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FROM THE PASTOR Stephen Clyborne

There is no way I could have prepared for the upheaval I have experienced in recent weeks. And I cannot imagine having gone through all the trauma without the loving support of a church family like you. As Sylvia and I watched the Easter service by live stream in my hospital room, our hearts were filled with emotion - - joy that the church was thriving and vibrant, but sorrow that we could not be there in person to celebrate Easter with this church family that has been our spiritual home for twenty years. I so much wish I could respond individually to each one of your expressions of love and support. We have literally been overwhelmed by the depth and magnitude of your love for us, and we wish we could figure out a way to express our love for all of you in return.

Specifically, I want to thank our wonderful staff for serving and leading our church so effectively and faithfully during these challenging times. As hard as it may be for you to believe this, I have not been worried about our church at all - - partly because I have been so completely in a fog, but mainly because I have such confidence in our staff. They are the sisters I never had, and I am the brother they never wanted. Janice, Karli, Lucy, and Denise, I love you all more than I can tell you.

I am also beyond grateful that Jim Wooten has agreed to step in and serve our church during this unsettling time. Jim, along with our other staff ministers, will bring our church stability, security, and continuity. We will all benefit greatly from Jim's longstanding relationship with our church, his love for our church, his wisdom, his preaching, and his pastoral ministry. I believe it is providential that Jim is back home at Earle Street for all of our centennial celebrations, especially since he played such a vital role in our church for more than one-fifth of our church's history, but also for such a time as this. Thank you, Jim.

But I am also thankful for the way our deacons, committees, and the entire church family have stepped up to care for each other and support each other during these extraordinary times. From a distance, I have watched you all pull together like never before; and while I would have preferred for that to have happened some other way, I am thankful for a church family that is united around a shared determination to focus on what matters the most.

Now that I am home from the hospital, and have entered the next phase of my recovery, I wanted to use what little bit of strength I have to give thanks to God and to you for your constant love, support, concern, emails, text messages, cards and notes, gifts, and most of all for your prayers that are being answered every day in ways big and small.

I love you all,
Stephen

INTERIM PASTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

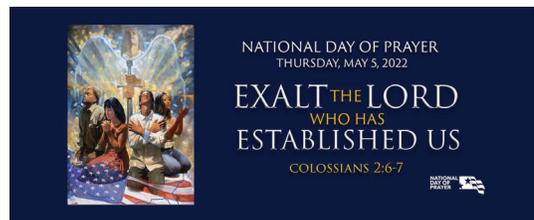
The Deacons and Personnel Committee are pleased to announce that Jim Wooten has agreed to serve as an interim pastor for us during Stephen's absence. His duties will be primarily preaching and visitation. This will begin first week in May and continue for 3 months. We were excited to welcome Jim and Becky back into the ESBC family earlier this year and are grateful to Jim for agreeing to step out of retirement for a few months to serve us once again.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WEEKEND

August 20 and 21

Banquet Tickets On Sale Now!

On Saturday, August 20, we will have a celebration dinner and program at 6:00 pm at the Embassy Suites Greenville Golf Resort and Conference Center on Verdae Boulevard. Our new history book, *A Home to All Who Would Enter*, will be debuted along with the official release of the Earle Street Baptist Church Centennial documentary video. This is a ticketed event and tickets are limited so get yours early! You may purchase tickets by clicking here.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 5, 2022

This Year's Theme: Exalt the Lord,

Who has Established Us

Key Verse: Colossians 2:6-7

On Thursday, May 5, 2022, citizens of the United States will exercise their freedom to worship and pray in observance of the annual National Day of Prayer. The Prayer Team encourages you to set aside a time on that day to intercede on behalf of our world, our country, our communities, our churches, and our families. The theme this year is based on Colossians 2:6-7 which says, "Exalt the Lord, who has established us."

Plan to set aside 30-60 minutes so you will have time to pray for all of these concerns. You are welcome to come and pray in the prayer room any time during the regular church office hours. There has never been a time when there has been such a need for prayer in our country and our world.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, April 24th
10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Second Sunday of Easter
Preschool and Children's Sunday

Music: by the Preschool Choir, Music Makers,
and Young Musicians

Scripture: John 20:24-29

Sermon: "The Manner in Which You
Respond Matters" 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 Preschool Council, and leads the Wednesday night Moms group.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Richard Hubble Deb Talley Betty Worrell

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Jack and Kay Trayhnam on the recent death of Jack's sister, Marcelle Cobb.

Randy, Miriam, and Josh Ellenburg and Olivia Martin upon the recent death of Miriam's sister-in-law and Josh and Olivia's aunt, Vickie Weiss.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of April 17, 2022

Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus.....	252
Virtual	17
Total.....	269

Worship Attendance

On-Campus.....	417
Virtual	191
Total.....	608

BUDGET REPORT

Report for Sunday, April 17, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$25,678
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$53,589
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$410,841
Budget Gifts to Date	\$447,844

IN MEMORIAM

CAROLYN GILES

February 16, 1940 - April 17, 2022

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Our Goal: \$10,000
Received to Date: \$9,591
Still Needed: \$409

THANKS TO DEBBIE BLUME!

On April 15, Debbie Blume celebrated fifteen years as the church pianist and music assistant. She accompanies the Sanctuary Choir and directs the Young Musicians. She has brought so much to the music ministry of this church. She is very professional, always prepared, and is a lot of fun, as well. She has brought the Young Musicians Choir to a new level, and she is one of the most gifted accompanists with which I have ever worked. Debbie has an innate sense of just what the music needs, and she plays with great feeling. She is always willing to do any task asked of her. We are so fortunate to have her here at Earle Street, and we look forward to many more years together!

