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AN UPDATE ON OUR PASTOR

Dear ESBC Family,

The journey to recover from a major attack and quadruple bypass surgery takes time. Stephen began another phase of his journey this week. He had an appointment with his cardiac surgeon and the surgeon is pleased with where he is in recovering from the surgery. The medical staff is still working to get his blood pressure up into an acceptable range, without the aid of medication. This would allow for him to still start on Beta blockers to help his heart and possibly avoid having to have an internal defibrillator. The next month or so is a critical time period for this goal. Stephen and Sylvia also attended cardiac rehabilitation orientation this week, learning what they can expect from the rehab experience and what the rehab professionals will be expecting from them. He will officially start his rehab program next week.

Stephen and Sylvia are so thankful for the outpouring of love and prayers expressed to them in so many ways. Please continue to be in prayer for them - praying for stamina and strength as they start rehab and for freedom from discouragement and depression when the days are challenging.

The church staff would also like to express their sincere appreciation for the love and support shown to us during this journey. Your prayers, encouraging comments, offers of assistance, meal deliveries and warm hugs mean so very much to all of us. We are all on this journey together. And with God's help and each other, we will see it through.

Grace and peace,
Denise

SENIOR ADULT MAY EVENT

**Private Tour of the Traveler's Rest History Museum
Lunch at Whistle Stop Cafe
This Tuesday, May 17th at 11:00 AM**

All senior adults are invited to join us for our May outing! Rosemary Bomar, a church member, will be giving our group a private tour of the History Museum of Travelers Rest. Following our tour, we will have lunch at the Whistle Stop Café in Travelers Rest. The meal will be dutch.

Please call the church office if you would like to attend this event so that we can have an accurate headcount, even if you plan to meet us there.

If you would like to ride the bus, please contact the church office and meet at the church at 10:30 am.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26 - June 30

5:30 pm — 7:30 pm

Completed K3 - 5th graders

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY!

Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

SERENDIPITY GROUP MEETING

Thursday, May 19 at 6:00 pm

Guest Speaker: JoAnn Johnson with Harvest Hope

Did you know one in nine South Carolinians struggle with hunger? Harvest Hope is South Carolina's largest food bank, providing over 50,000 meals a week for those suffering from hunger. All ladies in the church are invited to join the Serendipity Mission Group this month as we learn more about Harvest Hope Food Bank.

The mission action project will be helping to stock much needed items for Harvest Hope including the following items:

- Peanut butter
- Canned meats
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Individual macaroni and cheese for students' backpacks
- Noodles and rice

Feel free to bring your own dinner to eat at 6:00 while we enjoy some fellowship. The program will begin around 6:15. We will meet in Room 203. For more information, contact Trish Douglass.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, May 15
10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition Sunday

Testimonies: Lainey Huggins and James Hueble

Prelude: *Be Thou My Vision*
 by the Youth Handbell Choir

Anthems: *A Jubilant Song, Laudamus Te, and This Little Light of Mine* by the Youth Choir

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

Sermon: "In All Your Ways, Acknowledge Him"
 by Jim Wooten

IN MEMORIAM

DEB TALLEY

July 13, 1951 - May 9, 2022

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

LUCY WILKINSON

May 27, 2003
 19 years

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of May 8, 2022

Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus.....	195
Virtual.....	19
Total.....	214

Worship Attendance

On-Campus.....	294
Virtual.....	515
Total.....	809

BUDGET REPORT

Report for Sunday, May 8, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$25,678
Budget Gifts (this week).....	\$15,427
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$487,873
Budget Gifts to Date.....	\$501,416

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Andy Burns is our deacon of the week. He moved to Greenville from Michigan in 2015, and has been a member of Earle Street since November 2016. He has 2 adult children, Sarah and Andrew, Jr. Andy works at Milliken & Company as a Business Development Manager. In addition to being a deacon, Andy is a member of the Prayer Team and the Men's Discipleship Team.



