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FROM THE PASTOR Stephen Clyborne

Many years ago, I went back to Central Baptist Church, my home church, for its centennial celebration, and my mind was flooded with memories. As I heard that old pipe organ play, and as we stood to sing, I was overcome with emotion. I listened as my brothers' and parents' voices blended with mine and I heard in the congregation voices that were cracking with age, but were still beautiful to me. These were the voices of those faithful men and women who had shaped my life and modeled the faith for me. Even the empty seats that morning were significant to me - pews and choir seats that once were occupied by some of the most devoted and faithful Christians I have ever known. It was a day filled with memories.

The guest preacher that day demonstrated an unusual sensitivity to, respect for, and awareness of the sacredness of those memories. As he stood to preach, he led the congregation in prayer and thanked God for memories, for, he said, "they enable us to enjoy roses in December."

In our centennial year as a church, we are reminded over and over again that memories are important. We cannot expect to know where we should go until we first remember where we have been. That is why the Old Testament people used memorials of various kinds to remind them of the significance of certain events. One of the landmark reminders established in the Old Testament was the Passover meal which was to be prepared in keeping with the instructions given in Exodus 12. It was to be a celebration of the time when God brought their ancestors from bondage to freedom, from sorrow to gladness, from darkness to light, and from servitude to redemption. But this was not to be strictly a ritualistic exercise practiced by people far-removed and detached from the events themselves. The Passover celebration was to be a day of remembrance - not just in a historical sense, not just reviewing history, but re-living it, bringing it back out of the past into the present, knowing it again. That is the Biblical meaning of the words that are translated "remember." To remember in the Biblical sense is not just to recall certain facts, but to know them again, to be gripped by them again, to re-live, or in the words of a once-popular song, to "make history young again," and to enjoy the beauty and fragrance of the roses even in December . . . or February.

During 2022, our church is being called to remember the past, without living in it. We must remember it and learn from it, and then move into the future with confidence that the God who has been our help in ages past can be trusted to be our hope for years to come.

CONNECTIONS PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Connections Pastor Search Committee has been formed and is already beginning to meet and pray together. Please keep these Search Committee members constantly in your prayers:

Chip Broome

Ed Hogan

Anna Kay Lord

Taylor McCarthy

Stephen Clyborne

Ministerial Staff representative (ex-officio)

Margo Love

Personnel Committee representative (ex-officio)

SERENDIPITY

Thursday, February 17th

6:00 pm in Room 203

Linda Garner will be our program speaker for February. Linda has been volunteering at Miracle Hill, specifically Shepherds Gate, for many years and will speak about her experiences there and other ways we might be involved. Our mission action project will be to bring bathroom tissue, kleenex and/or Lysol cleaning wipes. Please feel free to bring your dinner that night and eat either before or during the program. Please contact Sylvia Clyborne with any questions.

Blended Family Breakfast

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

8:00 IN THE ESBC FELLOWSHIP HALL

JOIN OUR FRIENDS FROM
GETHEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH AND
PARIS VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH FOR A
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST! BRING
YOUR OWN MEAL. COFFEE AND
JUICE PROVIDED.



There will be no program or agenda - - just a time to gather around tables of fellowship and get to know some new friends from a sister church. Please be in prayer that that God will bless and honor our fellowship as we, together with our "blended family," seek to bless and honor God. Please put this date on your calendar, and plan to join us.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, February 13
10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
by the Earle Street Ringers

Anthem: *Blest Are They* by the Sanctuary Choir

Solo: *Thank You, Lord* by Stephen Clyborne

Scripture: Luke 6:17-26

Sermon Series: A KINGDOM FOR ALL:
Scenes from Luke's Gospel

Sermon: "The Disturbing Signs of Blessedness"
by Stephen Clyborne

DEACON OF THE WEEK



John Love is our deacon of the week. John and his wife, Margo, have been members of Earle Street since 1991. They have two adult children: Ren and Andrew. After a career working at Liberty Life and as a traveling consultant, John is about to retire after completing a rewarding stint working with special needs students at J L Mann High School. John is a member of the Sanctuary Choir and is looking forward to the resumption of preparing soup for the Winter Bible Study. He also serves on the board of the Triune Mercy Center.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Lindsey Keck Kitty Mattos Bill Swartzel