Janice Hinnant

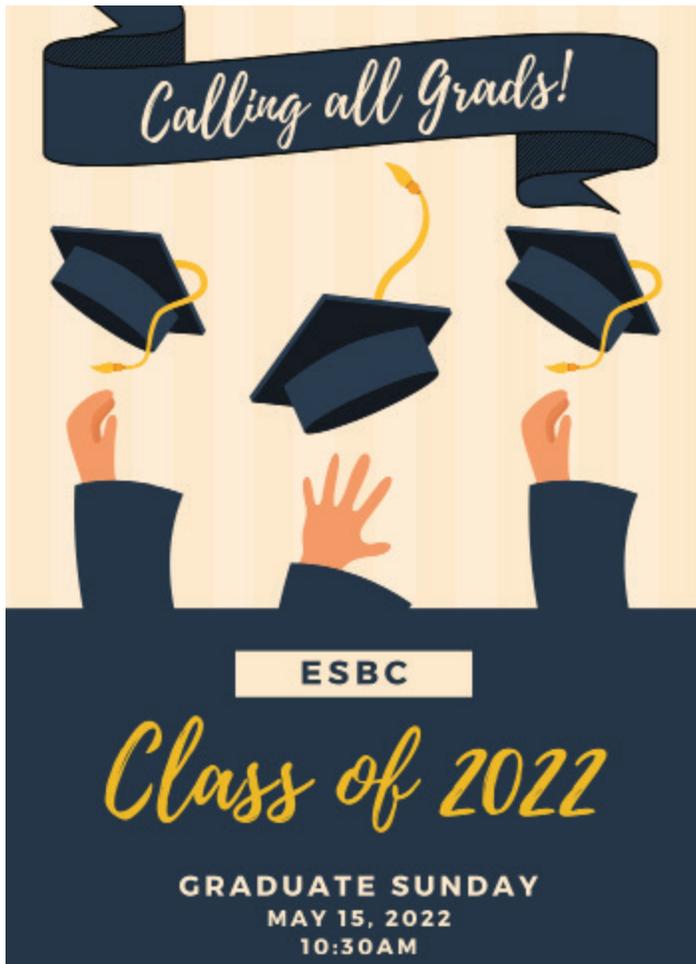
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Happy Birthday ESBC!

JOIN US APRIL 24TH AT 2 P.M. IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL AS WE CELEBRATE
100 YEARS OF EARLE STREET WITH GAMES,
TREATS, AND FUN!

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO DRESS LIKE
THEY ARE 100 YEARS OLD!





From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Youth Choir and Youth Handbells—This Sunday is our last rehearsal before Youth Sunday on May 15. It is very important to have everyone here. See you Sunday!

Earle Street Ringers—This will be our last rehearsal of the year. See you Sunday!

FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Our amazing staff is standing in the gap during Stephen's absence and we are eager to encourage and help them out a bit by providing lunch for them twice weekly, beginning next week and throughout the summer. Lunches will be enjoyed by Janice, Denise, Lucy, Karli, Ellen, and Gina.

To help out, please use this link to sign up for a time: <https://mealtrain.com/mqke83>. There you can choose a date, read the delivery instructions, and see what others have brought on previous days. If you prefer not to use Meal Train, just email your choice of dates to Margo Love at MLLove2000@aol.com.

We do request that you respect the staff's time and not contact them to ask about individual menu choices – they will be happy with whatever you choose!

Lunch does not need to be home-cooked or elaborate. Sandwiches, salads, burgers, soups, etc. are fine. If you are picking up fast food lunch for yourself or your family, just add more for the staff. If you are going to church at lunch time on a Tuesday or Thursday, check to see if a meal has been signed up for and if not, pick up something last minute. It is also fine to order meals to be delivered if it's inconvenient for you to go by the church. Thank you so much for your willingness to help!



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications are available for members of the graduating class of 2022. 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 Denise Plumblee to obtain an application and for more information.

CONNECTIONS PASTOR

The Connections Pastor Search Committee is now accepting resumes. If you know someone who may be led to this position, please refer them to our website's "About" section.

From the Minister Of Preschoolers and Children

Karli Selz (ext. 209) – karli@ESBCgreenville.org

EASTER EGG HUNT

Thank you so much for everyone who donated eggs, candy, and time for our Easter egg hunt! Check out some pictures from Easter below!

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

April is volunteer appreciation month, so we will be loving and celebrating our Preschool and Children's volunteers throughout the month! We will be supplying a catered breakfast, snacks, and drinks to all our volunteers each Sunday in April. We also have a photo booth and thank you note section for you and your children to write cards, draw pictures of appreciation, color bookmarks, and take pictures to give our volunteers at the end of the month. We are so excited to celebrate our volunteers a little extra for the month of April and hope you will join us in celebrating them!

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the change of schedules and summer arriving, we need volunteers in each of our classrooms. Preschool and children volunteers operate on a team schedule where each person picks the dates that work best for them. Our volunteers usually help one Sunday a month unless they prefer to help more. We are currently looking for volunteers for the summer months (June-August). This could be a great time to see if this type of volunteering is your thing or not, anyone can do anything for 1 Sunday a month for 3 months (that's only three hours of your life)! If you are interested in helping with any of the below positions, please email me! We will also be looking for new church year volunteers soon, so be on the lookout for that!

Babies and Toddlers

- 2 volunteers for 9:15
- 2 volunteers for 10:30

K2 & K3

- 1 volunteer for 9:15

K4 & K5

- 1 volunteer for 10:30

Preschool Coordinator

- 3 volunteers for 9:15
- 4 volunteers for 10:30

Children (1st - 5th Graders)

- 1-2 volunteers for 4th and 5th grade Sunday School
- 1-2 volunteers for Children's Worship at 10:30

