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WORSHIP CLUSTER MEETING

Sunday, September 20th
6:30 pm in the Choir Room

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, September 23rd
5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Main Entree

Baked Potato and Salad Bar

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Entree

Please make your reservations by 12:00 pm on Monday, September 21st. This is to give the caterer an accurate headcount. Please be aware that we may not be able to add you to the count if you miss the deadline.

[Register for Wednesday Dinner](#)

XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL

For All Senior Adults!

Thursday, September 24th
11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
Menu: Baked Spaghetti, Tossed Salad,
Garlic Knots and Lemon Squares

Linda Cale of the Senior Care Authority will speak about "A Safe Drive Through the Aging Process." A practical, entertaining and realistic approach so that our seniors may remain on the roadways as safe drivers. If you plan to join us for the luncheon, please click the link below to register or you may call the church office.

[Register for XYZ Lunch](#)

FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

We want to let you know that good things are happening behind the scenes and we have reasons to be optimistic about the outcome. We see clear, positive signs that give us peace of mind, but we also need to be realistic about the timeline. Finishing the process will not happen soon, as there are still many details to navigate, but we do want you to know we are full of hope for the future.

We also want to give you an overview of the process we will follow when the time is right, so you will know what to expect. Once we are in agreement with a candidate about God's call for him and for our church, we will begin planning a "Call Weekend". You will receive a "save the date" notice in advance and, once finalized, a schedule of events for the weekend. Details about the candidate will be provided prior to that weekend, and during the Call Weekend you will have several opportunities to meet the candidate and his family.

The weekend will culminate with a church conference where the Senior Pastor Search Committee's recommendation of a candidate will be made to the church for approval by a ballot vote, as per the Constitution and Bylaws.

This summary is for your information only and is not intended to imply that Call Weekend is imminent. We are committed to following God's timeline step-by-step. We ask that you continue to join us in "faithful patience" as we watch Him work things out. Thank you for walking alongside us in prayer week after week.

"Not my will, but Yours be done."
Luke 22:42b

THE 4TH ANNUAL
GREAT EARLE
PUMPKIN PATCH
9/26 - 10/30

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

Saturday, September 26 at 4:00 pm

Fall is just around the corner! Our pumpkins will be delivered on Saturday, September 26 at 4:00 pm, and we need plenty of helping hands to get them unloaded and ready for the season. We'd love for you to join us! Whether you can stay for the whole time or just lend a hand for a little while, your help will make a big difference.

Bring your family, a pair of work gloves, and your fall spirit! We'll see you there! Sign-up using the QR code if you're able to help unload or volunteer in the patch during the season.

Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Needed

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20th

9:15 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem: *Then Sings My Soul* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: James 3:13-18

Series: *Questions God Asks*

Sermon: "Who Is Wise and Understanding Among You?" by Jim Thomason

WELCOME HOME



ALMA MEHAFFEY

Alma joined on Sunday, September 13th by promise of letter from Taylors First Baptist Church. Alma is the mother of Janice Hinnant.



MARY BROOKE WELLS

Mary Brooke joined on Sunday, September 13th by profession of faith and request for baptism. Mary Brooke is the daughter of Eric and Melanie Wells and the sister of Reece Wells..

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Paula Hayes has been a member of Earle Street since 2004, when she was called as Minister to Preschool and Children. She served in this role for thirteen years. She and her husband, Harry, have been married since 2009. They have twin daughters, Madison and Serenity. She currently works as a Registered

Behavior Technician at ABS Kids. Paula is a member of the NOP Sunday School class, serves in the Preschool ministry, helps with Triune Mercy Center and rings with the Earle Street Ringers.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Phil and Denise Plumblee** upon the recent death of Phil's father, Ben Plumblee.

MINISTER ON CALL

September 18-20

Lucy Wilkinson

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ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report for September 13, 2026

Sunday School Attendance105

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary129

Preschoolers and Children..... 17

Total..... 146

Online Views (as of 9/16/26)..... 118

BUDGET REPORT

Report for September 13, 2026

Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$15,713

Budget Gifts (this week)\$7,561

Budget Offering Requirements.....\$581,367

Budget Gifts to Date\$466,904

Global Missions Offering\$19,178

GUEST PREACHER

Dr. Jim Thomason is the former pastor of Rosalind Hills Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia, Overbrook Baptist Church in Greenville, and more recently, First Baptist Church of Anderson, from which he retired in 2019. Jim grew up in Simpsonville. He earned a B.A. in economics/banking and finance from Furman University, and a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jim and his wife, Pam, have three children and four grandsons. Jim has had sermons and articles published in numerous professional journals, has served on various civic and service organizations and boards, and received several honors for his work over the years. Jim enjoys family time, travel, music, pickleball, golf, hiking, and lake life with Pam.