IN MEMORIAM

RALPH AIKEN
May 8, 1935 - February 5, 2022

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of February 6, 2022

Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus	203
Virtual.....	<u>24</u>
Total.....	227

Worship Attendance

On-Campus	284
Virtual.....	<u>400</u>
Total.....	684

BUDGET REPORT

Report for Sunday, February 6, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$25,678
Budget Gifts (this week).....	\$35,348
Budget Requirements to Date	\$154,065
Budget Gifts to Date	\$132,764

WELCOME HOME



Dean and Marilyn Hardister
Dean and Marilyn joined on Sunday, February 6, 2022 by promise of letter from Trinity Baptist Church, Seneca, SC.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Lamar and Harriet McCarrell and family
upon the recent death of
Harriet's cousin, Kenny McLendon.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2021 contribution statements were mailed on January 28th. If you did not receive yours or you have a question, please contact our Ministry Assistant for Finance, Gina Conn, at gina@esbcgreenville.org or 233-5332, ext. 200.



BINGO WITH A TWIST!
Music Bingo with 50's tunes
Tuesday, February 22 - 11:00 am

What is music Bingo? This game is played just like regular Bingo except instead of listening for numbers, you get to listen to some great songs. When a player hears a song which is listed on their Bingo card, they cover it with a token. Sponsored by the XYZ Team, this event will take place in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have snacks for munching while we play and have a great time "rocking around the clock" to some great music! So put on your "Blue Suede Shoes" and come join us!

LIBRARY NEWS

The library has purchased two copies of the book, *Canoeing the Mountains*, the book Stephen mentioned on Sunday that the staff is reading. They will be available for checkout on February 13. Also, a suggestion box is on the table outside of the library. Please place your requests or suggestions inside the box.

**From the Minister Of
 Music and Worship**

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

Acolytes

If your child is a 3rd – 5th grader, and is interested in serving as an acolyte, please contact me at janice@esbcgreenville.org.

Earle Street Ringers

We will rehearse at 8:45 am this Sunday since we will be ringing the prelude in worship. See you then!



WILDFIRE: Roaring 20s
Saturday, March 12th at 7:00 pm
in the Family Life Center

On Saturday, March 12, the actual 100th anniversary of our church, we will be having our annual church-wide fund raiser for youth missions called "Wildfire." If you have participated in previous years, you already know how much fun it is. It is a great way for our church to support our youth who will be participating in missions this summer. But this year, Wildfire will also serve as a giant birthday party for our church. There will be a "Roaring Twenties" theme that will take us back to the time when our church was born. You will not want to miss it. Wildfire tickets go on sale this Sunday, February 13th. You can purchase tickets online at: Wildfire 2022 - An Event to Spark Missions! Tickets, Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite. Be sure to buy your tickets before the deadline. Please see Lucy Wilkinson with any questions.



Earle Street Baptist Church

Centennial Celebration Schedule of Events

More events may be added and some details may be modified. Please visit our web site or send an email to 100years@esbcgreenville.org for more information about these celebration events. We hope you will plan to join us for these celebrations!

March 12 - Wildfire - Roaring '20s: It's A Birthday Celebration Event!

Come join us as we celebrate our actual 100th birthday on Saturday, March 12, at 7:00 pm. The theme is the Roaring 20s and there will be dessert, games and bidding on a variety of wonderful items in our live and silent auctions. This event is sponsored by the ESBC Youth and is a ticketed event with proceeds supporting our youth mission opportunities. Tickets go on sale online February 13 – 27.

