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## DEACON ELECTION Sunday, June 25th

In June of each year, as prescribed by the church's constitution and bylaws, our congregation votes to elect deacons to serve a three-year term. In preparation for this important election, we plan to share information over the next few weeks that we hope will help you in several ways. First, we hope it will help you know more about the duties and responsibilities of a deacon at ESBC so you will be able to decide if you are willing and able to serve if elected. Secondly, we hope it will help you as you prayerfully discern who to vote for at the election on June 25th.

The term deacon comes from the Greek word *diákonos* meaning servant or minister. In Acts 6:1-6, after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the church began to grow so fast that some believers, particularly widows, were being neglected in the daily distribution of food and alms, or charitable gifts. Also, as the church expanded, logistical challenges arose at meetings mainly because of the size of the fellowship. The apostles, who had their hands full caring for the spiritual needs of the church, decided to appoint seven leaders who could tend to the physical and administrative needs of the church body. The seven people chosen in Acts 6 are never actually called "deacons," but most New Testament interpreters believe they were the forerunners of the officers officially known as deacons later in the New Testament. Here at Earle Street Baptist, deacons are servant leaders who, like the early deacons, are charged with the purpose of serving Christ and the church in many ways.

In First Timothy 3:8-13, the qualifications of a deacon are listed. Take time over the next week to read these verses and these qualifications. Remember that, by the high standards listed in these verses, no one perfectly qualifies. But we should pray for wisdom to vote for people in our church family who most closely reflect these biblical standards.

In addition to the biblical qualifications, our church constitution and bylaws require that members meet certain requirements in order to be eligible to serve. We'll discuss those qualifications and some of the duties of a deacon here at ESBC in next week's newsletter.

## LOCATION OF AEDS AT ESBC

While we hope we never have to use an AED (automated external defibrillator) here at ESBC, It's important to know where AEDs are located on our campus, in the event that there is a medical emergency that requires one. Even if you don't know how to use one, you may be asked to retrieve the AED for medical personnel who are trained to use it.

We have recently added a third AED to the two previously located on our campus. The three AEDS on our campus are located as below:

1. One located in the Family Life Center on the left hand wall as you enter in through the double doors of the lobby
2. One located on the second floor of the main building directly across from the small elevator
3. One located on the third floor of the main building directly across from the small elevator

Next time you are in these areas, look and familiarize yourself with the location of the AEDs. You may be asked to help save a life one day.

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## FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee met Sunday, April 30, 2023 and our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10. We are making progress toward creating a slate of names to recommend for the Senior Pastor Search Committee, and we are continuing to work on filling leadership positions for the upcoming 2023/2024 church year. Please continue to be in prayer for the committee as well as praying over how you will respond if we reach out to you regarding a leadership position.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

The library is now open six days a week! During the week, the library is open from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Check out and returns will be the same as on Wednesdays and Sundays. Just sign your name and the title on the clipboard. Three copies of *Soaring Between Pastors* are available. If you would like to purchase a copy of *No Place Like Home*, two copies are available for \$15 each. Please see Judy Lemmons with questions.

## JOIN US IN WORSHIP

**Sunday, May 7**  
**10:30 am in the Sanctuary**  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*Preschool and Children's Sunday*

Music by the Preschool Choir and Young Musicians

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: "Sitting With Jesus" by Karli Selz

## DEACON OF THE WEEK



**Mary Beth Young is our deacon of the week.** Mary Beth Young and her husband Russell joined Earle Street Baptist Church in 2007. They have two daughters, Emma and Reese. Mary Beth works as an attendance clerk at JL Mann High School. In addition to serving as a deacon, she co-teaches the Daily Bread Sunday School class, serves in the nursery and on the Youth Ministry Committee, and leads the Wednesday night Moms Group.

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Pat Dietz    Kathy Batson

## STAFF ANNIVERSARY

**Lucy Wilkinson**  
May 27, 2003  
20 years

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

**Stuart, Amy and Campbell Moore and family**  
upon the recent death of Amy's father and  
Campbell's grandfather, Al West.