BASKETBALL SIGNUPS

**ONLINE ONLY @ESBCGREENVILLE.ORG
SEPTEMBER 20- OCTOBER 4**

**\$40 CHILDREN & YOUTH
\$50 ADULTS**

**PRACTICES START OCTOBER 11TH WEEK
GAMES START:
11/5 THURSDAY GAMES FOR ADULTS
11/7 SATURDAY GAMES FOR K4-8TH GRADE
11/9 FOR MONDAY GAMES FOR 9-12TH GRADE**

Register for Basketball

esbc youth 2026-2027

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
 12 + 16th: NEW CHURCH YEAR! 30th: SERVE AT TRIUNE	20- 4th: BBALL REGISTRATION 26TH: PUMPKIN DELIVERY @ 4PM 27th: PATCH OPEN 	9-11TH: MOUNTAIN WEEKEND @ TABLE ROCK 24TH: TRUNK OR TREAT 25TH: HALLOWEEN PARTY @ WILKINSONS
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
1st: THAILAND DEPOSIT DUE 18th: YOUTHGIVING 20-22nd: AWANITA FALL RETREAT 29th: SERVE at TRIUNE + HOG SERVICE	TBD: XMAS PARTY 24th: XMAS EVE SERVICE 5PM 	WILDFIRE PREP STARTS! 10th: DEPOSITS DUE \$50 Look Up Lodge \$200 Bronx 31st: SERVE AT TRIUNE
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
5-7th: PASSION ATL 14th: SB PARTY  14-28th: WILDFIRE TIX 17- 21st: MISSIONS WK 28th: WILDFIRE SA DUE	5-7th: CHOIR TRIP 13th: WILDFIRE!!!!  22- 29th: SPRING BREAK!  21- 28th: HOLY WEEK	24th: OIAM 25th: YOUTH + GRAD SUNDAY 
MAY	JUNE	JULY
14-16th: SPRING CAMPING LAKE JOCASEE 19th: GRAD NIGHT 30- JUNE 4th: LOOK UP LODGE 	30- JUNE 4th: LOOK UP LODGE  6- 10th: VBS 18 - JULY 3rd: THAILAND MT	10 - 17th: BRONX MT 

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are excited to report that the new printed church directory is almost ready and should be available in October. If you are interested in a printed copy, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center or call the church office. To keep printing costs down, only one printed copy will be available per family. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Turner.

From the Associate Pastor and Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Youth Choir—We had a great start last Sunday! This week, we are on our regular schedule:
4:00 – 4:45: Youth Choir
4:45 – 5:15: Youth Handbells
See you Sunday!

Earle Street Ringers—Great start last Sunday! I look forward to seeing you this week!



TRUNK-OR-TREAT
October 24th
5:00 - 7:00 pm

We may have a heat index of 101°, but we are officially in a **fall state of mind here at Earle!** From pumpkins being delivered for our 4th Annual Great Earle Pumpkin Patch to our beloved Trunk or Treat, how can we not be?!

Speaking of Trunk or Treat, who is ready to decorate and participate in one of our largest outreach events of the year? Whether you donate candy, decorate a trunk to hand out candy, man the popcorn or cotton candy machines, or man the Welcome Center to help direct folks to the restroom, there is a way for everyone to be part of the fun! And if you want to host a trunk but aren't quite **sure where to begin with decorating, don't worry—our Boo Crew** is here to help! We can provide a decorating kit or help you brainstorm a fun theme.

This year, our goal is **20,000 pieces of candy**—we think that's a pretty sweet number since that's exactly how much we gave out last year!

Trunk or Treat is so much more than a fun night of costumes and candy. It is one of the ways Earle Street Baptist Church gets to be a part of our community. By opening our parking lot to a night of safe, family-friendly fun, we have the privilege of becoming part of children's core memories while helping them know that Earle Street is a safe place where they are welcomed, loved, and cared for. It's one sweet way we can show our community that **Earle Street is home to all who enter.**

[Donate Candy - Amazon Wishlist](#)

[Decorate a Trunk](#)



CHILDREN'S LOVE OFFERING



Did you know? The Children's Love Offering helps make our monthly Children's Activity Nights possible! Once a month, our children participate in hands-on mission projects that directly support some of our mission partners, giving them the opportunity to learn about serving others while putting their faith into action.

This month our CLO goes to support Rise Carolina. **Through your generous donations and canned items, we raised \$373.39.** The children organized the canned items and will be working on delivering them to Rise Carolina. There is still time to donate. Place your food items in the bin in the Welcome Center (rice, lentils and chickpeas are in high demand!) or make a monetary donation on our website at www.esbcgreenville.org/give.