March 13 - Centennial Sunday: Celebrating 100 Years of ESBC

On Sunday, March 13, we will have a special Sunday of worship and celebration. In our worship service at 10:30 am, we will be re-living and re-creating the first worship service of the newly constituted Earle Street Baptist Church. Stephen will be bringing a message using the same biblical text used by Dr. W.T. Derieux in March of 1922 under the tent. Before and after the service, there will be historical exhibits around the church and our building will be open for tours. Immediately following the worship service, we will gather on the front steps of the Sanctuary for a panoramic centennial photograph.

April 3 - Celebration Sunday: Janice Hinnant's 27th Anniversary

Sunday, April 3, 2022 is the twenty-seventh anniversary of Rev. Janice Hinnant, our minister of music. In 2020, a celebration was planned that had to be postponed due to the pandemic. Now, two years later, we will finally celebrate the anniversary of our minister of music who has led our music for more than a quarter of a century. Join us at 10:30 am for our worship service where Janice's contributions to ESBC will be recognized. An anthem has been commissioned in her honor, which the combined Youth and Sanctuary Choirs will be performing. All of our choirs will be presenting special music.

Joint Worship Service with Northgate Baptist Church

Our celebration continues on April 3 as we gather with one of our daughter churches, Northgate Baptist, for a joint worship service at 5:00 pm. Barry Jimmerson, the pastor of Northgate, will be preaching as their congregation joins us at ESBC. There will be a joint choir and testimonies from ESBC members who have connections to all three generations of our church: Central (our mother church), Earle Street, and Northgate (our daughter church) as well. Following the joint service, we will enjoy fellowship together in our Fellowship Hall.

"Celebrating 100 Years - 1922 to 2022"

April 24 - 100th Birthday Party Celebration
A Family-Friendly Event

Join us as we celebrate our centennial year in a family-friendly way with a 100th birthday party on this Sunday afternoon in April at 2:00 pm. We will celebrate with cupcakes, games, and lots of fun. All ages are encouraged to attend and everyone is invited to dress like they are 100 years old.

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday Celebration:
Joint Worship Service with Vietnamese Congregations

Pentecost Sunday is the perfect time to hear the gospel in more than one language! We will celebrate with two more of our daughter churches – the Greenville Vietnamese Church and the Vietnamese Blessing Baptist Church - on June 5 with joint fellowship at 9:30 am and worship at 10:30 am. We will sample the cuisine of each other's culture as the Vietnamese congregations provide refreshments along with refreshments provided by ESBC. The music for the service will be presented by the Vietnamese congregations. Tam Van Vo, who has been involved since the Vietnamese congregation began meeting at Earle Street in 1993, will give a greeting and brief review of how our church sponsored the Vietnamese congregation, and how the Vietnamese congregations have changed, relocated, and grown through the years. Stephen will be bringing a brief sermon for both congregations with the assistance of a translator.

Anniversary Celebration Weekend
Saturday, August 20 - Celebration Dinner
Sunday, August 21 - Celebration Sunday

We will complete our centennial celebrations with this special weekend in August. On Saturday, August 20, we will have a celebration dinner and program at 6:00 pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greenville. Our new history book, *A Home to All Who Would Enter*, will be debuted that evening along with the official release of the Earle Street Baptist Church Centennial documentary video. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are limited and will go on sale on Sunday, March 13, 2022.

On Sunday, August 21, our year-long centennial celebration will culminate in worship in our Sanctuary. Dr. James G. Wooten, our former pastor for twenty-one years, will be bringing our message. There will be historical exhibits for viewing throughout our facilities and we will place a centennial time capsule, a legacy to be opened by the ESBC congregations of the future.

“No Place Like Home”
Book Signing Event

A collection of sermons and songs by our pastor, Stephen Clyborne, commemorating 2022 as the church's centennial year, Stephen's twentieth anniversary at Earle Street and fortieth year in full-time ministry. When the book and accompanying CD is released in the Fall of 2022, a book signing will be scheduled.