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FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are excited to share with you the schedule for Call Weekend. During that weekend you will have several opportunities to meet and fellowship with our pastor candidate and his wife.

Friday, October 16th

Beginning at **5:30 pm** there will be a pizza supper, followed by an outdoor movie, Hocus Pocus, hosted by the Pumpkin Patch crew at **7:00 pm**. This time is focused on the candidate and his wife meeting the youth, children, and their families; however all are welcome. Bring a chair!

Saturday, October 17th

Beginning at **9:00 am**, there will be coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall, with a Question-and-Answer session beginning at **9:30 am**. This time is for all of the congregation to gather and fellowship, to ask any specific questions you may have, and to answer any specific questions the candidate and his wife may have of us. If you would prefer to submit your question in advance, any of the committee members can help.

11:00 am to 12:00 pm has been identified as time for the candidate and his wife to meet and fellowship with the Senior Adults – again, all are welcome. We will meet in Room 300.

From **12:00 to 1:30 pm** the candidate and his wife will have lunch with the deacons and their families in the Fellowship Hall.

At **2:00 pm**, the candidate will have a special time with retired pastors, music ministers, and the seminarians in our church.

Sunday, October 18th

The candidate will join the Greeters team, greeting you as you arrive for Sunday School and, at 9:15, will join the youth in their Sunday School classes.

He will be leading the worship service at **10:30 am**, and there will be a church conference after the service for the purpose of extending the call.

CALL WEEKEND *Schedule*

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October 16

5:00 pm: Pizza Dinner
7:00 pm: Movie in the Pumpkin Patch

October 17

9:00 am: Coffee and Donuts
9:30 am: Q&A Session
11:00 am: Senior Adult Fellowship
12:00 pm: Lunch with Deacons
3:00 pm: Tea Time with Retired Pastors,
Ministers of Music and Seminarians

October 18

10:30 am: Worship Service
12:00 pm: Church Conference

MAKING ROOM FOR MINISTRY:

A Note About Bus Parking

Our pumpkin patch fundraiser is a joyful season of fellowship, service, and welcome—and this year, we are also glad to share part of our parking lot with buses belonging to our ministry partners. Their presence is a wonderful reminder that our church campus is a place where many forms of ministry can grow and flourish. While the buses are parked with us, parking may look a little different when you come to church, and we appreciate your patience and flexibility as you find a space. A small adjustment on our part can make a meaningful difference for a partner carrying out important work.

Thank you for helping us offer a warm welcome to our ministry partners while making the pumpkin patch a special experience for our congregation and community. By sharing our space graciously, we are supporting ministry together and showing the generous spirit of our church family. We are grateful for your understanding and for the many ways you help make our church a gracious, safe, and welcoming home for ministry, neighbors, and guests.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, October 4th

9:15 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Anthem: *At the Table of the Lord* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Luke 14:12-24; Galatians 3:23-29

Sermon: "Pulling Back the Curtain of Heaven"
by Gary Strickland

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Noellen Groff has been a member since 1980. She and her husband, Eddie, have two daughters and two grandsons. She chairs the Wedding Committee, teaches 1st-5th grade Children's Sunday School, is co-leader of the Outreach Team, Assistant Clerk, rings in the Earle Street Ringers, and sings in the Sanctuary Choir.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Laura Cummings John Freeman

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Stephen and Sylvia Clyborne** on the birth of their granddaughter, Annlee, and grandsons Bennett and Baylor, born on September 29.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Stuart, Amy and Campbell Moore** upon the recent death of Stuart's mother and Campbell's grandmother, Jean Moore.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report for September 27, 2026

Sunday School Attendance122

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary150

Preschoolers and Children..... 19

Total..... 169

Online Views (as of 10/1/26)..... 80

BUDGET REPORT

Report for September 27, 2026

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

Budget Gifts (this week)\$7,592

Budget Offering Requirements.....\$612,792

Budget Gifts to Date\$484,237

Global Missions Offering\$20,437

THANK YOU

Dear Earle Street Family,

Thank you to the Earle Street congregation, prayer team and choir for the many calls, texts, prayers and cards over the past few weeks. My surgery was successful and I am doing great and looking forward to returning to church in person.

In Christ,
Dodie Davis

MINISTER ON CALL

October 2-4

Lucy Wilkinson

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday, October 7th

5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Main Entree

Lasagna, Salad and Cherry Cheesecake

Grilled Chicken Salad

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Entree

Please make your reservations by 12:00 pm on Monday, October 5th. 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

PLANNING FOR TOMORROW: FAITH, FAMILY & YOUR LEGACY

Estate Planning and Planned Giving Seminar
Sunday, October 25th
Wednesday, October 28th

What happens to the things we have worked for when we are no longer here? More importantly, how can we make sure that the people and causes we care about are provided for?

Join us for a special Estate Planning & Planned Giving Seminar designed to help you think thoughtfully and prayerfully about your family's future and the legacy you want to leave.