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

**Week of April 30, 2023**

### **Sunday School Attendance**

On-Campus.....	226
Virtual .....	4
Total.....	230

### **Worship Attendance**

On-Campus.....	275
Virtual .....	280
Total.....	555

## BUDGET REPORT

**Report for April 30, 2023**

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$28,873
Budget Gifts (this week) .....	\$14,670
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$519,722
Budget Gifts to Date .....	\$506,770
Global Missions Offering.....	\$26,373

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

**Wednesday, May 10**

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

Make your reservation by midnight,  
May 7th by clicking here.

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

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

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

## From the Minister Of Music and Worship

Janice Hinnant (ext. 202) – [janice@ESBCgreenville.org](mailto:janice@ESBCgreenville.org)

**Youth Choir & Youth Handbells**— You all did such a wonderful job on Sunday! The prelude and the two anthems were just beautiful. I appreciate all of you for being a part of Youth Choir. I know it is a commitment to come every Sunday afternoon for rehearsals, but your hard work and dedication paid off. I also want to thank Hannah Grace Kincaid for accompanying us, and Justin Keck for assisting in choir and handbells. I am so grateful for your talents and your willingness to use them. All of you, along with our wonderful graduates, made our worship service so special on Sunday. Thank you. Enjoy your break, and we will start back in the fall.

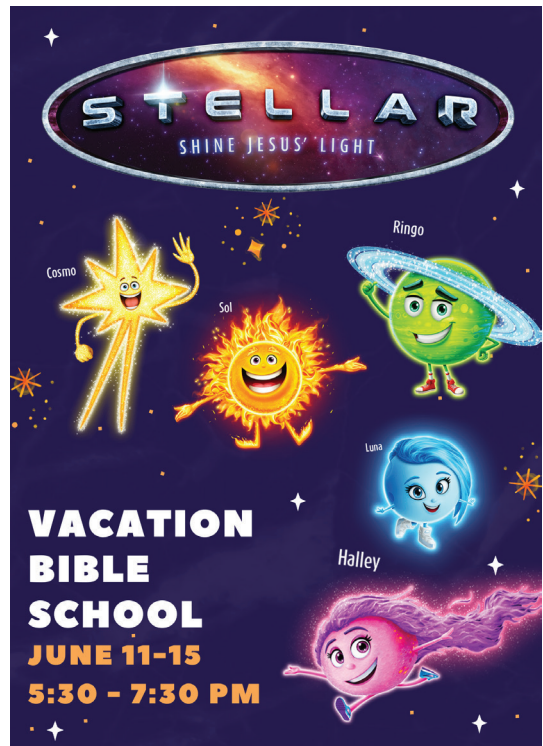
# From the Connections Minister

Jay Roland (ext. 203) – [jay@ESBCgreenville.org](mailto:jay@ESBCgreenville.org)

Wow! We had 133 volunteers show up and serve with us for Operation Inasmuch! That is truly something to celebrate. Breakfast was served, care packages delivered, blankets made, mulch spread, patios cleaned, painting done, yardwork accomplished, scrapbooks put together, and ramps built! Whew, that's a lot! It is amazing what we can do when we do it together! Let's give God all the glory for the ways in which He prepared us equipped us, and enabled us to serve.

Remember what Paul wrote to his protege Timothy, "Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life." (1 Timothy 1:16) We serve a great God! Although we are sinners, He demonstrates His patience in us. He works in us and through us. He is patient with us and allows us to serve with Him. Therefore, let us continually live as examples of love and service so that others may believe in Him!

In Christ,  
Jay Roland



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 11-15

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! To help 'shine Jesus' light' we need extra help to make 'all systems go!' In the Welcome Center area, you will see a display about helping with VBS! Below you'll find a few notes about how you can help! If you have more questions, please reach out to Karli Selz at [karli@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:karli@esbcgreenville.org).

