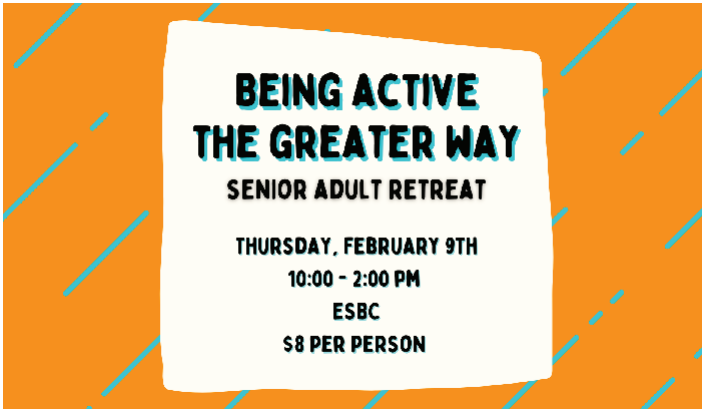


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BEING ACTIVE THE GREATER WAY Senior Adult Retreat Thursday, February 9 10:00 – 2:00pm/Room 300 of ESBC \$8.00 per person

Join us as we explore the challenge to Godly activeness and true discipleship in heart, mind, body, and spirit. Our focal verses for the retreat are Matthew 22:36-40 and Matthew 28:16-20. We will spend four hours of interaction, learning, having fun, eating together, being challenged and encouraged, and saying thanks.

Our retreat day will include:

- Opportunities to learn more about each other
- “Being Active” testimonies by Wendell Cothran and Judy Lemmons
- Opportunities for Bible study
- Fun with music with Harriett and Lamar McCarrell
- A wonderful lunch provided by Kim Stidham
- Reflections and learnings from the past year with Stephen Clyborne

Reservations are required so that we can plan appropriately. Our lunch menu will be chicken salad, croissants, marinated vegetables, pasta salad, and pear salad. The cost for the retreat/lunch is \$8.00 per person and you can register online by clicking on the link below. Reservations must be made by midnight, Sunday, February 5. If you need assistance in registering, please contact the church office.

SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY Sunday, February 12 10:30 am Worship and Lunch

On this Sunday in February, we will honor our senior adults and recognize the many contributions they make to our church and how they enrich our fellowship. Our senior adults will be leading us in worship that morning. Our Senior Adult Choir, led by Lamar McCarrell, will be singing and one of our own retired ministers, Larry Worley, will be bringing the message that day. All senior adults are invited to sing with the Senior Adult Choir. Please come to the choir room immediately following Sunday School.

Following the worship service, all senior adults are invited to join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The lunch is provided by the church but we request that you register so that we can adequately plan for the meal. You can register by clicking on the link below. Reservations for Sunday's lunch must be made by Thursday, February 9. If you need assistance in registering, please contact the church office.

SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY LUNCH

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE Senior Pastor Search Committee

Per their job description, the Nominating Committee will “gather congregational input, and considering that input, will form a slate of nominations, filling in nominees as needed to represent the diversity of the congregation (demographics of gender, age, position in the church, cluster representation, longevity of membership, etc.)” In order to gather congregational input, the Nominating Committee plans to distribute a questionnaire to the congregation, this Sunday, February 5. The questionnaire will be brief and will be available in both an electronic (www.esbcgreenville.org/resources) and hard copy format. The Committee is encouraging everyone to participate in this process by completing a questionnaire. They also ask that the congregation continue to pray for the Nominating Committee as they seek to find the members of our church God has planned for this search committee.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, February 5
10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Anthem: *Shine, Jesus, Shine* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon: "Pass the Salt" by Deb Richardson-Moore

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Terri Headley Bo Matheny Linda Pickel

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Steve and Amie Naylor and family upon the recent death of Steve's mother, Betty Naylor.

Rob and Holly Traywick and family upon the recent death of Rob's mother, Mabel Traywick.

