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FROM THE PASTOR Stephen Clyborne

I am so excited and eager for you to meet John "Jay" and Autumn Roland (and their baby girl, soon to be born), and welcome them to our church. After much prayer and careful consideration, the Connections Minister Search Committee is recommending that Jay serve as our Connections Minister. As soon as the Search Committee began to meet months ago, I began to pray one specific prayer - - that we would all be in agreement, and that God would make it clear to all of us who our Connections Minister should be. With the calling of Jay. Roland, I firmly believe that prayer was answered.

Jay is joining our staff at a pivotal time in the life of our church as we move into the second century of our church's history, and I believe God has equipped him with the training, gifts, and experience he will need to fulfill his responsibilities. He will have one main focus (connections) with several different dimensions:

- Connecting people with God, through faith in Jesus Christ (spiritual growth)
- Getting people connected to our church, creating as many entry points as possible
- Keeping people connected to our church by engaging them online and in person
- Connecting people in our church with each other (fellowship)
- Connecting our church to the world around us (missions)

It's a big job, and an important one, especially in this season of our church's life and ministry.

But Jay is up to the challenge. As his resume shows, Jay was born and reared in Clinton, SC. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Theology from Anderson University, and will complete his Master of Divinity degree at Clapp Divinity School at Anderson University in the Spring of next year. He is currently on staff at New Prospect Baptist Church in Anderson, where he has served for the last five years. He has solid credentials, practical experience, a strong sense of vocation, a great personality, and a lot of excitement about this opportunity. Oh, and he plays pickleball!

Join me as we enthusiastically welcome J., Autumn, and their daughter, to Earle Street. Do all that you can to make them feel at home. And above all, pray for them as they enter this exciting chapter in their life together as a family, and in our life together as a church.

THANK YOU

My words are failing me as I try to express my deep gratitude to Jim Wooten, our interim pastor, for his effective preaching and pastoral ministry in my absence. It was providential indeed that Jim and Becky re-joined our church when they did, and it has been such a gift to all of us to be able to hear him preach again Sunday after Sunday. Knowing that he was taking care of our church gave me tremendous comfort and peace of mind while I was out. As he did in the 1980s, once again in the history of our church, Jim came to us at just the right time - - this time, during our centennial year. I am so thankful that he was able to preach for the service when our Vietnamese daughter churches worshiped with us on Pentecost Sunday. He was able to renew old friendships and tell the story of our churches' interconnectedness in a personal way that no one else could have. And, since Jim is our only living former pastor, and the pastor who has had the longest tenure, to have him preach on August 21 will be a fitting culmination of our year-long centennial celebrations. He and Becky have invested so much of their lives in our church through the years, and our church owes them a deep debt of gratitude. Thank you, Jim, for being my pastor during this difficult season of life, and for all you have done to give spiritual care and guidance to our congregation through the years, and most recently, for the past three months.



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.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, July 24
10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem: *Tune Our Hearts to Sing* by the Sanctuary Choir;
Butch Blume, guitar and Justin Keck, fiddle

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

Sermon: "The Change Agent" by Jim Wooten

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Barbara Malone

WELCOME HOME



John and June Bellamy

John and June joined on
Sunday, July 17th
by promise of letter
from First Baptist Church,
Toccoa, GA.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of July 17, 2022

Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus.....	202
Virtual	<u>11</u>
Total.....	213

Worship Attendance

On-Campus.....	206
Virtual	<u>226</u>
Total.....	432

BUDGET REPORT

Report for Sunday, July 17, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$25,678
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$40,191
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$744,649
Budget Gifts to Date	\$736,016

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Calder Standridge is the deacon of the week. Calder is a native of Greenville and graduate of The University of South Carolina. After spending twenty years in the service industry, Calder became a sales representative for Republic Nation Distributing Co. In addition to being a Deacon, Calder also leads Children's Worship Service, coaches girls basketball, works in the Imagination Station during VBS, and serves on the Centennial Celebration and Ordinance Committees. Calder enjoys spending time with his daughter Scarlett and cheering on the Gamecocks and Atlanta Braves.



