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PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY This Sunday, May 3rd at 10:30 am

You are warmly invited to join us for our Preschool & Children's Service, where our youngest members will help lead us in worship. Come celebrate their joy, faith, and enthusiasm as they share in this special time together!

AN UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Sunday was a productive day, pulling together all of the data we have collected and continuing to draft our Church Profile and the included Pastor Profile. Our report from two weeks ago shared the information gathered from the Congregational Conversations. On Sunday, we synthesized that information with additional insights gathered from interviews of current and former staff. Of course, first and foremost, we confirmed once again that we are not so much "searching" for a pastor as we are eagerly awaiting what God has planned for us.

In next week's newsletter we plan to share our completed Church Profile document with you. At that time we will provide information on how you can submit names of pastors you know who may fit our pastor profile and be willing to consider a move to Earle Street.

Thank you for your continued prayers. We are certainly feeling them!



SUMMER PRAYER PALS

We need 68 prayer pals and have 49 signed up!

We have an incredible summer ahead and would love for our entire church family to be part of it! This year, 35 from our church family are heading to Look Up Lodge, 20 will be serving in the Bronx, and 14 are traveling to Ecuador. Would you consider partnering with us in prayer by signing up to be a Summer Prayer Pal? You'll be matched with a student or adult. You'll be praying specifically for them throughout the summer. That's it! Just prayer!

MEET YOUR PRAYER PAL

Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm

We're also planning a special opportunity for you to connect with each other! Join us on **Wednesday, May 20th for a combined Prayer Pal Mixer and Youth Grad Night**, where you'll get to meet your Prayer Pal! Because some are participating in multiple trips, we need a total of 68 prayer pals. Even if you're going on a trip yourself, we'd love for you to sign up and pray for someone else too!

Become A Prayer Pal

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, May 6th

5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Main Entree

Taco and Salad Bar

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Entree

Dinner Reservations

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, May 3
9:30 am: Sunday School
10:15 am: Worship
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Special Music by the Preschool Choir and
 Young Musicians Choir

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; John 6:1-13
 Sermon Series: *From One Generation to Another*
 Sermon: "Under Construction" by Gary Strickland

From the Interim Pastor

Gary Strickland (ext. 204) – gary@ESBCgreenville.org



EARLE STREET
 BAPTIST CHURCH



From My Heart

Earle Street is a wonderfully generous church, always willing to share its resources with others to advance the kingdom work of God. I am pleased to announce that the deacons voted to extend hospitality to two of our mission partners through the use of our buildings.

The first is the **Greenville Church Without Walls**, with whom we have a long-standing partnership. They have been looking for a new place to meet on Sunday mornings for worship and have not been successful in finding a place of their own that was affordable and in a location that would enable them to grow. Beginning **Sunday, May 10**, Alfred Johnson and the congregation will be meeting in our sanctuary at 8:15 am on Sunday mornings for worship. They will conclude their worship service shortly after we begin Sunday School, allowing our musicians plenty of time to prepare for our service at 10:30 am.

The Sanctuary will be closed during their service. If you normally enter through the front of the church, please use the Welcome Center entrance. We appreciate your flexibility as we open our doors to our ministry partners.

The second mission partner, **Judson Community Partnership**, will begin sharing space this fall when school begins. They provide "opportunities for academic growth, exposure to the arts, and therapeutic healing to youth and families in the Judson neighborhood of Greenville." It is an after-school program for elementary-age children that provides emotional support, along with effective interventions that go beyond what is available in the existing school program. Judson Community Partnership has a proven track record of being a lifeline for the children who participate in its after-school program.

They will be using some of the unused rooms in our children's area several afternoons a week, along with a two to three-week camp in the summer. If you want to learn more about Judson Community Partnership, you can check out their website at: www.judsoncommunitypartnership.com

We celebrate the opportunity to share our space in ways that extend Christ's love into our community and beyond. Thank you for supporting the ongoing ministry happening within these walls—and far beyond.

