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## FROM THE PASTOR Stephen Clyborne

This Sunday, January 30, is Basketball Sunday. Hopefully, our Sanctuary will be filled with people of all ages who have played on our basketball teams. This Sunday is always a reminder of the far reach of our recreation ministry in general, and our basketball program in particular. Please be on the lookout for people you may not know, and be intentional about welcoming them to our church.

Thanks to all our coaches, players, and families who have made this season another successful season. And a special thank you to Lucy Wilkinson, our minister of youth and recreation, for the excellent way she organizes it all. We are so blessed. And we have been blessed so that we will be a blessing.

With gratitude,  
Stephen

**EARLE STREET**  
**BASKETBALL SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 30TH**  
**8:30 DONUTS + COFFEE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)**  
**9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**10:30 WORSHIP**

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## INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

During our winter months there is always the possibility of bad weather. For information on cancellations or delays, call the church office at 233-5332 and dial extension 500. We will have information posted on our website, Facebook and Twitter pages, WYFF-TV and WSPA-TV.

## AN EXCITING MISSION OPPORTUNITY

As you may know, our church was instrumental in beginning a Vietnamese congregation in the 1990s, and that congregation is now two congregations. On Sunday, June 5, Pentecost Sunday, we will be having a joint worship service with those two congregations as we celebrate our centennial year and the far-reaching impact of our church.

In this year when we give thanks to God for the ways our church has been used in the past, we have an opportunity to continue and extend our relationship with the Vietnamese Baptist Church, located not too far away from our church on Poinsett Highway. That church is looking for English speaking people who can assist them with Sunday School. Specifically, they want someone who can teach their elementary and middle school aged students. The persons involved do not have speak Vietnamese.

As is so often the case with language congregations, the second and third-generation folks often do not know the language of their parents/grandparents, which presents a challenge to the church leadership.

Specifically, the church will need two workers. It does not need to be the same two volunteers every week, so there can be a rotation set up. The time frame is not indefinite, but the volunteers will need to understand it will not be a short stint either. The Vietnamese want to have some of their people work with the English speakers and learn from them so they can take responsibility for the classes in the future. The Sunday School at the Vietnamese Baptist Church begins at 9:30 each Sunday morning.

If you can help, or just would like to find out more information, please contact Stephen Clyborne as soon as possible.

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## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

United Ministries, a mission partner of ESBC, "serves and empowers those on the transformative journey to self-sufficiency." A local agency located on Pendleton Street, United Ministries' vision is a community where all people join together to ensure all people have an opportunity to thrive.

From now until February 14, United Ministries is hosting their annual "Souper Bowl of Caring", a food drive to provide for those in need. We will join in this effort, collecting canned goods and pantry items. There are collection boxes on all three floors in the lobby areas. Please help us support United Ministries and our neighbors in need by participating in this food drive.

## JOIN US IN WORSHIP

**Sunday, January 30**  
**10:30 am in the Sanctuary**

*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*Basketball Sunday*

**Anthem:** *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall*  
by the Sanctuary Choir

**Scripture:** Luke 4:21-30

**Sermon Series:** A KINGDOM FOR ALL:  
Scenes from Luke's Gospel

**Sermon:** "Race Relations" by Stephen Clyborne

## DEACON OF THE WEEK



**Linda Kirkland is our deacon of the week.** Linda and her husband Don have been members of Earle Street since 1995. She retired from teaching in June after 50 years of teaching high school English. She taught for ten years at Greenville High and then ended her career teaching at Riverside High for 36 years. In addition to being a deacon, she is active in the Loaves and Fishes Sunday School class and is a member of the sanctuary choir.

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Jackie Chapman

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Jerome and Gina Jay** upon the recent birth of their grandson, John Thomas Jay, born January 17. The proud parents are Katie and JK Jay.

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

**Week of January 23, 2022**

**Sunday School Attendance**

On-Campus .....	151
Virtual.....	49
Total.....	200

**Worship Attendance**

On-Campus .....	196
Virtual.....	294
Total.....	490

## BUDGET REPORT

**Report for Sunday, January 23, 2022**

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$25,678
Budget Gifts (this week).....	\$21,128
Budget Requirements to Date .....	\$102,710
Budget Gifts to Date .....	\$70,021

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

**Brenda Atkinson and family**  
upon the recent death of her cousin, Jerry Wood.

**Bill and Becky Swartzel and family**  
upon the recent death of Becky's nephew, Hal Hooper.

**Edwin and Debbie White and family**  
upon the recent death of Debbie's mother.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

5:00-6:00	Fellowship Hall Open (bring your own dinner)
<b>Preschoolers and Children</b>	
5:45-7:15	Child Care
5:45-6:30	Preschool and Children's Choirs
6:30-7:15	Preschool and Children's Activities
<b>Youth</b>	
5:00-6:00	Youth Hang Out
6:00-7:15	Youth Small Groups
<b>Adults</b>	
6:00-6:25	Adult Large Group Bible Study
6:30-7:15	Adult Small Groups

## 2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2021 contribution statements were mailed on January 28th. If you do not receive yours or you have a question, please contact our Ministry Assistant for Finance, Gina Conn, at [gina@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:gina@esbcgreenville.org) or 233-5332, ext. 200.