From the Interim Pastor

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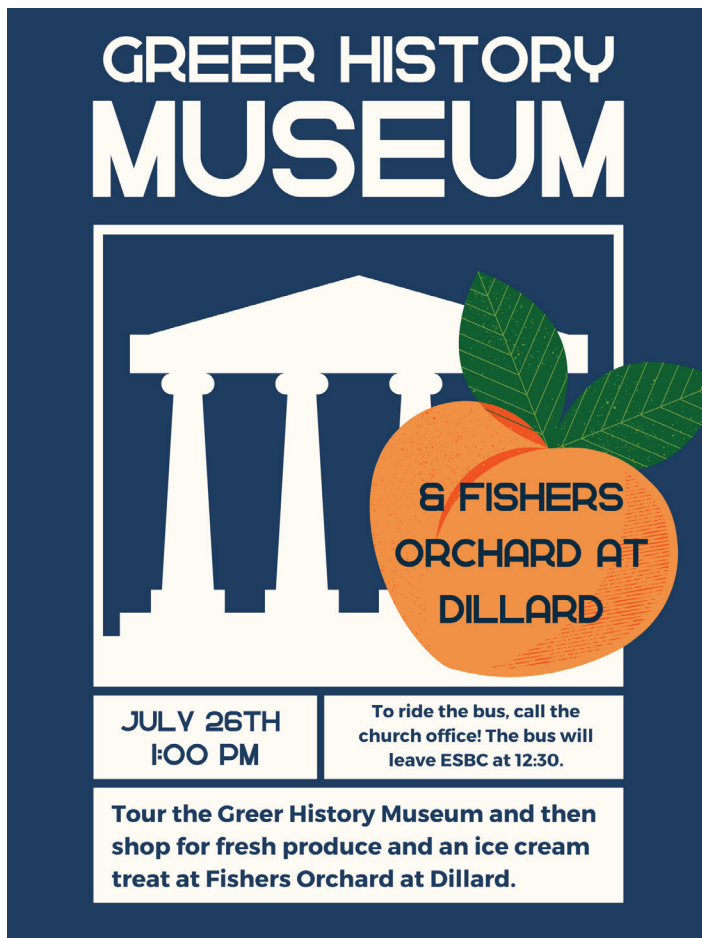
As my three-month tenure as Interim Pastor comes to a close, allow me to express my gratitude for the opportunity to once again serve this church that I hold dear. Hopefully, I have been a help in some small way during a time of uncertainty and need. I know that you have been a help and an encouragement to me.

This experience has been an honor and a privilege. It has afforded me the chance to catch up on old friendships, to establish new relationships, to put names and faces together a little faster than I would be able to under normal circumstances, and to feel a little bit useful, which is always a boon in days of retirement. One of the real blessings has been to see up close the dedication and resourcefulness of our ministerial and support staff. They are a great team.

It is heartening to know that Stephen will be resuming his duties next week, right on schedule (maybe even a little ahead of expectations). That is an answer to a multitude of prayers- including my own. While all will be relieved to have Stephen back in the pulpit, none will be as relieved as I am. While I have enjoyed my involvement, I am looking forward to beach vacation plans and then a long-awaited European tour – so, I wanted you to know ahead of time that I did not just “disappear.”

I will preach my last “official interim sermon” this Sunday (and the previously scheduled sermon for the big end-of-the-Centennial Celebration on August 21). Now, before sailing into the sunset, I thank you for your support and encouragement – to me and to Becky- during this unexpected duty.

I cannot wait to see what the days ahead will bring to us all. God bless you on the journey!



XYZ JULY OUTING Tuesday, July 26th 1:00 pm

Join us for a tour of the Greer History Museum at 1:00 pm followed by a trip to Fishers Orchard at Dillard for fresh produce and...ice cream! Please bring cash for produce and ice cream. If you would like to ride the church bus, please contact the church office to reserve your spot. We will leave ESBC at 12:30.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD WORKDAY OPPORTUNITY Saturday, July 30 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

A home for Jaymi Montgomery and her three sons is nearing completion. Work on the 2022

Faith/Golden Strip Coalition Build will conclude with **landscaping** on July 30. The work is scheduled from 8:00 am - 2:30 pm with lunch provided. 10 - 20 volunteers are needed. Contact Ed Hogan (ehoganbnc@gmail.com) to reserve a place!