The seminar will be offered at two times for your convenience. **Sunday, October 25** after the morning worship service and again **Wednesday, October 28**, following the church conference.

A free catered lunch will be provided on Sunday, October 25th. Please register at the link below so we can prepare enough food for everyone.

We will discuss wills and trusts, powers of attorney, beneficiary designations, charitable giving, and ways to support the ministries of Earle Street Baptist Church through thoughtful estate planning while at the same time maximizing your tax savings through your charitable giving.

This seminar is for informational purposes only, and no products or financial services will be offered for sale.

The seminar will provide a way to have a positive impact long after you're no longer here and honor your friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you there. Everyone is welcome. Come learn, ask questions, and begin planning for tomorrow with confidence and faith.

SPEAKERS:

Seven Rau,
Accountant

AnneElizabeth Price,
Trust and Estate Attorney of Gallivan, White, Boyd

Philip Decallejon,
Financial Advisor

Register for the Luncheon



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

BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Practices begin the week of October 11th. If you need to know specific practice times before you register, please email Lucy (lucy@esbcgreenville.org). Men and Women games begin Thursday, November 5th. Youth and Children Games begin Saturday, November 7th. High School Games begin Monday, November 9th. We will run registration online only September 20-October 4th. If your child is trying out for a school team, **DO NOT REGISTER**. Please email Lucy and she will add them to the waiting list. Once teams are formed, we will add in players if room allows.

Register for Basketball



SENIOR OF THE MONTH!

Age: 17 years old
Grade: 12th
School: Wade Hampton
Birthday: April 29th

MADISON HAYES

My Siblings
• Serenity, 17

If I could eat one food for the rest of my life it would be...
Steak

ESBC notes
I have been attending ESBC since I was 3.
My favorite part of ESBC is the youth group and my favorite trip is the **Fall Retreat at Awanita Valley**. I love the hayrides and the hummer ride!

Favorite Bible Verse
Psalm 23:4
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Plans For Next Year:
• Move to Florida and attend Daytona State College
• Major in Early Education
• I hope to teach 3rd grade or below

Please be in prayer for Madison this month and this year! If you would like to encourage her, please leave her a card in Lucy's box in the church office!



EARLEKIDS FALL BAKE SALE

Wednesday, October 21st // 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Our EarleKids are getting ready to put their baking skills to work for a wonderful cause! This fall, the children will be preparing a delicious assortment of homemade treats and seasonal favorites, all to benefit Habitat for Humanity. And this year, we're bringing the bake sale to The Great Earle Pumpkin Patch! Come grab a pumpkin, enjoy some fall fun, and take home something delicious while helping support the important work of Habitat for Humanity. We can't think of a sweeter way to give back this fall! Use the link below to sign up to supply items for the bake sale!

[Fall Bake Sale Items](#)

XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL

For All Senior Adults!

Thursday, October 22nd

11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Our very own Butch and Debbie Blume will be entertaining us with their musical talents! You don't want to miss this one! 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](#)

THE PUMPKINS ARE HERE!

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who came and helped us unload the 18-wheeler full of pumpkins on Saturday! From our ESBC family to neighbors to Junkyard friends...there is no way we could do it without you.

Also, a big thanks to our news crews that covered us- Anna Dobbins at WYFF 4 (and Curtis!) and Megan Heidberg and Jamarcus Gatson at Your Carolina Channel 7. You can watch the coverage online by clicking the links below.

If you would like to help man the sales table this year, please click the link below and pick a shift. Its super easy, you get to meet great people and it's a huge help to everyone!

This week at the patch, we have Travelin Tom's Coffee Truck coming on Sunday from 12-6:00 pm. Come grab a coffee before you shop our patch!

[Volunteer in the Pumpkin Patch](#)

[WYFF Coverage](#)

[Your Carolina Channel 7 Coverage](#)





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

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



GOAL JUSTICE
ESBC House Meeting
October 12th and 18th at 6:30 PM

Community Problems Assembly
Thursday, November 5th
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Earle Street Baptist is a member of Goal Justice (Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership), an organization of over 34 faith organizations who strive to “do justice” in our community. In order to do this, each faith organization holds “house” meetings where members identify issues that concern them. When the issues are identified, the organizations meet in a Community Problems Assembly to vote on issues that the Goal Justice group will focus on and present to governmental organizations to encourage them to address them. This year's Community Problems Assembly will be held at Earle Street Baptist on Thursday, November 5, from 6:30 to 8:00.

Goals from last year that have been successfully addressed include

- securing a commitment from County leaders and local magistrates to establish a Housing Court by January 1, 2027
- winning support from state legislators to pass H 4270, giving eligible tenants a second chance through the sealing or expungement of certain eviction records. Governor Henry McMaster signed the bill into law in May 2026
- winning the support of the Greenville County School Board to increase the number of mental health specialists to 51 by 2027-2028, advancing the district toward the national best-practice ratio of one mental health specialist for every 300 students

Come join us as we follow the words of Micah 6:8.
 “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly.”

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.