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Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, April 2
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 3
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Celebration

Sunday, April 5
9:00 am: Potluck Breakfast
9:45 am: Easter Egg Hunt
10:30: Worship Service
*All are invited to bring flowers to place on
the flowering cross outside the sanctuary.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER Wednesday, April 8th 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Main Entree (\$8)
Chicken and Rice Casserole, Sweet Potato Casserole,
Green Beans

Grilled Chicken Salad (\$8)

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Entree (\$5)

***Please remember to register by 12:00 pm on
Monday, April 6th.***

[Dinner Reservations](#)



EASTER POTLUCK BREAKFAST AND EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 5th
9:00 am: Potluck Breakfast
9:45 am: Egg Hunt
10:30 am: Worship

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a joyful Easter morning together! Bring your favorite breakfast casserole or dish to share (click the link below) as we gather for food, fellowship, and celebration. After breakfast, children are invited to enjoy a fun Easter Egg Hunt—and adults are welcome to follow along and cheer them on!

[Sign Up to Bring a Dish!](#)

XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL For All Senior Adults! Thursday, April 23rd at 11:00 pm

“Celebrating Color in the Garden”

Our very own Jan Hubble and Jan McKinney will share with you samples of garden beauty the Lord created! If you'd like to enjoy the lunch following the program, please sign up at the link below or call the church office.

[XYZ Reservations](#)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6th in observance of the Easter holiday.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, April 5
11:00 am: Worship
Easter Sunday

Anthems: *Day of All Days!* and *Hallelujah Chorus*
 by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Mark 16:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12-26, 51-57

Sermon: "The Day Death Died" by Gary Strickland

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Steve Hester

MINISTER ON CALL

April 3-5
 Lucy Wilkinson
 (864) 270-6436
lucy@esbcgreenville.org

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

JANICE HINNANT
 April 3, 1995
 31 years

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday School Attendance

Sunday School..... 116

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary146

Preschoolers and Children..... 17

Total..... 163

Online Views (as of 3/19/26)..... 76

BUDGET REPORT

Report for March 29, 2026

Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$15,713

Budget Gifts (this week) \$8,100

Budget Offering Requirements.....\$204,264

Budget Gifts to Date\$155,465

Global Missions Offering.....\$8,645

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Noellen Groff is the deacon of the week. Noellen grew up in Earle Street Baptist Church. She and her husband, Eddie, have two daughters and two grandsons. She chairs the Wedding Committee, teaches children's Sunday School, rings in the Earle Street Ringers, and sings in the Sanctuary Choir.

DEACON NOMINATIONS TO BE RECEIVED MARCH 22 - APRIL 5

The deacon election process began on Sunday, March 22nd. Nominations should be submitted no later than April 5. Members of our church are invited and encouraged to nominate those whom they believe would be good candidates to serve as deacons for the coming term of service. A sample nomination form is included in this newsletter. Please review it carefully to note the eligibility requirements and the qualifications of those elected to serve.

There are two ways to submit the forms: online or in-person at the church. To nominate online, please click below. To nominate in-person, written forms will be available in the Welcome Center, Fellowship Hall and Vestibule and can be submitted in one of two secure lock boxes. You may nominate as many candidates as you choose, but please use one form for each individual nominee.

After confirming the eligibility of each person nominated, the Committee on Deacon Nominations (CDN) will invite all those who have been nominated to an informational meeting. At this meeting, responsibilities and qualifications of deacons will be outlined, questions will be answered, and candidates will have the opportunity to indicate if they are willing to serve if recommended by the CDN and elected by the church.

[Deacon Nomination Form](#)

SPRING CAMPING

LAKE + TACOS + FRIENDS

LAKE JOCASSEE

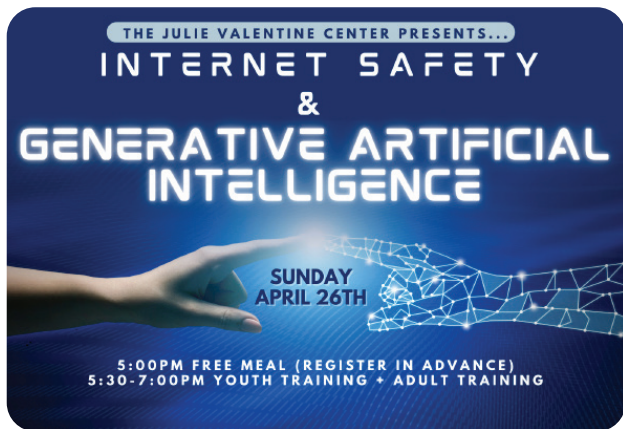
DEVIL'S FORK CAMPGROUND

MAY 15-17TH

\$100 PER SITE

CONTACT
 LUCY TO
 GET YOUR SITE!