HARVEST HOPE
LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, MAY 14
 3:00 - 5:30 PM AND/OR 5:00 - 7:30 PM
 DOWNTOWN MAIN POST OFFICE
 600 W WASHINGTON STREET, GREENVILLE SC 29601

ON SATURDAY, MAY 14, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS WILL HOST THEIR ANNUAL "STAMP OUT HUNGER" FOOD DRIVE. WHERE THEY ASK INDIVIDUALS TO LEAVE NONPERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS AT THEIR MAILBOX. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FOOD DRIVE BY VOLUNTEERING TO HELP UNLOAD THE CARRIERS' TRUCKS AND LOADING UP THE DONATIONS INTO TRUCKS PROVIDED BY HARVEST HOPE. WE WILL BE WORKING AT THE DOWNTOWN MAIN POST OFFICE LOCATED AT 600 WEST WASHINGTON STREET. THE SHIFTS ARE FROM 3:00 TO 5:30 PM AND FROM 5:00 TO 7:30 PM. IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW.

[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WEEKEND

August 20 and 21

Banquet Tickets On Sale Now!

On Saturday, August 20, we will have a celebration dinner and program at 6:00 pm at the Embassy Suites Greenville Golf Resort and Conference Center on Verdae Boulevard. Our new history book, *A Home to All Who Would Enter*, will be debuted along with the official release of the Earle Street Baptist Church Centennial documentary video. This is a ticketed event and tickets are limited so get yours early! You may purchase tickets by clicking here.



From the Interim Pastor

Jim Wooten – wootenj83@gmail.com

In All Your Ways Acknowledge Him

This Sunday is Graduate Recognition Sunday. I can think of no better passage than Proverbs 3:5-6 to dispense wisdom, not only for young people embarking on their life's journey, but also for all of us no more matter where we may find ourselves along the way.

Those verses probably show up on the "Top Twenty" list of all the passages in the Bible for wall banners, desk plaques and T-shirts. It is memorable and uplifting.

But what does it mean to "trust the Lord with *all* your heart"? What does it mean to "in *all* your ways acknowledge Him"? Why is that important... and what difference does it make?

That's what we will be thinking about on Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you!

PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION Sunday, June 5, 2022

Breakfast Fellowship
9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

**Joint Worship Service with
Vietnamese Congregations**
10:30 am in the Sanctuary

**(No Sunday School or childcare
during the 9:15 hour)**

Pentecost Sunday is the perfect time to hear the gospel in more than one language! We continue our Centennial Celebration with a joint worship service with two more of our daughter churches – the Greenville Vietnamese Church and the Vietnamese Blessing Baptist Church. Tam Van Vo, who has been involved since the Vietnamese congregation began meeting at Earle Street in 1993, will give a greeting and a brief review of how our church sponsored the Vietnamese congregation and how their congregation has grown through the years. We will sing hymns in both languages and our ESBC Adult Choir will be singing the anthem. Jim Wooten, our interim pastor, will be bringing the message which will also be provided in Vietnamese by an interpreter.

Before the service we will have a joint breakfast at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please note there will be no Sunday School or childcare during the 9:15 hour as everyone is encouraged to participate in the breakfast.

HAMPTON STATION

white duck taco shop + CRAFT AXE THROWING

COLLEGE + GRAD EVENT

SUNDAY MAY 15
3:30PM UNTIL...
TACOS & AXE THROWING

RSVP TO LUCY
864-270-6436

ESBC

Class of 2022

GRADUATE SUNDAY
MAY 15, 2022
10:30AM



We all love Stephen so much and want to do everything we can to help him through this time of recovery. Since he is unable to have a typical "meal train," we have decided to give him an "encouragement train!"

There will be a box in the church office where you can drop off encouragement for Stephen and Sylvia. This can be in the form of letters, signs, or gift cards...so he can buy all the fruits and veggies at Publix! You can also email encouraging videos to Lucy at lucy@esbcgreenville.org featuring yourself, your kids, etc. Feel free to do this more than one time over the next few months!

