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AN UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Last week we shared the Church Profile that will be made available to our pastor candidates, which includes the Pastor Profile on Pages 20-21. As a reminder, if God has laid it on your heart to share the name of someone that you think would meet the ministry priorities, sermon priorities, and leadership qualities noted in our Pastor Profile, you may submit that name to the committee prior to May 24. All names will be passed on to the Center for Healthy Churches, where they will be included in the search process. To submit names, please send an email to pastorsearch@esbcgreenville.org. Please include the candidate's name and contact information or current place of service, and, if you are willing, a brief description of why God has led you to consider this person as one to lead us into the future. As of our meeting on Tuesday, no names had been submitted.

Our prayer focus this week to pray that God is already working in the heart of our next pastor, stirring a call to our church.

Church Profile



MEET YOUR SUMMER PRAYER PAL Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 pm

Join us for a special opportunity for you to meet and connect with your Prayer Pal! This will also be the night we congratulate our recent graduates. Don't miss out on this special evening!

Become A Prayer Pal



We could not serve our community or operate Earle Street without you! As a small token of our gratitude, the staff invites you to an appreciation picnic. The meal (hamburgers and dessert!) will be provided but we ask that you register in advance so we may prepare enough food.

Volunteer Picnic

XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL For All Senior Adults!

Thursday, May 28th at 11:00 pm

BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Lemon Squares

Kristen Pace from the Upcountry History Museum will give us a brief overview of our history as it relates to the galleries on display at the Museum. From the Native Americans, the Revolutionary War, early growth of Greenville, Textile Mills, World War II to Civil Rights. She will highlight the various changing exhibitions and program offerings. All senior adults are encouraged to attend!

XYZ Reservations

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, May 17
9:30 am: Sunday School
10:15 am: Worship
Ascension Sunday

Anthem: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*
 by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Acts 1:7-9; Luke 4:18-21

Sermon: "You Will Be My Witnesses"
 by Dr. Jim Thomason

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Brittney Clow is our deacon of the week.

Brittney Clow has been a member since 2018. She is married to Brian and they have two children, Hadley and Callum. Brittney is a mental health therapist who has served in the

upstate since 2016 and currently runs her own practice here in Greenville. Brittney attends the Daily Bread Sunday School group and currently serves on the Documentation Oversight Committee, Middle School Girls' Youth Group and is a member of the Missions Team. She loves camping, gardening, travel and spending time with her family.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report for May 10, 2026

Sunday School Attendance	101
Worship Attendance	
Sanctuary	129
Preschoolers and Children.....	18
Total.....	147
Online Views (as of 5/13/26).....	78

BUDGET REPORT

Report for May 10, 2026

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$15,713
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$7,376
Budget Offering Requirements.....	\$298,540
Budget Gifts to Date	\$225,353
Global Missions Offering.....	\$10,550

MINISTER ON CALL

May 15-17
 Janice Hinnant
 (864) 346-3834
 janice@esbcgreenville.org

GUEST PREACHER FOR SUNDAY

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 three grandsons, with a fourth grandson due in August. 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, pickle ball, golf, hiking, and lake life with Pam.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, May 20th
5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Main Entree

Chicken Fingers, Potato Salad, Slaw and Japanese Pie

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Entree

Please make your reservations by 12:00 pm on Monday, May 18th. This is to give the caterer an accurate headcount.

Dinner Reservations

UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRIPS

May 20: Graduation Night/Prayer Pals Mixer
 May 27: Volunteer Appreciation
 May 28: XYZ Meeting and Meal
 May 31 - June 5: Look Up Lodge
 June 7 - 11: Vacation Bible School
 June 19 - 27: Ecuador Mission Trip
 June 20: Prayer Breakfast
 July 1: No Wednesday Evening Activities
 July 11-18: Bronx Mission Trip
 July 15: Church Conference
 July 19: Deacon Election Sunday
 July 19 - 23: CentriKid Camp - Ridgecrest
 July 29: Fifth Sunday Night Singing
 August 5: Summer Missions Report
 August 8: Prayer Breakfast
 August 12: Fall Kick-Off



We're gearing up for this year's VBS, Rainforest Falls, where kids will explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God—their safe place in life's storms. It's going to be a fun and meaningful week! If you're ready to join the adventure, volunteer and child participant registration is now open—we'd love to have you be part of the fun!

