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BASKETBALL SUNDAY & CHILI COOKOFF

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Sunday, January 25th

Join us as we recognize our basketball players during our worship service and celebrate with our annual chili cookoff immediately following the service. All are welcome to attend. If you'd like to bring a pot of chili please sign up at the link below. Bring your items to the Fellowship Hall before church.

[Chili Cookoff Sign-Up](#)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

ESBC Coffee Meet

Sunday, January 25 - 2:00 pm

Cohesive Coffee

301 Airport Road,
Greenville

Join us for
some coffee
and casual
conversation!



ESBC COFFEE MEET

Coffee meets return this month as we kick off 2026! Join us on Sunday afternoon, January 25, for the caffeine of your choice and light conversation. No agendas. Always laughter. Reach out to Denise Plumblee with any questions.

**DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE
FOR NOELLEN GROFF**
Sunday, January 25, 5:00 pm

Reception following the service

SAVE THE DATE

GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

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February 4-8, 2026

Our Global Missions Celebration is coming soon! Because we are a missional church, the work we do in community and around the world is a very intentional part of who we are, and we are excited to celebrate together February 4-8. Please plan to be a part of all the activities of the week.

Wednesday, February 4: Kickoff at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary, table displays following for adults, teens, and children. Make a reservation, and join our guests for dinner at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Meet our guests and learn more about what we can do and are doing in our community and around the world.

Thursday, February 5, 11:00am: XYZ will host Annette Ellard, CBF, Kentucky, who will speak to the group regarding her refugee work. If you are staying for lunch, please make a reservation.

Thursday, February 5: Some classes hosting a guest for dessert and an informal time of Q & A in the evening.

Saturday, February 7, 5:30pm: Family-friendly Missions Banquet featuring Henry's Barbecue. Sign up online or by calling the church office and bring your family and friends! Enjoy an evening of fun around the table with our guests and hear from a guest panel who will take your questions and share their experiences and prayer requests.

[Banquet Reservations](#)

Sunday, February 8: Guests in Sunday School and worship. Children participating in worship and an opportunity to pledge your missions gifts for 2026. Alfred Johnson, Greenville Church Without Walls, will be our guest speaker.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, January 18

9:15 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Anthem: *Write Your Blessed Name* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Sermon: "Already Gifted" by Deb Richardson-Moore

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Sunday School Attendance

Sunday School..... 128

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary132

Preschoolers and Children..... 15

Total..... 147

Online Views (as of 1/15/26)..... 92

BUDGET REPORT

Report for January 11, 2026

Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$TBD

Budget Gifts (this week)\$6,705

Budget Offering Requirements..... \$TBD

Budget Gifts to Date.....\$25,088

Global Missions Offering\$645

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

RANDY BLACKBURN

January 17, 2021

5 years

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, January 21st

5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Main Entree (\$8)

Roast Beef, Rice and Gravy, Broccoli Casserole,
Red Velvet Cake

Grilled Chicken Salad (\$8)

Grilled Chicken Salad with Assorted Toppings

Pizza Entree (\$5)

Two Slices of Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni)

Please remember to **register by 12:00 pm on Monday, January 19th**. This deadline is to give our caterer an accurate headcount.

Dinner Reservations

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Dana Collier is our deacon of the week. Dana has been a member since 1993. She and her husband, Neil, were married at Earle Street the same year. They are delighted that their daughter, son-in-law and grandson, Elizabeth, Johnny and Andrew Rhodes, live in downtown Greenville. Dana has served as a church office administrator/ministry assistant for 30 years. She loves her NOP Sunday School class and singing second soprano on the back row of the choir. Dana is a member of the Greeter team and the Personnel committee. She enjoys music, theater, football, shopping, traveling, and meeting new people.

GUEST PREACHER

The Rev. Deb Richardson-Moore is the retired pastor of Triune Mercy Center, a mission church in Greenville that brings homeless, working poor, middle-class and wealthy parishioners into community. Triune was also a co-founder Jasmine Road.

Deb is author of a memoir, *The Weight of Mercy*, about her early years as a pastor among the homeless. Lion Hudson, her publisher in England, then published her Branigan Powers mystery series, which is set against the backdrop of a homeless encampment. She has also written other mysteries—*Murder, Forgotten, Through Any Window*, and *The Last Beach Town*.

During her years at Triune, Deb received multiple honors, including an honorary doctorate from Furman University in 2021, and United Housing Connections' Humanitarian of the Year Award in 2020.

A graduate of Wake Forest University and Erskine Theological Seminary, Deb lives with her husband in Greenville. They are the parents of three grown children.

XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL

For All Senior Adults!

Thursday, February 5th

XYZ will once again help ESBC Celebrate our Missions Program! Annette Ellard from CBF Kentucky will speak to our group about her work with refugees. All are welcome to attend the meeting and stay for the lunch after. If you plan to eat, please sign up by clicking below or calling the church office.

Please note the change in date. There will be no XYZ meeting in January due to the Global Missions Celebration.

XYZ Reservations

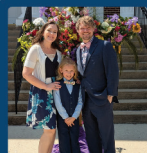


PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE NOMINEES



Margo Love

Margo was born into the cradle roll at ESBC, but moved away with her family in 1964. In 1991, she and her new family came back home to Earle Street so their children could grow up here as she did. She has been active in supporting our mission, working in each of the clusters. Currently she is active in the N.O.P. Sunday School class and keeping babies during worship. Margo is excited about seeing God's plan unfold in the bright future of Earle Street Baptist Church.



Amy Moore

Amy and her husband, Stuart, met at Wake Forest University School of Divinity and married after she graduated in 2008. They moved to the upstate in the fall of 2013 and joined Earle Street the following summer. In 2017, their son Cam was born. Amy enjoys working from home for Together Women Rise, a nonprofit working towards global gender equality. Around Earle Street you can find her co-leading the Daily Bread Sunday school class, rocking babies in the nursery, and singing in the choir.



Denise Plumblee

Denise and her husband, Phil, have been members of ESBC since 2014. She served on the staff of Earle Street from 2010 to 2023 in the area of administration. Denise currently serves as the church administrator for Pelham Road Baptist Church. She serves as an usher, on the Outreach Team and on the Personnel Committee. Denise and Phil have two sons, two daughters-in-law and 7 (the perfect number!) grandchildren. She enjoys all things Disney, listening to audiobooks/podcasts, and spending time with the grands.



Steven Rau

Steven Rau is a member of Daily Bread Sunday school class and sings in the Earle Street Baptist Church choir. He has been attending ESBC since 2014 with his wife Julie, son Josiah, and daughter Chloe. He is a certified public accountant with Acuity Taxes & Consulting. Steven has a degree in Religious Studies from Lawrence University and a Master's of Professional Accountancy from Clemson University. His favorite Bible verse is Matthew 13:33: "He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'"



Grey Register

Grey and his wife Rebecca joined Earle Street in 2017. They have 2 young children, Luke and Jack. He works in data science and analytics. Grey is a deacon, a co-leader of the Daily Bread Sunday School class and serves on the Mission Vision Council as well as the liaison to United Ministries & GOAL Justice in the missions cluster.



Meredith Smith

Meredith has been a member of Earle Street since 2006. She sings in the choir and is one of the teachers for the Daily Bread Sunday school class. She has previously served as a deacon and as a member of the nominating committee. She is currently the Sunday school coordinator and enjoys volunteering in the nursery and with vacation Bible school.



Wayne Turner

Wayne Turner grew up in Marion Co., SC. He attended North Greenville (AA), Campbell (BA) and SBTS (MDiv, DMin). Wayne and Kathy have two children, Jennifer & Wilson. Wayne served as pastor at 3 churches in Indiana and one in Illinois. The last 12 years of working, he was a board-certified hospice chaplain in southern Indiana. Wayne sings in the choir, chairs the Senior Adult Ministry Council, co-chairs the Connections Team and the Discernment Team, is our Canterbury liaison, helps with VBS and is a Paraclete Team member.

CHURCH CONFERENCE Wednesday, January 21st 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

- Budget Discussion
- Pastor Search Committee Vote

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE NOMINEES

The Nominating Committee prayerfully submits this slate of nominees to be voted on at the January 21st Church Conference at 6:00 pm.

Wayne Turner, Chair
Amy Moore, Co-Chair
Meredith Smith
Grey Register
Steven Rau
Margo Love
Denise Plumblee

If you are unable to drive at night and attend the Church Conference and wish to vote, you may absentee vote during regular church office hours.

2026 BUDGET PROCESS

On Sunday, January 18th, the proposed 2026 budget will be presented to our congregation without discussion. The proposed budget, along with summary notes, will be handed out at the end of the worship service. These materials will also be made available on the church web site. On Wednesday, January 21st, at 6:00 pm, we will have our regular church conference with a time for discussion and questions regarding the proposed 2026 budget. On Sunday, January 25th, our church will vote on the proposed budget during the morning worship service. Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, February 1st.



OPERATION INASMUCH Saturday, April 25

**OPERATION
INASMUCH**
A Compassion Revolution

Mark your calendars and get excited! Operation Inasmuch is happening on April 25, 2026!