INTERNET SAFETY TRAINING

Sunday, April 26th

5:00 pm: Free Dinner (Please register below.)

5:30 - 7:00 pm: Training

The Julie Valentine Center will be leading our youth and adults through Internet Safety Training and Generative Artificial Intelligence. This training is open to youth and adults of all ages. Childcare will be provided if there is interest. More details will be provided soon. If you plan to join for the free meal before training, please sign up below. You may also call the church office at 864-233-5332.

Internet Safety Training

Food Drive to Support



We invite you to prayerfully consider donating the following items:

- Rice, pasta, dry beans, and lentils
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Canned proteins (tuna, chicken, beans)
- All purpose flour
- Cooking oil and basic spices (sugar, salt, garlic powder, etc.)
- Baby formula and diapers
- Culturally diverse, shelf-stable foods

Collection will be in the Welcome Center.



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.



OPERATION INASMUCH

Saturday, April 25th

Inspired by Gospel of Matthew 25:40 — “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” — Operation InAsMuch is all about turning our faith into action. This is a church-wide opportunity to step outside our walls and serve others in practical, meaningful ways.

This year, we are offering seven different service projects, giving everyone a chance to participate in a way that matches their gifts, interests, and abilities. Whether you enjoy hands-on work, encouraging others, organizing, cleaning, or building there is a place for you!

We will be serving Chick-fil-A biscuits at 8:00am. Please sign up for breakfast so we will have a good count for breakfast.

In the afternoon, we will host a cookout from 2:00–5:00 pm at a local apartment complex in partnership with The Church Without Walls. We encourage you to sign up for a morning service project and then join us for this special time of fellowship and outreach in the afternoon.

Please click the link below to view all available service opportunities and sign up. We look forward to serving together!

OIAM Breakfast Reservations

OIAM Projects



40 DAYS OF PRAYER
March 22 - April 30

Will you commit to praying during our 40 Days of Prayer? You can access the daily prayers here or on our social pages, pick up a copy in the office or click below for the prayer guide.

Day 15 – April 5: “I won’t die—no, I will live and declare what the LORD has done... This is the day the LORD acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!” (Psalm 118:17,24) Christ has risen! He has risen indeed!
Pray that the PSC will continue to act with humility, respecting and loving one another as they go about their work.

Day 16 – April 6: “I will sing to the LORD, for an overflowing victory!” (Exodus 15:1) You have opened the gates wide for us, Loving Christ. May we press on to freedom with you.
Pray for PSC member, Steven Rau, that God would grant him wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility. Pray for the Rau family and all of Steven’s other responsibilities.

Day 17 – April 7: “The enemy said, ‘I’ll pursue, I’ll overtake, I’ll divide the spoils of war. I’ll be overfilled with them. I’ll draw my sword; my hand will destroy them.’ You blew with your wind; the sea covered over them. They sank like lead in the towering waters.” (Exodus 15:9-10)
Pray that we will patiently await God’s timing as the pastor search process continues to unfold.

Day 18 – April 8: “Oh Mary, don’t you weep, don’t you mourn / Pharaoh’s army got drowned / Oh Mary, don’t you weep!” (Traditional Spiritual)
Pray for PSC Co-chair, Amy Moore, as she and Wayne lead the PSC. Give them wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility as they lead.

Day 19 – April 9: “And last of all he appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time.” (1 Corinthians 15:8) We trust that you have planted us where you want us, almighty King. May we now do the work you have prepared for us.
Pray for a sense of God’s peace among the PSC, even in times that may seem chaotic or busy.

Day 20 – April 10: “Again, I will build you up, and you will be rebuilt, virgin Israel. Again, you will play your tambourines and dance with joy.” (Jeremiah 31:4) We look to work with you in building your kingdom, Lord God.
Pray for PSC Co-chair, Wayne Turner, as he and Amy lead the PSC. Give them wisdom, strength, perseverance and humility as they lead.

Day 21 – April 11: Lord, grant us rest. Thank you for demonstrating its importance.
Pray for a fresh wind of God’s Spirit to blow throughout our life as a congregation, renewing us and inviting us into God’s work all around us.



SUMMER PRAYER PALS

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? Simply click below to sign up, and we'll match you with a student or adult and provide a short bio so you can be praying specifically for them throughout the summer.