The VBS Team
(Meredith Smith, Anna Kay Lord, & Stuart Moore)

VBS Registration

COLUMBARIUM SURVEY

In order to determine the interest in purchasing a niche in an Earle Street Baptist Church Columbarium, we are asking for you to reply to this survey.

The columbarium is reserved for current and former members and staff of ESBC. Qualifying purchaser can also purchase niches for immediate family. A niche would cost \$5,000 and will hold two urns.

If you are willing to purchase a niche pre-construction, please use the link below to fill out the survey or call the church office. Payment would not be required unless the project is approved by the congregation. This information will allow the Columbarium Committee to determine the church's cost to move forward with construction.

Columbarium Survey

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAYS

Friday, June 5th: 8:00 - 11:30 am/12:00 - 3:30 pm
Thursday, June 11th: 8:00 - 11:30 am/12:00 - 3:30 pm

There are two opportunities for ESBC to help with a Habitat project. On Friday, June 5th we will be working to install siding on the Faith Build home. This home is constructed by churches and religious groups in the Greenville area. The work is divided into 2 shifts and we would like 10 volunteers per shift. The morning shift is 8:00 am to 11:30 am and the afternoon shift is 12:00 am to 3:30 pm. You can volunteer for one or both shifts.

Our second opportunity is on Thursday, June 11th and we would be installing shelving and hardware. This is on the first duplex build by Greenville Habitat and would be some of the finishing touches. This will be 2 shifts and we would like 4 volunteers per shift.

You can work one shift or all four. Please sign up using the link below or call the church office. We hope to have two successful projects for Habitat this year. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Merck at mkeithvicki@currently.com.

Habitat for Humanity Work Day



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Judson Community Partnership will begin sharing space this fall when school begins. They provide "opportunities for academic growth, exposure to the arts, and therapeutic healing to youth and families in the Judson neighborhood of Greenville." It is an after-school program for elementary-age children that provides emotional support, along with effective interventions that go beyond what is available in the existing school program. Judson Community Partnership has a proven track record of being a lifeline for the children who participate in its after-school program.

They will be using some of the unused rooms in our children's area several afternoons a week, along with a two to three-week camp in the summer. If you want to learn more about Judson Community Partnership, you can check out their website at: www.judsoncommunitypartnership.com

We celebrate the opportunity to share our space in ways that extend Christ's love into our community and beyond. Thank you for supporting the ongoing ministry happening within these walls—and far beyond.

THE REALM CHURCH ONLINE DIRECTORY - YOUR ESBC CONNECTION SIGN UP/SIGN IN

The Connections Team invites and encourages all church families to participate in the Realm Church Online Directory. Get connected, recognize church family from their pictures, and give the new pastor help to recognize each person at ESBC more quickly and easily. Our goal is to have the online Directory as complete as possible by summer.

Options to connect:

- **Do it yourself.** Go to onrealm.org and ask to join. You will receive an email invite from church staff. Accept that and Realm will lead you through the process of setting up your account.
- **Individual appointments.** Call Kathy Turner at 812-786-0352 (Connections Team co-chair) or the church office to set up a time to meet with someone at the church to personally guide you through the process of setting up your account.

What about pictures?

Pictures will be taken informally. Nothing to buy!

This can be done during a **Realm class, individual appointments or at special picture taking opportunities** to be offered on Sunday mornings before Sunday School (8:45-9:15 am) and after worship (until 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall until May 31. No need to sign up, just show up. Your picture will be taken and then uploaded to the online directory.

What if I am already in the online directory?

Simply sign in to your account and check your directory listing to make sure all information is correct and that your privacy settings are set to allow church members to access your contact information. You decide what is available. Pictures can be taken at one of the special picture taking opportunities listed above.

What about Security of my information in Realm?

Realm is extremely secure. No one can access the online directory unless they have been approved by the church staff through the invitation process and have set up their own account with a login and password. The directory is a closed system with no access by anyone else.

What if I don't have email or internet access?

You can still participate. Have your picture taken at one of the special opportunity times. Fill out a paper form you will be provided with your contact information and the church staff will see that you are included in the online directory. You will also be provided with a printed copy of the directory made from the online directory so you will have access to the same information available online.

Printed directories can be ordered by online users for a cost to be determined. Online users are, however, encouraged to use the online directory only to keep printing costs down. Print directories will be available sometime in late fall of 2026.

Thank you, Church Family - The Connections Team

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications are available for members of the graduating class of 2026. 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 is Sunday, May 31st. Please contact Lucy Wilkinson to obtain an application or for more information.