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GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION SMALL GROUP LEARNING

Sunday, January 22nd

9:15 - 10:15 am in Sunday School Classes

As part of our Global Missions Celebration, your Sunday School class will have the opportunity to hear from one of our Mission Partners. Check out the list below of classes and speakers. If you are not involved in a Sunday School class, we would love for you to join us this Sunday!

Class	Room	Mission Partner
Young Adults, Pathfinders	FLC	Amber Howell, AHOB
Youth	FLC	Julia Levi, Habitat for Humanity
Early Bird, Round Table, Daily Bread	Fellowship Hall	Jennifer Harrill, United Ministries
Welcome All God's Children	#200	Josh Crocker, Pendleton Place
Sojourners	#201	Glen and Shannon Garner, IMB
No One's Perfect	#202	Margie Drane, IMB
Come and See	#203	Angela McNeal, Heart 4 Schools
Open Door	#204	Joel Thrasher, Greenville Baptist Association
Reflections	#300-A	Martin and Carrie Chappell, IMB
Gleaners	#300-C	JoAnn Johnson, Harvest Hope
Loaves and Fishes	#301	Chelsia Allison, Miracle Hill

GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Sunday, January 22

10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Global Missions Goal: \$50,000 per year

Make plans to join us in worship as we conclude our Global Missions Celebration. Prayerfully consider your offering and bring your pledge cards ready to turn in as an act of worship. Pledge cards will be available in the bulletins if you do not have one. Thank you for joining together to pray, give, and go!

XYZ SENIOR ADULT MEAL AND PROGRAM

Thursday, January 26th

11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Musical Program Presented By:

Wendell Cothran, Soloist

Randy Blackburn, Accompanist

Lunch Menu:

Meat Loaf, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Bean Almondine, Baked Apples, Rolls and Red Velvet Cake

Our very own Wendell Cothran will be presenting through song this month. The program will include stories of: Growing up a Preacher's Kid, A Life Shaped by Family and Church, and A Call to Ministry and Service. Please make your reservation now if you plan to attend the lunch following the program.

XYZ LUNCH RESERVATION

TRANSITION PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sponsored by the Prayer Team

Saturday, February 4th

9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Rev. Al Phillips, Director of Missions for the Greenville Baptist Association, will be our speaker. This will be an important time of prayer and inspiration. While the breakfast is free, please register so we may have an accurate count for food. [Click here to sign up.](#)

HARVEST HOPE FOOD DRIVE

Harvest Hope's mission is to transform lives by feeding the hungry and building a hunger-free tomorrow. During recent cold weather events, Greenville's Harvest Hope suffered serious damage to their facilities and food supply. Our partners let us know that it will take about 4-6 months to make all of the repairs. Their biggest need right now is to get the shelves restocked with food. They are asking their partners to please do a food drive. We're stepping up to the plate! Here is a list of foods they have asked for: **canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned meats, pasta, and peanut butter.** Prayerfully consider donating some of these items to help feed the hungry right here in Greenville. You can drop off your donations in the church office.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, January 22

10:30 am in the Sanctuary

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Global Missions Celebration Sunday*

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

Scripture: Acts 13:36; I Chronicles 16:24-25

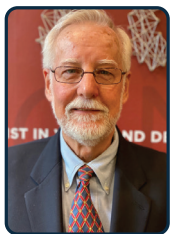
Sermon: "Serving the Purpose of God"
by Duane Ostrem, retired missionary

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Nellie Farnsworth and family upon the recent death of her sister, Dana Sprouse.

Pat Dietz and Kathy Batson and family upon the recent death of Pat's sister-in-law and Kathy's aunt, Jan Dietz.

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 and sons-in-law, one grandson and three granddaughters, and they all attend ESBC! 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.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of January 15, 2023

Sunday School Report

On-Campus	219
Virtual	4
Total	223

Worship Attendance

On-Campus	258
Virtual.....	179
Total.....	437

BUDGET REPORT

Report for January 15, 2023

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$28,873
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$23,103
Budget Requirements to Date	\$86,620
Budget Gifts to Date	\$53,070
Children's Love Offering (AHOB).....	\$471.10

WHILE THE SEARCH CONTINUES

While the Deacons are diligently praying and seeking to find the interim pastor God has for our church, we are blessed to have the following ministers delivering our Sunday morning messages:

Sunday, January 22

Duane Ostrem, retired missionary with the International Mission Board

Our guest speaker this Sunday is retired missionary, Duane Ostrem. Duane, and his wife, Jeanne, worked with a headhunter tribe in Myanmar for 6 years with the International Mission Board (IMB). Following their years in Myanmar, they moved to Thailand where they served for 10 years as Cluster Leader and Affinity Leader for IMB work in Southeast Asia. The Ostrems also served as speaker at large for the IMB for three years before retiring in June of 2020. Duane and Jeanne have been married for 48 years. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

Sunday, January 29

Todd Wilson, retired minister, formerly served at First Baptist Church, Clemson

Sunday, January 29, we are privileged to have the Reverend Dr. Todd Wilson as our guest preacher. Todd grew up in our church and is the brother of Mary Arrowood. He retired from First Baptist Church, Clemson in 2006.

Sunday, February 5

Deb Richardson-Moore

Deb Richardson-Moore is the former pastor at Triune Mercy Center. She is an author, former reporter for *The Greenville News* and graduate of Wake Forest University.

Sunday, February 12

Larry Worley, retired minister and ESBC member

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our offering envelope company is experiencing supply chain issues and will not be able to send envelopes out for January and February. If you would like to have some plain offering envelopes to get you by until then, please contact Gina Conn by email at gina@esbcgreenville.org, or by phone at (864) 233-5332 x 200. Envelopes will also be available in the pew pockets. Thank you for your patience while we work together with the company to resolve this issue.