We will then take his encouragement to him each week so that he will have at least one reminder per day of how much we love and support him.



SUMMER 2022

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

June 15 - August 17

(No Meetings June 29, July 6, or July 27)

For All Adults

Walking in the Light, While Living in the Dark: A Study of First John

6:15-7:00 pm
Room 202
Led by Larry Worley

The title of the series draws upon John's repeated references to God being light and the social world of his day being a place of spiritual darkness. There is so much in this little epistle that can stir our hearts as well as instruct our minds. With the aid of PowerPoint, handouts, and discussion groups, those who attend this series will find it a stimulating and relevant series. First John is a short epistle written in a very simple style but with great theological depth and wisdom for Christians living in a changing world that leans toward darkness rather than light.

For Women

ESTHER: A Woman of Strength and Dignity

6:15-7:00 pm
Room 203
Led by Robin Scott Blackburn

This women's Bible study will contain intrigue, an orphan, an evil plot, despair, fear and . . . empowerment. Esther, A Woman of Strength and Dignity encompasses the attributes of courage, dignity, wisdom and strength. The qualities that formed Queen Esther and empowered her can be ours too. We will be strengthened and grow as the study's writer, Charles Swindoll, guides us through God's Word.

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future."
Proverbs 31:25

For Men

Men's Discipleship Group: Iron Sharpens Iron

6:15-7:00 pm
Room 201
Led by Various Men

Each week we will have a different man lead the session. He will share up to three of his favorite Bible verses and share the circumstances/reason around this being a favorite source of inspiration. This term, we will continue to share together how God has used Scripture and His love, care, and concern for each of us to strengthen our walk with Him. As the verse in Proverbs says, we believe we are at our best when we are learning from, and sharing with, one another. All men are welcome to join us.

"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."
Proverbs 27:17

For Young Men

Young Men's Life Group

6:15-7:00 pm
Room 200
Led by Will Middleton

Each week we will have a different man lead the session. He will share up to three of his favorite Bible verses and share the circumstances/reason around this being a favorite source of inspiration. This term, we will continue to share together how God has used Scripture and His love, care, and concern for each of us to strengthen our walk with Him. As the verse in Proverbs says, we believe we are at our best when we are learning from, and sharing with, one another. All men are welcome to join us.



INASMUCH

MISSIONS

GREENVILLE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS WEEKLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

FRIDAYS IN MAY
11:00 AM-UNTIL

EACH FRIDAY, THE GREENVILLE CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS, HOSTS A FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ACROSS GREENVILLE. VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED TO HELP HAND OUT THE FOOD. THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION STARTS AT 11:00 AND USUALLY GOES UNTIL 12:30 OR WHENEVER THE FOOD IS ALL GONE. THERE IS NO NEED TO SIGN UP - JUST SHOW UP! HERE IS WHERE THE DISTRIBUTIONS WILL BE IN MAY:

MAY 6 - STAUNTON BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER,
165 STAUNTON BRIDGE ROAD

MAY 13 - TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH,
400 SOUTH HUDSON STREET

MAY 20 - AUGUSTA HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH,
3018 AUGUSTA ROAD

MAY 27 - PARISVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH,
100 BUD STREET

TRIUNE MERCY CENTER

LUNCH SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 29

12:00 PM AT TMC

222 RUTHERFORD ST, GREENVILLE, SC 29609

AFTER TWO YEARS OF ONLY PROVIDING BAG LUNCHES FOR THE COMMUNITY AT TRIUNE MERCY CENTER, WE CAN ONCE AGAIN SERVE A HOT PLATED MEAL. ON SUNDAY, MAY 29, WE WILL SERVE THE MEAL TO MEMBERS OF THEIR CONGREGATION IN NEED AT 12:00 PM IN THE DINING ROOM AT TRIUNE. WE WILL BE DOING FOOD PREP FOR THIS MEAL IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL KITCHEN ON SATURDAY MORNING (MAY 28) AND COOKING THE MEAL ON SUNDAY MORNING (MAY 30). **THERE ARE THREE TIME SLOTS TO VOLUNTEER:** SATURDAY MORNING (TWO HOURS), SUNDAY MORNING (TWO HOURS) AND SUNDAY LUNCH (ONE HOUR/SERVING). WE NEED 6-7 PEOPLE FOR THE FOOD PREPARATION TIME SLOTS AND 12 PEOPLE FOR THE SERVING TIME SLOT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE REACH OUT TO HARRY HAYES OR BILL SMITH OR YOU CAN CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