Operation Inasmuch is a worldwide ministry that mobilizes churches to serve the "least of these," and at ESBC, we are passionate about living out our calling to serve others and experience the joy that comes from it.

On April 25, you'll have multiple opportunities to make a real impact by serving alongside our ministry partners throughout the community. Have an idea for a project you'd love to lead? Reach out to Rebecca Register at rregister@greenville.k12.sc.us—she'd be thrilled to help you bring your idea to life!

**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**

January 21: Church Conference

January 28: "Walking in the Spirit of Joy"
Led by Libby Young

February 4: Global Missions Celebration

February 11: "Walking in the Spirit of Peace"
Led by Stuart Moore

February 18: Ash Wednesday Service

February 25: "Walking in the Spirit of Patience"
Led by Margo Love

**EARLE STREET KIDS
Wednesday Night Activities**

New year, same amazing Wednesday night fun! Our Midweek gathering will have the theme of Snow: New Beginnings for the month of January. Just like fresh snow makes everything look clean and new, God gives us a fresh beginning that is much deeper. Snow will become a symbol of forgiveness, renewal, and new beginnings.

5:00 pm: Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm: Preschool Choir (Room 100)
Young Musicians Choir (Choir Room)

6:30 pm: Midweek Activity Group (Room 100/101)



**WILDFIRE
Saturday, March 7th**

Save the date for our annual youth fundraiser, Wildfire, on Saturday March 7th! This year we're once again partnering with VBS as we head into the rainforest for a fun night!

If you have a new or antique item valued at \$25 or more that would be a great addition to

our silent auction, we would love to include it. Donations help make this event a success! Please contact Lucy at lucy@esbcgreenville.org if you're interested in donating. Thank you for supporting our youth!

**From the Minister Of
Music and Worship**

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

Youth Ensemble and Youth Handbells—We got off to a great start! All the music we are doing is for our trip to the Gather and Praise Festival on February 27 – March 1. I will be sending more information to you soon. See you on Sunday!

**TOY & BOOK
COLLECTION**

Children's Love Offering

Throughout the month of January.

Cleaning/organizing to start the new year with a tidier home? Want to donate those items but don't know where? We are here to help!!

Bring your toys and children's books to church and we will get them to
The Church Without Walls!!



**The
Storyteller**
author of all things

July 19 - 23, 2026

**Ridgecrest Conference Center
Ridgecrest, NC**

Centrikid is a high-energy, intentional, gospel-centered overnight camp for 1st - 6th graders. Their mission is to help kids experience the time of their lives and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ.

More details of the fun to come.

Save the dates:

Informational meeting January 18.

\$100 deposit due January 25.

Pay Centrikid Deposit

DAILY PRAYER GUIDES NOW AVAILABLE

The ESBC Daily Prayer Guide for January - June are now available. You may find these at each door this Sunday or online at the link below. Join us each day as we pray together.

[Daily Prayer Guide](#)

JOIN US FOR YOGA

Every Monday morning at 9:00 am, we host a beginner-friendly yoga class for ladies (and occasionally a few gentlemen!) focused on flexibility and muscle strengthening. If you'd like to join or have any questions, please reach out to Jan Hubble at 864-414-5952.

THE GREATER WAY FUND

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](#)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT EARLE

Ushers—We need more ushers for worship. Must be able to smile, say hello, walk while carrying an offering plate, and in general, be friendly and helpful.

Greeters—We need more greeters before Sunday School, and especially after Sunday School. Must be able to smile, say hello, walk guests to either a Sunday School class or the sanctuary, and in general, be friendly and helpful.

If you have any interest or any questions concerning either of these positions, please contact Janice at janice@esbcgreenville.org, or (864)233-5332, ext. 202.



Valentine's Bake Sale
Wednesday February 11 from 6-7
Sunday February 15 from 9-following service
At Earle Street Baptist Church Welcome Center

Get something sweet for your sweetheart!
Our children will have all kinds of delicious homemade treats for you to shop from. The money they raise will go towards their summer camp trip to CentriKid.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us in sharing the joy
of faith with the children
of Earle Street!!

JOIN THE FUN!

Opportunities to serve:
-Sunday Mornings
-As little as 1 hour, 1 Sunday
a month.
-Wednesday Nights
-Special Events



[Volunteer with Earle Kids!](#)

CHILDREN'S
LOVE
OFFERING

CHILDREN'S LOVE OFFERING

On Sunday, January 11th we collected \$418.24 to purchase toys and books for Greenville Church Without Walls.