Online Giving

While using offering envelopes is a great way to give your tithe and offering, another way to give is online! By using this link: www.esbcgreenville.org/give, you have the ability to designate your offering and even setup an automatic recurring donation. Using your Realm account (our church database software) you can also track your giving and register for Wednesday night dinners.

From the Connections Minister

Jay Roland (ext. 203) – jay@ESBCgreenville.org

How dependent are we upon God in prayer? If we're not, I would wager it's because we don't believe that God will actually answer! In Genesis 24, Abraham tasks one of his servants with finding a wife for his son, Issac. The servant is anxious but rides out, obedient to his master's plea. In verses 12-14, we see the servant's desperate prayer. Notice how the servant thinks of God; God is the sovereign Lord, God is the personal God of Abraham, God is the granter of success and the one who shows lovingkindness to His people. Take note too, of how specific the prayer request is, the servant could not be plainer with God. And what happens when the servant cries out to this sovereign, personal, loving God for a specific type of answer? God answers! In fact, God answers before the servant can even finish speaking!

If only all of us were more like this servant! Does God always answer prayers like this? No, of course not. But when we pray as our Lord Jesus taught us to, I believe we will see God work in a new and fresh way. As one of my mentors says, "Prayer is about pulling our boat to God's shore."

Church family, this season in the life of our church should be one of deep prayer. Pray with Autumn and me to our big, powerful, loving God. Pray with us, every day at 12:12 pm, that God's Spirit would make our congregation joyful, hopeful, and patient during this time of transition. Also, be in prayer for our deacons, asking God to direct them to the right interim pastor. You can also begin to pray for our next pastor. Here's what we're praying: Lord, bring us a pastor who loves You, loves Your Word, and that will love this community. One last thing to pray for, pray for Harvest Hope. They are one of the biggest food banks in South Carolina and they recently took a big hit. Let's pray that God will meet every need they have and that God will us in that process.

I hope that I'll see you at all of our Global Missions events, as we pray to the God of the harvest and ask Him to send more workers to do His work all around the world and right here in Greenville, SC.

In Christ,
Rev. Jay Roland

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Youth Choir and Handbells—We got off to a great start last week, even with the holiday weeked. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU
JANUARY 25TH

 Meat and Two	\$8
Baked ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, roll, dessert and drink	
 Grilled Chicken Salad	\$8
Boxed salad with grilled chicken, assorted dressings, dessert and drink.	
 Pizza Meal	\$5
Two slices, dessert and drink	
	\$1
Single slices of pizza	

WEDNESDAY DINNER RESERVATION

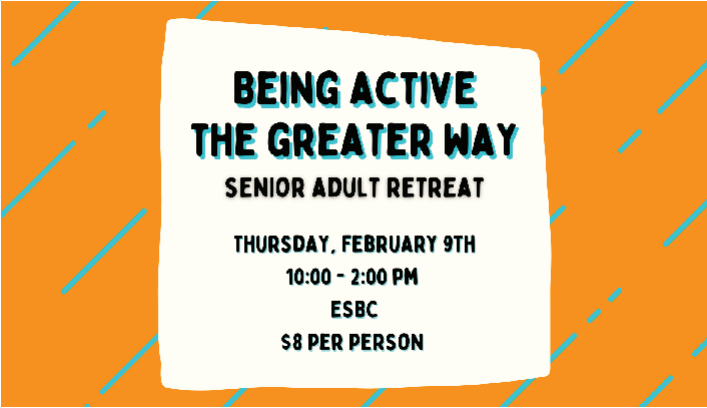
CHURCH CONFERENCE
Wednesday, January 25
6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
No Adult Discipleship Groups

There will be no adult discipleship groups this evening. If you would like to eat dinner prior to church conference, please use the link above to reserve your meal.

EARLE STREET
BASKETBALL SUNDAY
SUNDAY
JANUARY 29TH
8:30 DONUTS + COFFEE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 WORSHIP

NORTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH
TRIP TO THE ARK ENCOUNTER AND
CREATION MUSEUM

Northgate Baptist Church is sponsoring a trip in April to visit the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. Their travel coordinator, Debbie Hudson, has invited members of our ESBC congregation to travel with them. For more details, click here to view the information flyer.



SENIOR ADULT RETREAT
Thursday, February 9
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us as we explore the challenge to Godly activeness and true discipleship in heart, mind, body, and spirit. We will spend four hours of interaction, learning, having fun, eating together, being challenged and encouraged, and saying thanks. Stephen will be with us that day as a special guest. Reservations are required so that we can plan appropriately. The cost for the retreat/lunch is \$8.00 per person and you can register online by clicking on the link below. Reservations must be made by midnight, Sunday, February 6. If you need assistance in registering, please contact the church office.

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT



SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY
Sunday, February 12
10:30 am Worship and Lunch

On this Sunday in February, we will honor our senior adults and recognize the many contributions they make to our church and how they enrich our fellowship. Our senior adults will be leading us in worship that morning. Our Senior Adult Choir, led by Lamar McCarrell, will be singing and one of our own retired ministers, Larry Worley, will be bringing the message that day.

Following the worship service, all senior adults are invited to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The lunch is provided by the church but we request that you register so that we can adequately plan for the meal. You can register by clicking on the link below. Reservations for Sunday's lunch must be made by Thursday, February 9. If you need assistance in registering, please contact the church office.

SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY LUNCH