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Phil Plumblee is our deacon of the week. Phil and his wife, Denise, joined Earle Street in 2014. Phil grew up in the Blue Ridge area of northern Greenville County, where he and Denise still live. He is a respiratory therapist, employed at BonSecour's downtown hospital for the past 41 years. Phil and Denise are the proud parents of Drew (Sarah) and Jordan (Sarah) and the proud grandparents of Abby, John, Lizzie, Carter, Eli, Hudson and Emma. Phil sings in the Sanctuary Choir and serves on the Medical Ministry Team.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report for April 26, 2026

Sunday School Attendance	113
Worship Attendance	
Sanctuary	162
Preschoolers and Children.....	16
Total.....	178
Online Views (as of 4/30/26).....	107

BUDGET REPORT

Report for April 26, 2026

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$15,713
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$7,080
Budget Offering Requirements.....	\$267,115
Budget Gifts to Date	\$202,293
Global Missions Offering	\$10,035



EARLE STREET

VOLUNTEER
Appreciation Picnic

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH
6:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Volunteer Picnic

**XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL
For All Senior Adults!
Thursday, May 28at 11:00 pm**

Kristen Pace from the Upcountry History Museum will give us a brief overview of our history as it relates to the galleries on display at the Museum. From the Native Americans, the Revolutionary War, early growth of Greenville, Textile Mills, World War II to Civil Rights. She will highlight the various changing exhibitions and program offerings. All senior adults are encouraged to attend!

XYZ Reservations

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.

**THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT:
How Walking In The Spirit Impacts
The World In Which We Live And Serve
Adult Winter Discipleship Group
Wednesday at 6:00 pm**

May 6: "Walking in the Spirit Wrap-Up"
Led by Margo Love



SPRING CAMPING
LAKE + TACOS + FRIENDS
LAKE JOCASSEE
DEVIL'S FORK CAMPGROUND
MAY 15-17TH
\$100 PER SITE

CONTACT
LUCY TO
GET YOUR SITE!

SPRING CAMPING TRIP

Join us for our Spring Camping Trip at Lake Jocassee on May 15-17th! The cost for each campsite is \$100 for the weekend. We would love for you to join us. Let Lucy (lucy@esbcgreenville.org) know if you have any questions!



RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring The Nature of God
EARLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
JUNE 7-11



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OPERATION INASMUCH

Our recent Operation Inasmuch Day of Service was truly something special. With hearts ready to serve, more than 75 people from our church family showed up, eager to make a difference. Together, we spread out across eight different projects, each one meeting real needs and sharing God's love in simple, meaningful ways.

What made the day even more special was seeing people of all ages serving side by side—laughing, working hard, and building connections not only with those we served, but with each other. It was a beautiful reminder of what can happen when we come together with a shared purpose.

We are so thankful for everyone who took part, helped organize, or supported Operation Inasmuch in any way. Your willingness to serve made a lasting impact, and it didn't go unnoticed. We're excited to keep this momentum going and continue finding ways to be the hands and feet of Christ right here in our community.





THE REALM CHURCH ONLINE DIRECTORY - YOUR ESBC CONNECTION SIGN UP/SIGN IN

The Connections Team invites and encourages all church families to participate in the Realm Church Online Directory. Get connected, recognize church family from their pictures, and give the new pastor help to recognize each person at ESBC more quickly and easily. Our goal is to have the online Directory as complete as possible by summer.

Options to connect:

- **Do it yourself.** Go to onrealm.org and ask to join. You will receive an email invite from church staff. Accept that and Realm will lead you through the process of setting up your account.
- **Attend a Realm workshop.** Classes currently scheduled -
 - May 13th at 4:00 pm/6:30 pm (before and after Wed night supper and church conference.)
 - Worwill be led by church staff and those working on directory
- **Individual appointments.** Call Kathy Turner at 812-786-0352 (Connections Team co-chair) or the church office to set up a time to meet with someone at the church to personally guide you through the process of setting up your account.

What about pictures?

Pictures will be taken informally. Nothing to buy!

This can be done during a **Realm class, individual appointments or at special picture taking opportunities** to be offered on Sunday mornings before Sunday School (8:45-9:15 am) and after worship (until 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall on May 3, 10, and 17. No need to sign up, just show up. Your picture will be taken and then uploaded to the online directory.

What if I am already in the online directory?

Simply sign in to your account and check your directory listing to make sure all information is correct and that your privacy settings are set to allow church members to access your contact information. You decide what is available. Pictures can be taken at one of the special picture taking opportunities listed above.

What about Security of my information in Realm?

Realm is extremely secure. No one can access the online directory unless they have been approved by the church staff through the invitation process and have set up their own account with a login and password. The directory is a closed system with no access by anyone else.

What if I don't have email or internet access?

You can still participate. Have your picture taken at one of the special opportunity times. Fill out a paper form you will be provided with your contact information and the church staff will see that you are included in the online directory. You will also be provided with a printed copy of the directory made from the online directory so you will have access to the same information available online.

Printed directories can be ordered by online users for a cost to be determined. Online users are, however, encouraged to use the online directory only to keep printing costs down. Print directories will be available sometime in late fall of 2026.

Thank you, Church Family - The Connections Team