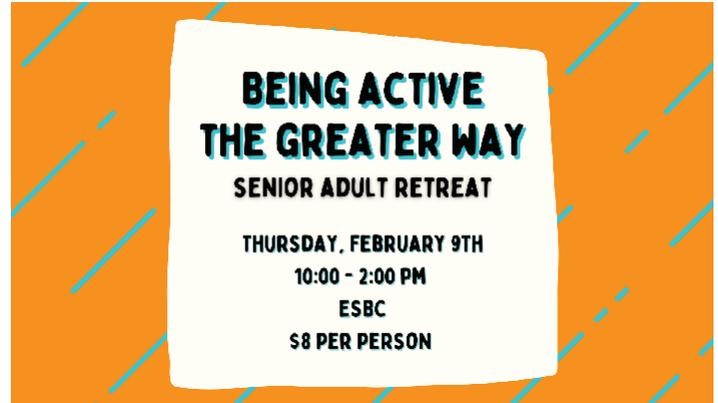


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TRANSITION PRAYER BREAKFAST

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.](#)

PRAYER BREAKFAST

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

BEING ACTIVE THE GREATER WAY

Senior Adult Retreat
Thursday, February 9
10:00 – 2:00pm/Room 300 of ESBC
\$8.00 per person

Join us as we explore the challenge to Godly activeness and true discipleship in heart, mind, body, and spirit. Our focal verses for the retreat are Matthew 22:36-40 and Matthew 28:16-20. We will spend four hours of interaction, learning, having fun, eating together, being challenged and encouraged, and saying thanks.

Our retreat day will include:

- Opportunities to learn more about each other
- “Being Active” testimonies by Wendell Cothran and Judy Lemmons
- Opportunities for Bible study
- Fun with music with Harriett and Lamar McCarrell
- A wonderful lunch provided by Kim Stidham
- Reflections and learnings from the past year with Stephen Clyborne

Reservations are required so that we can plan appropriately. Our lunch menu will be chicken salad, croissants, marinated vegetables, pasta salad, and pear salad. 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 5. If you need assistance in registering, please contact the church office.

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, January 29
10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Basketball Sunday

Anthem: *O God Beyond All Praising* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: 1 Kings 22:1-12, 28a

Sermon: "Discerning God's Word" by Todd Wilson

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Lynne Hobus Margaret Kirby

IN MEMORIAM

SARAH MOSS

May 8, 1924 - January 26, 2023

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Mark Dorsett is our deacon of the week. He has been a member of Earle Street Baptist Church since 2005. Mark and his wife, Robin, have been married for 28 years. They have five children, two sons-in-law, two grandsons, and one granddaughter. In addition to his role as a deacon, he serves on the Prayer Team.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of January 22, 2023

Worship Attendance

On-Campus	241
Virtual.....	165
Total.....	406

BUDGET REPORT

Report for January 22, 2023

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$28,873
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$34,102
Budget Requirements to Date	\$115,494
Budget Gifts to Date	\$87,172
Global Missions Offering	\$1,715

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 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

HARVEST HOPE FOOD DRIVE

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. 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Wednesday, February 1

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

Make your reservation by midnight, January 29th.

Main Entree: Beef Tips with Rice, Green Beans, Broccoli Casserole and Rolls

Salad Entree: Boxed Grilled Chicken Salad with Assorted Toppings and Dressing

Pizza Entree: Two Slices of Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni)

WEDNESDAY MEAL RESERVATION

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements were mailed on Thursday, January 26th. If you do not receive yours or you have questions, please contact Gina Conn at gina@esbcgreenville.org or by phone at (864) 233-5332 x 200.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ABRAHAM INTERFAITH BUILD Greenville County 400th Home

On January 19, 2023, Habitat for Humanity Greenville celebrated the dedication of the 400th home since its inception in 1985. The build was sponsored by the Abraham Build which unites Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Communities to build a home for a family in need. Earle Street joined with Christ Church Episcopal, First Baptist Greenville, and Westminster Presbyterian Church as representatives of the Christian Community. During the build, 10 days were set aside for volunteers from each of the three faith communities to work together and share a noon meal. In the process, 20 members from Earle Street participated in the build. Grateful appreciation is expressed to all volunteers.

In acknowledgement of his long-time commitment to and support of the Habitat for Humanity ministry, Stephen Clyborne was invited to have the opening prayer for the celebration. Extracts from his prayer capture the heart of what Habitat and the Abraham Build are all about.

God of Abraham, we gather today to celebrate Your covenant with Abraham to bless him and to make him a blessing, and to celebrate the amazing opportunity we have had, as heirs of that promise, to keep that covenant alive. Today we are surrounded and overwhelmed by Your beautiful and bountiful gifts - - the gifts of creativity and resourcefulness, vision and leadership, faith and community, unity and diversity, materials and expertise, willing hands, and loving hearts... We give You thanks for all the gifts that You have provided, for the mission that Habitat for Humanity has embraced, and for their careful stewardship of the tangible and intangible resources entrusted to them - making this day of celebration and dedication possible. We offer our gratitude today for the Maria Huerta family who will have the joy of calling this beautiful place home. We pray that this will be a place of peace when life is hard, and shelter when the storms of life come their way. Help us all as spiritual descendants of Abraham to continue to find ways to celebrate our faith and to partner together until that glad day when, at last, we will dwell in *Your* house forevermore. And the praise will be to You, always to You, only to You. Amen.

