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A Note from Jim Wooten Interim Pastor

Dear Earle Street Family,

I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as the Interim Pastor of this church that is so dear to my heart during the time of Stephen's on-going recuperation from his heart attack and subsequent open-heart surgery. I hope and trust that my service during these next three months will help to ease his mind as he focuses on what we all anticipate will be a full and speedy recovery, that it will supplement the good work of the capable members of our staff and lighten their burden, and that it will provide some measure of normalcy and stability to the congregation as a whole.

My responsibilities have been outlined as primarily pastoral (as opposed to administrative), so I will be doing things like preaching, sharing some of the visitation load with the other ministerial staff members, conducting funerals and special services as requested (like weddings and baby dedications), and continuing and concluding my Wednesday night Bible study class.

While I know that many or most of your requirements can best be met by the permanent staff, I do want to be available for any Pastoral needs that may arise during this interim period. I will primarily utilize Tuesdays as well as Wednesday afternoons for appointments and my days for visitation, but I will be available for other times, as needed. Don't hesitate to reach out. Please call the church office, and they will get you in touch with me to schedule an appointment or to share any pastoral care needs you (or others you know) may have. We don't want anyone overlooked or any need to not be addressed. All staff have my cell phone number for any emergency.

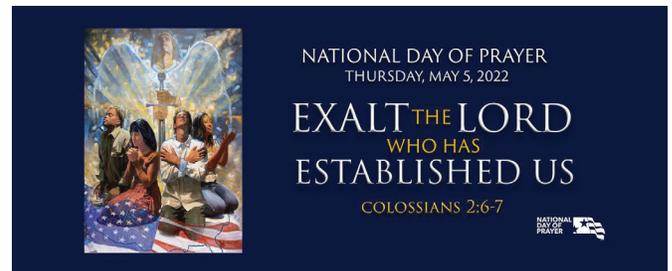
I know many of you already, and I hope to find opportunities to learn as many people in the church as I can during these next few weeks and to find ways to connect with you in various activities. So, feel free to reach out to me. Be patient if I miss a name- I'm not as young as I used to be and I never was that bright; but I want to be a friend and a help and leave things in as good of shape as I can for when Stephen is back in the saddle.



We all love Stephen so much and want to do everything we can to help him through this time of recovery. Since he is unable to have a typical "meal train," we have decided to give him an "encouragement train!"

There will be a box in the church office where you can drop off encouragement for Stephen and Sylvia. This can be in the form of letters, signs, or gift cards...so he can buy all the fruits and veggies at Publix! You can also email encouraging videos to Lucy at lucy@esbcgreenville.org featuring yourself, your kids, etc. Feel free to do this more than one time over the next few months!

We will then take his encouragement to him each week so that he will have at least one reminder per day of how much we love and support him.



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, May 1
10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude: *Old Time "Hallelujah" Religion*
 by the Earle Street Ringers

Anthem: *At Calvary* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Acts 28:23-31

Sermon: "Unhindered" by Deb Richardson-Moore

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Richard Hubble Deb Talley

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Mark and Carol Leaphart, Gee-gee Camarda and Jimmy Mann on the recent death of Carol's mother and Gee-gee and Jimmy's aunt, Margaret Ann Mann.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of April 24, 2022

Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus.....	208
Virtual	<u>25</u>
Total.....	233

Worship Attendance

On-Campus.....	417
Virtual	<u>191</u>
Total.....	608

BUDGET REPORT

Report for Sunday, April 24, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$25,678
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$12,289
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$436,518
Budget Gifts to Date	\$460,133

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Mary Arrowood is our deacon of the week. Mary Arrowood is our deacon of the week. She and her husband, Glenn, have been married since February of 1970. They have been members of Earle Street since 2011 and are members of the NOP Sunday School Class. Mary is an usher, works with Operation