Watch for information on the 2022 Abraham Build scheduled to begin Sept 7.



SUMMER REPORT This Wednesday, July 27th 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall

No regular Wednesday discipleship groups

Curious about what our children, youth and adults have been up to the summer? Join us this Wednesday for the Summer Report. We will hear from groups that participated in the trip to LookUp Lodge, The Bronx Mission Trip and CentriKid Camp. Grab your meal from the food truck and then join us in the Fellowship Hall!

FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS Wednesdays // 5:30 - 7:30 pm July 27: Project Host

Grab dinner before our Wednesday activities and then eat at our picnic tables or inside in the Fellowship Hall!

Fries \$5
Greek Fries \$7
Kids Pasta Marinara \$7
Mediterranean Salad with Chicken \$11
Caprese Sandwich \$10
Lamb Gyro \$11
Bakery Treat \$3





BOOKBAG AND SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION Now through August 7

It's hard to believe but school in Greenville County will start in less than a month! And while shopping for a new bookbag and school supplies can be an exciting time for some children, there are others who will begin school without these necessary supplies.

This year we will once again collect bookbags and school supplies for the children supported by the Greenville Church Without Walls. Pastor Alfred Johnson's goal for this year is to distribute 100 bookbags with supplies. Will you help with this effort?

Large containers are available on the 1st and 2nd floors to collect these bookbags and supplies. The first day of school is Monday, August 15 so the bookbags and supplies will need to be distributed the week of August 8 - 14.

Please join us in making the start of a new school exciting for these children!

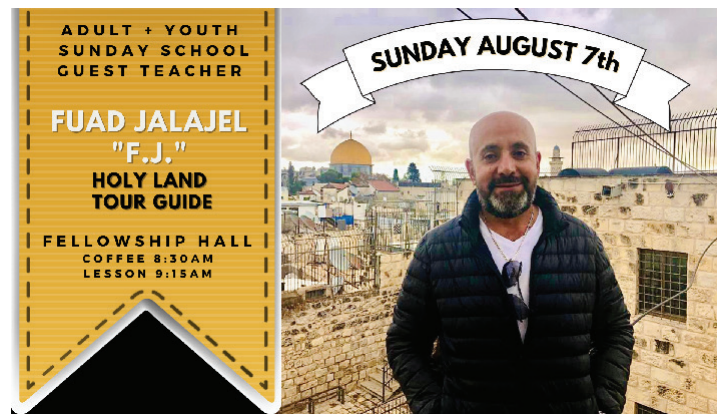
From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Last Sunday in worship, we sang a hymn that I love, *Rescue the Perishing*. It is a hymn written by Fanny Crosby in 1869. She wrote it after a conversation with a young man she met at a service in The Bowery in New York City. The reason I love this hymn is because the third stanza (yes, those little known third stanzas), is one of my favorite hymn stanzas of any hymn. When we sang it in worship, I asked Debbie and Randy not to play when we sang it, so that by singing it a cappella, we might focus more on the words.

*Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore,
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more.*

May we all be vessels of grace, love, and kindness.



We are so excited to welcome our friend and brother, Fuad "FJ" Jalajel, to South Carolina and to ESBC on Sunday August 7th. FJ is an Israeli tour guide that leads our groups and many others on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

We will have coffee and light refreshments at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and then FJ will teach all youth and adult Sunday School classes at 9:15 am. In addition to teaching, FJ is bringing an assortment of Holy Land items that will be available for purchase.

We hope you will all plan on joining us in welcoming FJ and learning more about this special place where so many Biblical events took place.

LIBRARY NEWS

Vacation time is here! Many good books are in our library! Stop by to check out one (or a few!)

- *The Freedom of Self Forgetfulness* by Timothy Kellerby
- *A Widow's Journey* by Gayle Roper
- *Ultimate Bible Atlas: Maps, Charts and Reconstructions*
- *It's Never Too Late* by Kathy Lee Gifford
- *The Case for Heaven: A Journalist Investigation*
- *Evidence For Life After Death* by Lee Strobel



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