1. **Take a donation option from the board.** Purchase the donation and bring it back to church before May.
2. **Shop from the Amazon Wishlist.** This is the last week! Your donation will be delivered directly to the church. [You can find the link by clicking here.](#)
3. **Sign up to be a crew leader!** Crew leaders make VBS possible. You'll be assigned a small group of children. You get to be their friend, lead them from station to station and be a kid again yourself! There is no preparation necessary.

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## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications are available for members of the graduating class of 2023. In order to qualify, an applicant must be a church member, or a child of a church member, who has been accepted to any accredited college or university. The deadline for submission of the application is May 31st. Please contact Jay Roland at [jay@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:jay@esbcgreenville.org) to obtain an application or for more information.





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Brady Harrison, Garrett Haun, Tink Baker
- 2 - Sandy Peebles, Bobby Elrod
- 3 - Ron Green, Amy Moore, Dana Tettis
- 4 - Vickie Williams, Andrew Harmon, Michael Watts, Magy Payne, Dean Hardister
- 5 - Greg Hammond, Kimberley Eppes, Stuart Moore, John Kincaid, Ryan Conn
- 6 - Allyson Eskew, Wanda Worrell
- 7 - Kelly Solesbee, Etta Rush
- 8 - Lisa Poore, Ricelyn Greer, Kerstin Swindell
- 9 - Lucy Zeiger, Maddie Fields, Hunter Johnson
- 10 - Matt Tatham, Hannah Brewer
- 11 - Catherine Carnes, Clay Wilklow, Jonah Carnes, Racine Cooper, Aleta Woods
- 12 - Tom Campbell, Samuel Arndt
- 13 - Callum Clow, Michael Gates
- 14 - Christina Tankersley, Rynne Powell, Mally Shugart, Ford Simmons
- 15 - Jordan Stanley, Mace Sally
- 16 - Jonathan Blair, Zack Taylor, John Swiger
- 17 - Kathy Higgins
- 18 - David Brooks, Savannah Wilson, Zach Craig, Adah-Vidia Masters, Alisson Ramos-Martinez, Ben Lemmons, Otto Groomes
- 20 - Doug Chapman, Kayla Williams, Becky Callahan
- 21 - Josh Ellenburg, Josiah Rau
- 22 - Al Harrison, Eric Hutchinson
- 23 - Rebecca Bullock, Matti Hammonds, Anna Kay Lord, Deb Harper, Randal Blackburn
- 24 - Joyce Bussey, Denver Lewis, Mary Alic Hendrix, Booker Rapp, Riggins Rapp, Cassandra Nguyen, Hanna Solesbee
- 25 - Rose Middleton, David Hammett
- 26 - Tilda Burgess, Heather Bowers, Butch Blume, Beverly Hawkins, Cyndi Lenderman
- 27 - Shari Copeland, Willie Boseman, Kaye Southerland, Janet Johnson
- 28 - Maria DeZern, Bob Kustra, Lauren Hendrix, Emily Schwanke, Martin Salisbury
- 29 - Donnie Blackwell, Carly Groomes
- 30 - Sue Brooks, Denise Kay, Tommy Wilkinson, Meadors Tanner, Ricky Conte, Aimee Rodgers
- 31 - Austin Harrison, Blake Miller



## SPRING DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Join in ESBC discipleship growth as we “*Spring Into Spiritual Midweek Recharge.*” These groups will meet now through May 31 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. All five groups offer topics and opportunities that will enhance your spiritual growth and daily walk. Our spring Discipleship Groups are diverse as they offer: views of the Gospel of Matthew; discussion of Jesus’ parables; a journey with Joseph from pit to pinnacle; a look at scripture to help with the week’s challenges; and a “be still and know” moment for moms. YOU are welcomed by each group and your participation will help this to be a joyous spring of spiritual renewal and recharge!