Bert and Margaret Kirby and family upon the recent death of Margaret's brother.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of January 29, 2023

Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus	250
Virtual.....	7
Total.....	257

Worship Attendance

On-Campus	298
Virtual.....	<u>No Stream Available</u>
Total.....	298

BUDGET REPORT

Report for January 29, 2023

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$28,873
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$33,015
Budget Requirements to Date	\$144,367
Budget Gifts to Date	\$120,187
Global Missions Offering	\$4,445

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Bill Hueble is our deacon of the week. He has been a member of Earle Street since 2000. In addition to his role as a deacon, Bill has served in various other capacities at Earle Street. Bill and his wife, Andrea, have three children: Megan, Olivia, and James. Bill works as a land broker with Cross Creek Realty. In 1982, he was granted the award for Most Positive Attitude in Ms. Sarah Bates' seventh grade class at Greenville Middle School.

WHILE THE SEARCH CONTINUES

While the Deacons are diligently praying and seeking to find the interim pastor God has for our church, we are blessed to have the following ministers delivering our Sunday morning messages:

February 5: Deb Richardson-Moore

February 12: Larry Worley

February 19: Jay Roland

February 26: Tim Saunders

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Wednesday, February 8

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

Make your reservation by midnight, February 5th

Main Entree: Marinated Pork Loin, Sweet Potato Casserole, Lima Beans, and Rolls

Salad Entree: Boxed Grilled Chicken Salad with Assorted Toppings and Dressing

Pizza Entree: Two Slices of Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni)

WEDNESDAY MEAL RESERVATION

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements were mailed on Thursday, January 26th. If you did not receive yours or you have questions, please contact Gina Conn at gina@esbcgreenville.org or by phone at (864) 233-5332 x 200.



WHAT IS WILDFIRE?

Wildfire is our big annual youth fundraiser! Attending Wildfire means you are giving our youth an opportunity to attend camps and mission trips during the summer. This year, our youth are raising money to offset three summer trips: Look Up Lodge, the Bronx Mission Trip and the Thailand Mission Trip. We would love to have your support!

For Those That Can Attend

We are so excited to celebrate Earle Street Baptist Church's 101st birthday! To celebrate, we will be drawing inspiration from the "101 Dalmatians" movie, so come as a movie character, pull out that mink stole from the attic or just wear red, white and black to compete for our Best Dressed Award (optional).

In addition to delicious desserts and Will Middleton leading us in fun table games, we will also have a huge silent auction for you to shop. There are Single Ticket options available as well as Table Ticket (party of 8) options available for purchase. Tickets will be available online (www.esbcgreenville.org/events) beginning this Sunday, February 5th and ending Sunday, February 19th.

For Those Who Can't Attend But Want To Support

We understand if you are unable to attend for any reason and are so thankful you still want to support this event and our youth. You can make a flat donation using the Flat Donation Ticket option.

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Youth Choir and Handbells—If you haven't given me your \$25 deposit for Festival By the Sea yet, please get it to me this Sunday. See you then!

From the Connections Minister

Jay Roland (ext. 203) – jay@ESBCgreenville.org

ESBC Family,

Paul's letters to his protégé Timothy have always fascinated me. In these letters, we have a record of what the church's earliest leaders were thinking and doing. As is typical of Paul, his letter opens with a greeting, a report of the situation, and prayer. Immediately after this opening, Paul lets Timothy know what the churches in Ephesus first priority should be.

I love the way that Eugene Peterson translated the first three verses of chapter 2, "The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live." (1 Timothy 2.1-3, MSG) Take a moment to read that passage in your favorite translation!

Slow down and notice the emphasis on prayer. Church family, thank you for joining us in praying for the future of our church, but let's not stop there. Let's pray for one another. Let's seek out people in our communities who need prayer. Let's pray for those who are near to us but far from God. Let's pray for our governmental leaders (local, state, national). Let's be people who pray.

I hope to see you at our Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 4th at 9:00 am. A special thank you to our Prayer Team and other volunteers who are putting this together! As Paul pointed out, there is nothing more urgent than prayer.

In Christ,
Jay Roland



GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING PLEDGES

The theme of our Global Missions Offering is "Pray, Give, Go!". To fulfill the "give" part of that theme, our congregation has been asked to complete a pledge card, showing their commitment to give to missions on a state, national and global level. As of this week, we have received pledges in the amount of **\$45,260 - 90%** of our \$50,000 goal! This is a great start, and we invite those who were not able to complete a pledge last Sunday to do so this week. There are pledge cards available in the Welcome Center and outside the Sanctuary this Sunday. You may drop them in the offering plate this week or leave in the church office.