Hobus

Bill Penick Mary Wayne Slice

CONGRATULATIONS

Phil and Denise Plumblee on the birth of their granddaughter, Emma Claire Plumblee, born September 3, 2024.

THIS WEEK AT EARLE STREET

Sunday, September 8

8:30 am Donut Sunday (Fellowship Hall)
9:15 am Sunday School (All Rooms)
10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Thailand Informational Meeting (FLC)
4:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
4:45 pm Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
5:15 pm Earle Street Ringers Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
5:30 pm Cluster Meetings
Administration Cluster (Room 203)
Spiritual Growth Cluster (Room 202)
Fellowship Cluster (Room 201)
6:30 pm Worship Cluster (Choir Room)
Ministry Cluster (Room 202)
Missions Cluster (Room 203)

Monday, September 9

9:00 am Yoga and Flexibility Class (Gym)
2:00 pm Gym Reserved (Pickleball)
7:00 pm Gym Reserved (Johnson)

Tuesday, September 10

9:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room 200)
6:00 pm Grief Support Group (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 pm Scouts (Scout Building)
Women's AA Open Group Meeting (FLC)

Wednesday, September 11

11:00 am Ladies Wednesday (Sunday) School Class (Room 200)
2:00 pm Gym Reserved (Clyborne)
5:00 pm Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
Youth Hangout (Gym/FLC)
Adult Discipleship Groups
Youth Small Groups (FLC)
Preschool/Children's Activity Night
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 12

2:00 pm Gym Reserved (Pickleball)

Friday, September 13

All Day Minister On Call: Dale Lynch
(864-940-2638/tdale@esbcgreenville.org)

Saturday, September 14

4:00 pm Gym Reserved (Day)

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of September 1, 2024

Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus.....143
*Virtual/Zoom.....0
Total.....143

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary149
Preschool/Children Department25
Total.....174
Virtual103

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

BUDGET REPORT

Report for September 1, 2024

Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$23,238
Budget Gifts (this week)\$17,742
Budget Requirements to Date.....\$813,315
Budget Gifts to Date.....\$590,055
Global Missions Offering.....\$26,552

UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pastor Search Committee has been meeting regularly to interview candidates and continue the Pastor Search Process. We have completed both successful interviews and unsuccessful interviews. We are continuing our process and are still hopeful to maintain our estimated timeline of having a pastor in place by next year.

UPDATE FROM THE DEACON ELECTION TASK FORCE

Thank you so much for your diligence in providing feedback on the 2024 Deacon Election Process. We received 68 feedback forms and the majority of people said they would be in favor of using the process in the future, with several suggestions for “tweaks” to the process. The Deacon Election Task Force has reviewed the feedback and is considering each suggestion. Two comments of note that we want to address now, are the concern over ballot confidentiality and transparency of numbers.

The voting process of signing a name to an envelope was confidential because the person verifying the name against the membership list did not look at the enclosed ballot and the counters did not look at the envelopes. However, the process will be changed in the future to avoid the perception of non-confidentiality. If the church votes to use this process in the future, on election Sunday, voters’ names will be compared to the roster of active members and the ballots will be collected anonymously. Absentee ballots will still require a signed envelope, as they have in the past.

Here are some numbers that you have requested: 80 people were nominated. 8 were found to be ineligible (2 were not members of the church and the others were either a family member of a staff member or on the CDN). 50 people attended the informational sessions, and after the sessions, 20 people agreed to serve if elected. From that group, the CDN selected the 9 candidates.

As for the election itself, 171 ballots were cast and all nine candidates were confirmed by at least 75%. There were 10 ballots cast with no votes for any candidate.

The new deacons are hard at work already and we are excited for the new church year. The Deacon Election Task Force will present all of the improvements to the election process at a future church conference.



THE GREAT EARLE PUMPKIN PATCH

Saturday, Sep 28, 2024 – Thu Oct 31, 2024

*The pumpkins are coming...
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We need all hands on deck Saturday, September 28th. There will be jobs for every age and every ability. Can you lift a can of soup? We can use you! Please sign-up at the link below if you are able to volunteer.

The money raised during this fundraiser will offset the cost for upcoming mission trips to the Bronx and Thailand.

VOLUNTEER

**Support
GROUPS**

**AA SUPPORT GROUP
(WOMEN ONLY)**

Weekly on Tuesdays
6:30 - 7:30 pm (Family Life Center)

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

First Tuesday of Each Month
6:30 pm (Room 200)

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays, September 10 - October 15
6:00 - 7:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)
**Sponsored by PruittHealth Hospice and Palliative Care*

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Second Thursday of Each Month
12:30 - 2:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

From the Minister of Music

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

Youth Choir and Youth Handbells—We begin our regular rehearsals this Sunday, September 8. This is the schedule:

4:00 – 4:45 pm: Youth Choir Rehearsal

4:45 – 5:15 pm: Youth Handbells

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Earle Street Ringers—The summer break is over, and it's time to get started! I look forward to seeing you this Sunday, September 8, at 5:15 pm!

XYZ MEETING AND MEAL for all Senior Adults Thursday, September 26 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Program: “The Most Powerful Force on Earth (And Heaven)” with special guest, Michael Cogdill

Menu: Marinated Chicken, Broccoli Casserole,
Red Potatoes, Strawberry Salad and Chocolate Cake

Michael Cogdill has served news audiences for 36 years. Many of you may remember him as TV Anchor at WYFF Channel 4. His interview and coverage credits include many Presidents, historic events, as well as the Reverend Billy Graham. His first novel, “She-Rain”, is being developed into a motion picture. He has also written two children's books and is working on his second novel. Join us as we hear his interesting journey.

Register for XYZ



FALL CAMPING WEEKEND October 18-20

We have campsites available for our Fall Camping Trip at Table Rock State Park and would love for you and your family to join us! The weekend is October 18-20th and the cost is \$120 per site. All of the campsites have water and power hookups so you can bring a tent or RV... and you can camp or glamp! Please contact Lucy (lucy@esbcgreenville.org) if you would like more info.

COOPERATIVE MISSIONS

At the church conference on July 24, 2024, the congregation approved the Missional Partnership Task Force Proposal. Part of that proposal was the change in cooperative missions options. Our church gives 10% of all undesignated (budget) offerings to cooperative missions. Anyone giving to ESBC can choose to designate that portion of their offering to one of the following:

1. The ESBC Greater Way Partnership Fund (Default)
2. The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) - <https://baptistworld.org/>
3. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) - <https://cbf.net/>
4. The Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program (SBC) – <https://www.sbc.net>
5. Gifts divided equally among BWA, CBF, and SBC

The ESBC Greater Way Partnership Fund will be used for additional funding for current mission partners, missions emergencies or spontaneous missions needs that arise, or new missions opportunities. This will be the default option if one of the global mission partners is not chosen, even if you have previously chosen an option.

This change will go into effect with our new church year on September 1, 2024. We have begun to collect decision cards. They are available in the pew racks or you may also make your choice by calling the church office at (864) 233-5332, completing your card online at www.esbcgreenville.org/cooperative-missions, or by contacting Gina Conn at gina@esbcgreenville.org.

A copy of the Missional Partnership Task Force Proposal can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).



BRONX MISSION TRIP 2025

Calling all teachers and those that love children! We would love for you to join us in the Bronx July 12-19, 2025. This trip is open to all current 10th grade students and up, college students and adults. Contact Lucy Wilkinson at lucy@esbcgreenville.org for more info.