We're also planning a special opportunity for you to connect! Join us on **Wednesday, May 13th for a combined Prayer Pal Mixer and Youth Grad Night**, where you'll (hopefully!) get to meet your student in person. Because some are participating in multiple trips, we need a total of 55 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

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026!

ESBC GRAD EVENTS

GRAD SUNDAY SUNDAY APRIL 26 10:30AM & **YOUTH NIGHT** WEDNESDAY MAY 13 6PM

CONTACT LUCY BY 4/12 TO PARTICIPATE!

TRIUNE MERCY CENTER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

We had an amazing group of people serve at Triune this past Sunday. We had five kids, seven youth and sixteen adults! What a great turnout to serve our neighbors at Triune. A special thank you to Jan for the cupcakes. They were a real treat. We served BBQ Chicken, pasta salad, baked beans, rolls and cupcakes. We are thankful for those always willing to serve others.

If you would like to become part of the Triune Mercy Center team or find out more information about when they serve and prepare meals, please contact Harry Hayes at doublehbruiser@yahoo.com or Bill Smith at mr.billsmith@gmail.com.

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

- April 8: "Walking in the Spirit of Goodness"
Led by Gary Strickland
- April 15: "Walking in the Spirit of Faithfulness"
Led by Bob Walker
- April 22: "Walking in the Spirit of Gentleness"
Led by Wayne Turner
- April 29: "Walking in the Spirit of Self-Control"
Led by Gary Strickland
- May 6: "Walking in the Spirit Wrap-Up"
Led by Margo Love

The Greater Way Fund was established in August 2024 to be used for additional funding for current mission partners, mission emergencies, spontaneous needs that arise or new mission opportunities. The Mission Vision Council has been tasked with evaluating opportunities presented by mission partners and other non-profits.

If you believe that your organization would benefit from The Greater Way Fund, please click the link below and fill out the request form. We will prayerfully consider your organization's mission and request. Thank you for the work that you are doing.

The Greater Way Fund Request

SAMPLE 2026-2027 DEACON NOMINATION FORM

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Those eligible for election must be at least 21 years of age, have been a church member for no less than two years, and must be on the active church roll. Deacons who are rotating off will not be eligible for election for one year. Deacons serving unexpired terms will be eligible for re-election. Staff members and their immediate family (parents, children, spouses, and siblings) will be ineligible for election.

While we recognize we are all flawed, imperfect people, in constant need of God's grace, we ask that as a spiritual leader, a deacon of Earle Street Baptist church should strive to be:

- A **committed follower of Christ**, growing toward a mature faith;
- **Actively involved** and participating in the life of the church, using one's gifts through appropriate service in the church;
- Committed to **seeking God's vision for the church**, have the interest of the whole church at heart, and working to help the church carry out its vision and mission;
- A peacemaker within the congregation, **seeking unity in Christ**;
- Demonstrating a life of **positive personal witness** to all they meet;
- Demonstrating a **consistent witness in their home life**;
- **Practicing stewardship** of time, talents, testimony, and treasure;
- **Temperate** in all areas of one's life;

(Scriptural basis for deacon ministry: Acts 6:1-4; Romans 12:1-8; Romans 16:1-2; 1 Timothy 3:8-13)

In addition to staff members and their immediate families, the following people are **INELIGIBLE** for nomination because they are currently serving either as a Deacon or on the Committee for Deacon Nominations or have a spouse who is a Deacon.

D=Deacon, S=Spouse, C=CDN

Chuck Adams (C)	Monte McKinney (D)
Brittney Clow (D)	Jan McKinney (S)
Dana Collier (D)	Keith Merck (D)
Neil Collier (S)	Stuart Moore (D)
Curtis Dobbins (C)	Martha Newton (D)
Randy Ellenburg (D)	David Newton (S)
Miriam Ellenburg (S)	Denise Plumblee (S)
Noellen Groff (D)	Phil Plumblee (D)
Helen Hewitt (D)	Grey Register (D)
Jan Hubble (C)	Rebecca Register (S)
Derek Lord (D)	Bill Smith (C)
Anna Kay Lord (S,C)	Calder Standridge (D)
John Love (D)	Donna Walker (C)
Joyce McCarrell (D)	Libby Young (D)
	Kurt Young (S)

The following people are currently serving as a deacon but are **ELIGIBLE** for nomination because they are currently service an unexpired term:

Linda Kirkland

Bob Walker

Nomination for Deacon:

Why I believe this person would serve well as a deacon (optional, but encouraged):