Next Up: The Faith/Golden Strip Annual Build scheduled to begin in April. Watch for details.

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Youth Choir and Handbells—If you haven't given me your \$25 deposit for Festival By the Sea yet, please get it to me this Sunday. See you then!





GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

Our first Global Missions Celebration is now a wrap! Thank you to all who made it a successful and meaningful experience for our church. From our missionary guests to our last minute volunteers to serve a meal, and everyone in between, thank you so much!

As you think about how you will pray, give, and go in 2023, remember that all our missionaries and local partners appreciate your prayers; there are ways to **go** on the local, national (A House on Beekman), and international levels (Thailand) this year. If you are interested in going, please get in touch with a Missions Cluster member who can help you connect.

You may **give** to global missions throughout the year, and your offerings will be applied to state, national, international, and world hunger offerings in percentages determined by how we have given to the separate offerings in the past. Your gifts will be made to SBC missions as the default, but you may also designate CBF missions as you can designate CBF budget offerings. May our Lord be glorified throughout our state, nation, and world as we keep missions in the forefront of all we do as a church.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING PLEDGES

The theme of our Global Missions Celebration last week was “Pray, Give, Go!”. To fulfill the “give” part of that theme, our congregation was asked to complete a pledge card, showing their commitment to give to missions on a state, national and global level. As of this week, we have received pledges in the amount of \$31,960 - 64% of our \$50,000 goal! This is a great start, and we invite those who were not able to complete a pledge last Sunday to do so this week. There will be pledge cards available in the Welcome Center and outside the Sanctuary this Sunday. You may drop them in the offering plate this week or leave in the church office. You may also give online throughout the year by clicking [here](#).



From the Connections Minister

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

Church Family,

Thank you so much for supporting our first ever Global Missions Celebration! A very special thank you to the Planning Committee: Martha Newton, Rachel Brown, Libby Young, Stephen Clyborne and to the whole church staff! This event would not have happened without that list of people and more.

It was a wonderful week of listening, serving and praying with missionaries around the world and our own mission partners here in the Upstate. If you'd like more information on how you can be involved with our local, national or international missions partners, I'd love to talk with you!

My faith is always greatly encouraged from hearing about how God is on the move around the world and I hope that your faith was encouraged this weekend. ESBC, you've been faithful in the past to pray, give, and go and I know you'll continue to do just that!

In Christ,
Jay Roland



REPORTS FROM CHURCH CONFERENCE

At Wednesday night's church conference, reports were provided by several entities of our church. Russell Young, church treasurer, provided an update on the church's year-end financials. A complete set of financial records can be provided by contacting the church office. The year-end totals for 2022 are provided below.

<u>Year to Date</u>	
Total Budget	1,335,232
Total Expenses	<u>1,233,297</u>
	(101,935)
Total Offerings	1,424,520
Total Budget	<u>1,335,232</u>
	89,287
Total Offerings	1,424,520
Total Expenses	<u>1,233,297</u>
	191,222

Report from the Deacons - Interim Pastor Search

Calder Standridge, chair of the Interim Pastor Search Subcommittee, provided the congregation with information regarding the progress of the search. The subcommittee has been actively reviewing the resumes of potential candidates. These candidates and their resumes were gathered from a variety of sources: 1) Al Phillips, Director of Missions for GBA, 2) our former pastor, Stephen, 3) ESBC church members, and 4) submitted by the applicants themselves. The subcommittee will be conducting interviews Thursday and Saturday with these candidates. Information on the candidates as well as links to one of their sermons has been provided to the entire deacon body and discussion is planned for this Sunday evening at the deacons meeting. Calder asked that the congregation continue to pray for the deacons as they search to find the right person God has planned to serve as our interim pastor.

Report from the Nominating Committee – Senior Pastor Search Committee

David Dalhouse, chair of the Nominating Committee, provided the congregation with information regarding the committee's progress. Per their job description, the Nominating Committee will "gather congregational input, and considering that input, will form a slate of nominations, filling in nominees as needed to represent the diversity of the congregation (demographics of gender, age, position in the church, cluster representation, longevity of membership, etc.). In order to gather congregational input, the Nominating Committee plans to distribute a questionnaire to the congregation, hopefully by Sunday, February 5. The questionnaire will be brief and will be available in both an electronic and hard copy format. David encouraged everyone to participate in this process by completing a questionnaire. He also asked that the congregation continue to pray for the Nominating Committee as they seek to find the members of our church God has planned for this search committee.

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