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**OPERATION INASMUCH**  
Saturday, April 27

On Saturday, April 27, we will spend the day in our community helping other organizations and people with missions projects. This is a great way to get involved and meet new people: both inside and outside our church! There will be projects for every age group and every skill group. Click the link below for more information about the projects and to sign-up!

- **Breakfast Crew:** setup, serve and clean-up breakfast
- **Preschool and Children's Group:** creating/delivering care packages to Earle St. neighbors
- **Triune Mercy Center:** spread mulch and other various yardwork
- **Notes of Encouragement:** write notes to armed forces overseas and local public schools
- **Habitat ReStore:** organize, process donations and assist with displays
- **Marie Younts Girls Home:** yardwork, window washing, planting flowers and lunch with residents
- **Greenville Middle Academy Accessible Courtyard:** help build accessible sensory courtyard
- **Northwest Crescent Child Development Center:** paint race track and sensory path on concrete play area
- **United Ministries:** light landscaping

[Click here to register for a group!](#)

**"Inasmuch as you serve the least of these, you serve me."**  
-Jesus



**VOICES OF APPALACHIA CHOIR**  
Tuesday, May 7  
at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

The Alice Lloyd College choir, the Voices of Appalachia, tours annually to various regions of the US performing the hymns and ballads of the Southern Appalachian highlands. Join us for their upstate performance here in our sanctuary.

We will provide dinner for the students prior to the concert, but we need four host homes who would be willing to house some students that evening after the concert and bring them back to the church the next morning. If you would be willing to help, please contact Janice Hinnant at [janice@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:janice@esbcgreenville.org).



**XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL**  
*for all senior adults*  
Thursday, April 25  
11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Lunch Menu: Baked Chicken, Brown & Wild Rice, Broccoli Casserole, Beets, Banana Pudding, and Rolls

John Nolan, owner of Greenville History Tours, will be presenting his fascinating program of "Greenville: Then and Now." You will see side by side photos from all around the city showing what things looked like from earlier eras compared to the same location today. John will explain what Greenville was like in these old comparison photos along with current developments going on in these locations! Invite your friends and neighbors to join you! Sign up at the link below.

[Sign Up for XYZ](#)

## JOIN US IN WORSHIP

**Sunday, April 14**  
9:15 am: Sunday School  
10:30 am: Worship  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

Prelude: *Glory, Hallelujah!* By the Earle Street Ringers;  
Melanie Wells and Lamar McCarrell, clarinets

Anthem: *In Christ Alone* by the Sanctuary Choir

Sermon: "If I'm Standing Still, Why Does the  
Scenery Keep Changing?"  
by Gary Strickland

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Deb Harper    Becky Swartzel

## THANK YOU

Dear ESBC Family,

Thank you for all the cards, texts and prayers. And a special thank you to the bereavement team for the meal you provided to us.

The Family of Doug Greer

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

**Week of April 7, 2024**

### Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus.....	151
*Virtual/Zoom.....	2
Total.....	153

### Worship Attendance

Sanctuary .....	185
Preschool/Children Department .....	32
Total.....	217
Virtual .....	131

\* Virtual refers to the total number of times the livestream has been viewed by publication of this newsletter.

## BUDGET REPORT

**Report for April 7, 2024**

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$23,238
Budget Gifts (this week) .....	\$31,971
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$325,326
Budget Gifts to Date .....	\$254,430
Global Missions Offering.....	\$13,023

## DEACON OF THE WEEK



**Jim Wooten is the Deacon of the Week.** He and his wife Becky, along with their children Grant and Lee Ann, originally united with ESBC in 1987. He served as Senior Pastor for 21 years. After retiring from The Baptist Church of Beaufort, Jim and Becky returned to Greenville and reunited with ESBC in 2021. Jim just completed a fourteen-month Interim Pastorate at First Baptist of Shelby, NC and is enjoying reconnecting with friends and activities at ESBC and the opportunity to serve the church he loves in a different capacity as a deacon.

## STAFF ANNIVERSARY

**JANICE HINNANT**

April 3, 1995  
29 years

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, April 17

5:00 - 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Click the link below to make your reservation!

Main Entree: Ham, Macaroni and Cheese,  
Sweet Potato Casserole

Salad Entree: Grilled Chicken Salad with Toppings

Pizza Entree: Two Slices of Pizza

[Sign Up for Dinner](#)

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications are available for members of the graduating class of 2024. 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 31, 2024. Please contact Lucy Wilkinson to obtain an application or for more information.

## From the Minister of Music

Janice Hinnant (ext. 202) – [janice@ESBCgreenville.org](mailto:janice@ESBCgreenville.org)

**Youth Choir**—We have two rehearsals left before we sing and ring on May 5. I will see you Sunday!

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

## **DEACON NOMINATIONS TO BE RECEIVED APRIL 21-MAY 5**

At our April Church Conference, our church adopted a new procedure for electing deacons beginning with this year's election. The first step in the new process will occur during the two-week period from Sunday, April 21 to Sunday, May 5 when members of our church are invited and encouraged to nominate those whom they believe would be good candidates to serve in that capacity for the coming term of service.

A sample nomination form is printed below. 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, a link will be provided on our website. To nominate in-person, written forms will be available in the major entry areas to the church and can be submitted in one of two secure lock boxes: one placed in the Welcome Center, the other in the Sanctuary foyer. You may nominate as many candidates as you choose, but please use one form for each individual nominee.

Nominations will close on Sunday, May 5. 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**

Those eligible for election must be at least 21 years of age, have been a church member for no less than one year, 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)

The following people are ineligible for nomination because they are currently serving either as a Deacon or on the Committee for Deacon Nominations: Glenn Arrowood, Mary Arrowood, Randy Ellenburg, Helen Hewitt, Joe Jones, John Love, Margo Love, Joyce McCarrell, Lamar McCarrell, Nancy McCarrell, Monte McKinney, Keith Merck, Vicki Merck, Stuart Moore, Meredith Smith, Calder Standridge, Wayne Turner, Donna Walker, Jim Wooten, Libby Young, and Mary Beth Young.

**Nomination for Deacon:**

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