Christmas Child, and is on the Prayer Team. She and Glenn have 2 sons, Stephen and Brian. Stephen is a pharmacist in Greenville, SC and Brian and his wife Valerie live in Hunstville, AL. They had a daughter July 16, 2021 making Mary and Glenn grandparents.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Garrett Huan, Tink Baker
- 2 - Bobby Elrod,
- 3 - Ron Green, Amy Moore, Dana Tettis
- 4 - Michael Watts, Magy Payne, Dean Hardister
- 5 - Greg Hammond, Stuart Moore, John Kincaid
- 6 - Wanda Worrell
- 7 - Kelly Solesbee, Etta Rush
- 8 - Lisa Poore, Sarah Moss, Ricelyn Greer
- 9 - Lucy Zeiger, Maddie Fields, Hunter Johnson
- 10 - Hannah Brewer
- 11 - Catherine Dowdy, Clay Wilklow, Jonah Carnes, Racine Cooper, Aleta Woods
- 12 - Tom Campbell, Samuel Arndt
- 13 - Callum Clow, Michael Gates
- 14 - Christina Tankersley, Mally Shugart
- 15 - Jordan Stanley, Mace Sally
- 16 - Zack Taylor, John Swiger
- 17 - Luna Riley, Kathy Huggins, Mike Shelnutt
- 18 - Savannah Wilson, Adah-Vidia Masters, Zach Craig, Ben Lemmons
- 20 - Doug Chapman, Becky Callaham
- 21 - Josh Ellenburg, Josiah Rau
- 22 - Eric Hutchinson
- 23 - Rebecca Bullock, Anna Kay Lord, Deb Harper, Randal Blackburn
- 24 - Denver Lewis, Mary Alice Hendrix, Booker Rapp, Riggins Rapp, Cassandra Nguyen, Hanna Solesbee
- 25 - Rose Middleton, David Hammett
- 26 - Butch Blume, Beverly Hawkins, Cyndi Lenderman
- 27 - Kaye Southerland, Janet Johnson
- 28 - Ramsey Hardin, Maria DeZern, Martin Salisbury, Lauren Hendrix, Emily Schwanke, Bob Kustra
- 29 - Donnie Blackwell, Carly Groomes
- 30 - Sue Brooks, Tommy Wilkinson, Meadors Tanner, Ricky Conte, Aimee Rodgers

OPERATION INASMUCH 2022

“Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.”
Philippians 2:4

Inasmuch Day

On April 23, our congregation participated in Operation Inasmuch, a one-day missions blitz in our community. The purpose of this one-day event is to equip, motivate and provide opportunities for our church family to obey the biblical mandate to minister to the “least of these.” There were fourteen projects organized with opportunities for all ages and skill levels. Over 120 volunteers gave up their Saturday morning to participate and serve through these projects. The day was filled with hard work, new friends, lots of laughter and finding true joy by serving others.

Inasmuch Life

While this one-day missions event is a great opportunity to learn about ministries in our community by participating in hands-on projects, the opportunities to serve continue after Inasmuch Day is over. The Bible instructs us to look not to our own interests but rather to the interests of other – not just on one day but every day. It should be our desire to live the “inasmuch life”, seeking to serve our neighbors in need on an ongoing basis, through a lifestyle of compassion.

Mission Opportunities

There are a variety of continuous and ongoing mission opportunities to participate in throughout the Greenville area. Our plan is to make our congregation aware of these opportunities to serve so we can all begin to live the “inasmuch life.”

“The best way to do ourselves good is to be doing good to others;
the best way to gather is to scatter.”
Thomas Brooks



From the Minister Of Administration

Denise Plumblee (ext. 211) – denise@ESBCgreenville.org

WITH GRATITUDE

On Sunday mornings, as our congregation arrives for Sunday School and worship, they are greeted not only by members of our Greeters Team but by the off-duty deputies who serve with our church. We are blessed to have four deputies who work to help keep our congregation and campus as safe as possible. But these deputies are also greeting our guests, opening car doors, and assisting members who have mobility challenges. Deputies James Miles, David Durham, Melissa Dirton, and Nate Jordan are part of our ESBC family.

Two of these deputies are celebrating anniversaries with us this spring. Deputy James Miles has served with us for ten years. You can normally find James at the Welcome Center doors, greeting and helping folks as they arrive for worship. Deputy David Durham has served with us for five years now. In addition to roaming the building and campus, David is stationed outside of the sanctuary during worship services.

All four of these deputies are an integral part of our safety system and have assisted our Safety Team and Medical Ministry Team on numerous occasions. Please join me in thanking all four of them and especially expressing gratitude to James and David for their milestone years of service with us!

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Preschool Choir, Music Makers, and Young Musicians—What a wonderful job all of you did in worship last Sunday! You have worked hard every week, and you sang so beautifully! Thank you for being part of our choirs! I especially want to thank our choir directors and leaders who are so important to making this possible: Amy Moore, Holly Holtzclaw, and Elizabeth Johnson; Rosemary Cureton, Paula Hayes, and Anna Kay Lord; and Debbie Blume, Hannah Grace Kincaid, Brantley Shugart, and Phil Plumblee. Thank you all so much for your dedication to these children and this church! We are finished with preschool and children's choir rehearsals until fall.

Youth Choir and Youth Handbells—We will not rehearse the next two weeks, but we will meet the morning of May 15 to go through everything before the service that day.

Earle Street Ringers—We will meet at 8:45 am this Sunday. See you then!

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!

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.

HAMPTON STATION

white duck taco shop + CRAFT AXE THROWING

COLLEGE + GRAD EVENT

SUNDAY MAY 15
3:30PM UNTIL...
TACOS & AXE THROWING

RSVP TO LUCY
864-270-6436