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FROM THE PASTOR Stephen Clyborne

“It does my heart good.” Have you ever heard or used that expression? When I use that expression now, it takes on a much deeper meaning than it used to. In recent months, I have become acutely aware of the vital connection between one’s physical heart and one’s spiritual heart. What affects one affects the other. After my recent heart surgery, while I was recuperating in the hospital, several medical professionals warned me that depression was one of the common side effects of open-heart surgery. They were right. First, they wanted me to know it was normal to get depressed after the kind of surgery I had; and second, they wanted me to take proactive steps to guard against it so that depression would not hinder, limit, or delay my recovery.

Intellectually, I have observed this reality second-hand. As I watched my own father experience depression after his bypass surgery, and as I have tried to support church members who have experienced heart attacks and bypass surgery through the years, I have seen from a distance how easy it was for them to slip into that deep, dark hole called depression. But over the past several weeks, intellectual knowledge has become experiential knowledge. Depression can be a dark place - - a feeling of worthlessness, hopelessness, and uselessness. And it can be debilitating.

Did you know that there is such a thing as “broken heart syndrome”? The medical name for it is *stress cardiomyopathy*, and it refers to a condition in which the physical heart muscle is actually weakened by non-physiological causes. In other words, the heart muscle weakens not because of blockages, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, or genetics, but because of acute stress that causes enough emotional damage to actually weaken the heart muscle. The physical heart can actually be *weakened* by the emotional/spiritual heart. By the same token, the physical heart can also be *strengthened* by the emotional/spiritual heart.

I have experienced that reality in recent months, and I am learning what “does my heart good” - - both physically and spiritually. Physically, I am on medications, a heart-healthy diet, and a cardiac rehab program. Spiritually, I am reading Scripture, going on prayer walks, listening to sermons, listening to choral music, and staying engaged with my church family in as many ways as I can. Even though I cannot be present in person with you, it “does my heart good” when I:

- Worship with my church family online each Sunday;
- See photos of 120 people (preschoolers, children, youth, and adults) on mission in 14 Operation Inasmuch projects;
- Receive text messages, emails, cards, notes, and gifts from so many of you;
- Sense the power of your prayers for Sylvia and me;
- Watch our church staff, deacons, and other church leaders pulling together to serve and lead our church;
- See my friend and our former pastor, Jim Wooten, step in and serve so effectively in my absence;
- See so many preschoolers and children singing and leading us in worship on Preschool and Children’s Sunday;
- See our church’s overwhelming financial generosity in supporting our church budget and our special mission offerings;
- See our worship attendance remain strong.

Church family, you do my heart good, even when I cannot be with you in person.

I love and miss you all,
Stephen

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.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, May 8
10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Parent/Child Dedication

George Miller Felts, born February 4, 2022

Son of Jordan and Sally Kate Felts

Offertory: Betsy Fee, violin

Anthem: *Like a Mother With Her Children*
 by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

Sermon: "Church Mothers" by Jim Wooten

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Ron Bridwell is our deacon of the week. Ron and his wife, Sandra, have been married since 1969. They have been members at Earle Street since 2002. They have two daughters, two sons-in law, one grandson and three granddaughters, all of which attend Earle

Street. Ron is retired from Engineered Products after working there for 32 years as a Professional Engineer. In addition to being a Deacon, Ron is assistant teacher of the Loaves and Fishes Sunday School Class and also sings in the choir.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Deb Talley

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Evelyn Hinson upon the recent death of her nephew, David Lee Johnson.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of May 1, 2022

Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus.....	204
Virtual	16
Total.....	220

Worship Attendance

On-Campus.....	262
Virtual	317
Total.....	608

BUDGET REPORT

Report for Sunday, May 1, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$25,678
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$25,857
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$462,196
Budget Gifts to Date	\$485,990



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.

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From the Interim Pastor

Jim Wooten – wootenj83@gmail.com

The American holiday we observe as Mother's Day began in church. In 1907, Ann Jarvis held the first Mother's Day worship service in Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia to honor the memory of her own mother who had died two years earlier.

Most of us who have lived through quite a few Mother's Days have probably heard the name Anna Jarvis associated with the holiday. Through her efforts, just seven years later, President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday in May a National Holiday to honor mothers. What most of us do not know is the story Jarvis' mother, the woman whose memory she sought to honor.

Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis was a tireless and selfless woman of faith who made an impact not just in her own children's lives, but in the lives of others. She was what I would call a "church mother." I want to tell you a little bit about her story Sunday... and her story leads me to the story of Tabitha in the book of Acts... and a couple of other "church mothers" from the early pages of the church's history ... who all together can maybe teach us about how to broaden this celebration more in keeping with its original intent.

Where better to be on Mother's Day than in church. I hope you will join us. The sermon is titled "Church Mothers" and Tabitha's story is found in Acts 9:36-43.

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

YOUTH ARE HEADING TO

LOOK UP LODGE

JUNE 5-10TH

Calling all Grads!

ESBC

Class of 2022

GRADUATE SUNDAY
MAY 15, 2022
10:30AM



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

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.

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.

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SENIOR ADULT MAY EVENT

Tuesday, May 17th at 11:00 am
Tour the History Museum of Travelers Rest
Lunch at Whistle Stop Cafe (Dutch)

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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.

If you would like to ride the bus, please contact the church office.

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Earle Street Ringers—What a beautiful job you did on Sunday! Special shout out to Hannah Grace Kincaid, who played nine, yes nine, handbells all by herself! You set the tone for a wonderful worship service! We will take a break for the summer, and start back in the fall. Thank you for a great year of ringing!

Youth Choir and Youth Handbells—We will not rehearse this Sunday because of Mother's Day, but we will meet the morning of May 15 to go through everything before the service that day.

CONNECTIONS PASTOR

The Connections Pastor Search Committee is now accepting resumes. If you know someone who may be led to this position, please refer them to our website's "About" section.

From the Minister Of Preschoolers and Children

Karli Selz (ext. 209) – karli@ESBCgreenville.org

Thank you Jan and Monte McKinney for creating our balloon 100. ESBC's 100th birthday party would not have been the same without it. We are excited to use it again for the Centennial dinner celebration in August!



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



RECHARGE

SUMMER 2022

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS
June 15 - August 17
(No Meetings June 29, July 6, or July 27)

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

For
All
Adults

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.

ESTHER: A Woman of Strength and Dignity

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

For
Women

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

Men's Discipleship Group: Iron Sharpens Iron

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

For
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

Young Men's Life Group

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

For
Young
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.

Moms' Group

6:15-7:00 pm
Room 100
Led by Mary Beth Young

For
All
Mom's

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.