## CALLING ALL 3RD – 5TH GRADERS!

Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to have acolytes serve in worship, and we have missed them! The acolytes come in at the beginning of each worship service and light the Christ candle on the communion table. This may seem like a random and unimportant activity, but lighting the Christ candle is a symbol of bringing the light of Christ into our worship. Consequently, the acolyte carries the light of Christ back out of the sanctuary at the end of the service, which symbolizes that we all take the light of Christ out with us.

If your child is a 3rd – 5th grader, we hope he or she will consider serving as an acolyte in worship. Please contact Janice Hinnant at [janice@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:janice@esbcgreenville.org) to sign your child up to acolyte, or if you have any questions. The opportunity to serve God can never start too early!



### CENTRIKID CAMPS

Our 1st - 5th graders will be going to CentriKid camps again this summer. We will be going to Ridgecrest Conference Center on July 18-22. A \$100/kid deposit is due to Karli by the **END OF THIS MONTH**. If you have any questions about camp or the deposits please reach out to Karli.



### THAILAND MISSION TRIP

The Thailand Mission Trip has been postponed until Summer 2023. We will start forming our team this summer so stay tuned!



### SHOP ONLINE AND SUPPORT ESBC!

Are you an Amazon shopper? Or searching for those last minute gifts? If so, did you know you can shop online through Amazon Smile and allow ESBC to receive a portion of the purchase amount? Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and set up Earle Street Baptist Church as your charity preference. Then when you shop Amazon, go to the [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) rather than the normal Amazon.com. Your shopping experience, orders, and lists will all be the same as usual, but you'll be sending a portion of your purchase amounts to support our church!

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Paul Bateman, David Clyborne, Brian Boland
- 2 - Graham Sizemore, Amy Rizzo
- 3 - Bill Poe, Jimmy Major, Bobby Neal
- 4 - Bill Knapp, Joe Solesbee
- 5 - Macclaren Wilkinson
- 6 - James Sheppard, Brad Ward, Willow Larson, Louie Gambrell
- 7 - Susan Mitchell, Linda Kirkland, Paige Stanley
- 8 - Heath Tankersley, Bill Huskey
- 9 - Sandra Bridwell, Bill Lynch, Caroline Dobbins, Felix Inabinet
- 10 - Thomas Carswell, Gus Mussman, Tine King
- 11 - James Hueble, Bill Penick
- 12 - Amber Space, Jan Morse, Lucy Wilkinson, D.J. Dunlap, Robin Scott-Blackburn, Sandra Davis, David Pender
- 13 - Brian Poole, Rachel Inabinet
- 14 - Judy Camp, George Muckenfuss, Sam Kirkland, Bert Kirby, Tracey Carnes
- 15 - Deb Wingard, Mary Brooks Boland
- 16 - Tracy Cheatham, Carolyn Giles, Bud Sunday, Briceson Ellis
- 17 - Cynthia Hudson, Jamey Trembley, Todd Wilklow
- 18 - Linda Ard, De Schreckengost, Jerri Kelley, Jenny Carlton, Linda Long, Elizabeth Johnson, Monte McKinney
- 20 - Eli Cook, Olivia Hueble, Jae Bartlett, Hannah Dailey, Madge Patterson
- 21 - Ashley Wooten, Nancy Whitehurst, Paul Mussman, Christy Duncan, Ashley Patterson, Penelope Griffin, Terry Hobus
- 22 - Debra Gallivan, Thomas Green, A.D. Harris, Brittney Clow
- 23 - Craig Burgess, Pam Hall
- 24 - Larry Aiken, Ryder Martin, Susan Andrews, Jo Cowan, Morgan McCullough
- 25 - Richard Hubble, Becca Haun, Nora Seigler
- 26 - Danielle Carver, John Love, Mary Oakley, Luke Womble, Taylor Ballard, Emory Hendrix, Judie Buchanan, Hugh Cureton, River Boland
- 27 - Jennifer Brooks, Margaret Watson
- 28 - Tom Carswell, Sara Wise, Rebecca Register
- 29 - Becky Swartzel, Debbie Eastman, Scarlett Standridge

# THERE WERE TWELVE DISCIPLES

A Discipleship Series  
Wednesdays in the  
Fellowship Hall

5:00 - 6:25 pm  
February 16 - June 8  
Led by Jim Wooten

### NEW DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

When I was a child, I loved to read, especially biographies about famous people. When I would visit my grandmother Wooten's house, she had a small book entitled *Jesus and the Twelve*, a widely-distributed volume (I think as some sort of promotional item, maybe with encyclopedias). It was mainly a collection of portraits by Alberta Richards, who enlisted a wide collection of ordinary men (postmen, engineering students, machinists, etc. who looked the way she envisioned the various disciples) to pose for the portraits. Each picture had a brief description of the Apostles' lives and traditional stories of their mission endeavors and where they died.

The pictures were stunning. On many occasions, I would sit quietly in the den, thumbing through the pages, imagining what the twelve were really like. I was fascinated with their stories and the way Jesus took such a diverse group of men and bound them together in his mission ... and I continue to be fascinated these sixty or so years later. As an adult, that book was the one thing I asked for from my grandmother's house.

So, some years ago I put together a series of sermons entitled "There Were Twelve Disciples" (that also included one entitled *What About the Women?* which focused on the female disciples who played such a key role in Jesus' earthly ministry). It was my own attempt to "paint a portrait" that caught some of the uniqueness of each character and how we could identify with each one.

When Stephen asked me to do a series of Wednesday evening devotions, it seemed that drawing from that material was the right way to go. I hope you will agree and that you will join us each Wednesday that you can.

- Jim Wooten