For All Mom's

Moms' Group

6:15-7:00 pm

Room 100

Led by Mary Beth Young

The Moms' Group meets weekly on an ongoing basis to provide support for fellow mothers navigating the challenges of raising children, no matter the age or stage. The sessions are relaxed and informal. The group shares laughter, empathy, and experiences, but most of all, a time of peace, support, and stillness. Moms of all ages are welcome.

FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS
Beginning Wednesday, June 8th
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Beginning Wednesday, June 8th, we will begin having food trucks again! You will recognize some favorites from last summer and some new options also! Grab dinner before our Wednesday activities and then eat at our picnic tables or inside in the Fellowship Hall.



FOOD TRUCK
Wednesdays

JUNE 8TH - AUGUST 31
5:30 - 7:30 pm

JUNE 8 - PROJECT HOST HOST MOBILE
JUNE 15 - HENRY'S HOG HAULER
JUNE 22 - DADDY'S COOKOUT
JUNE 29 - PROJECT HOST HOST MOBILE
JULY 13 - CHEF ON THE RUN
JULY 20 - CHICK-FIL-A
JULY 27 - PROJECT HOST HOST MOBILE
AUGUST 3 - MAC ATTACK
AUGUST 10 - CHEF ON THE RUN
AUGUST 17 - CHICK-FIL-A
AUGUST 24 - MAC ATTACK
AUGUST 31 - PROJECT HOST HOST MOBILE

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Youth Choir and Youth Handbells—This Sunday is Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition Sunday! Here is the schedule for this Sunday:

- **Handbells**—Meet at 9:15 am in the sanctuary
- **Youth Choir**—Meet at 9:30 am in the sanctuary for run-through and sound check

The service is at 10:30, and we will wear our robes. See you Sunday!

DEACON ELECTION

Sunday, June 26th

In June of each year, as prescribed by the church's constitution and bylaws, our congregation votes to elect deacons to serve a three-year term. In preparation for this important election, we plan to share information over the next few weeks that we hope will help you in several ways. First, we hope it will help you know more about the duties and responsibilities of a deacon at ESBC so you will be able to decide if you are willing and able to serve if elected. Secondly, we hope it will help you as you prayerfully discern who to vote for at the election on June 26th.

The term deacon comes from the Greek word *diákonos* meaning servant or minister. In Acts 6:1-6, after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the church began to grow so fast that some believers, particularly widows, were being neglected in the daily distribution of food and alms, or charitable gifts. Also, as the church expanded, logistical challenges arose at meetings mainly because of the size of the fellowship. The apostles, who had their hands full caring for the spiritual needs of the church, decided to appoint seven leaders who could tend to the physical and administrative needs of the church body. The seven people chosen in Acts 6 are never actually called "deacons," but most New Testament interpreters believe they were the forerunners of the officers officially known as deacons later in the New Testament. Here at Earle Street Baptist, deacons are servant leaders who, like the early deacons, are charged with the purpose of serving Christ and the church in many ways.

In First Timothy 3:8-13, the qualifications of a deacon are listed. Take time over the next week to read these verses and these qualifications. Remember that, by the high standards listed in these verses, no one perfectly qualifies. But we should pray for wisdom to vote for people in our church family who most closely reflect these biblical standards.

In addition to the biblical qualifications, our church constitution and bylaws require that members meet certain requirements in order to be eligible to serve. We'll discuss those qualifications and some of the duties of a deacon here at ESBC in next week's newsletter.

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