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DEACONS RECOMMENDATION REGARDING CHURCH CONSULTANT

There will be a special called church conference this Sunday morning, April 23, immediately following the morning worship service. The conference will take place in the Sanctuary and will start at approximately 11:30 am. The purpose of the church conference will be to consider a recommendation from the Deacons that our church partner with Center for Healthy Churches for assistance as we prepare for and conduct the search for our new Senior Pastor.

Two documents are linked below for review in advance of the church conference. One document contains relevant questions and answers. The other document is a summary of what our church family can expect from our engagement with Center for Healthy Churches.

Parents of Preschoolers

Please note that childcare will not be provided for this conference. Please plan to pick up your children at the conclusion of the worship service and return to the Sanctuary for the church conference.

Please continue to be in prayer for our church family, our deacons and our staff as we venture further into this transition period together with God.

[Questions And Answers
Regarding The Recommendation](#)

[Engagement Summary From
Center For Healthy Churches](#)

FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is actively and prayerfully preparing a slate of possible nominees for the Senior Pastor Search Committee. In addition, we are also preparing to begin enlistment of leadership for the upcoming 2023/2024 church year. Please continue to pray for us in both of these processes, and be in prayer about how you will respond if you are contacted and asked to serve.

[2022/2023 Nominating Committee](#)

David Dalhouse, Helen Hewitt, Andrea Hueble,
Keith Merck, Meredith Smith, and Rob Traywick



OPERATION INASMUCH
Saturday, April 29

On Saturday, April 29, we will spend the day in our community helping other organizations and people with missions projects. This is a great way to get involved and meet some new people: both inside and outside our church! There will be projects for every age group and every skill group. Check out the list below with each group and find a group to serve with.

[Click here to register for a group!](#)

- **Preschool and Children's Group:** creating/delivering care packages to the local fire departments
- **Triune Mercy Center:** spread mulch and other various yardwork jobs (middle school age children and up)
- **United Ministries Care Kits:** package toiletry care kits and food bags for United Ministries (elementary age children and up)
- **Pendleton Place Smith House:** clean out duct work, clean furniture and patio area (adults only)
- **Notes of Encouragement:** write notes to Tanglewood Middle School staff, armed forces overseas, and Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nashville (any age)
- **Miracle Hill:** spread mulch and other various yardwork jobs (middle school age children and up)
- **Marie Younts Girls Home:** yardwork, window washing, gutter cleaning, and lunch with residents (any age/children accompanied by adult)
- **Family Home Restoration:** sand drywall, wipe walls, yardwork for family moving back into home (age 12 and up)
- **Blankets for Shriner's:** bring scissors, ruler and rotary cutter (all ages)
- **Paraclete Ministry:** create and deliver photo scrapbooks of ESBC (adults only)
- **Handicapped Ramp Build:** partner with Rebuild Upstate to build a ramp (adults only)

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, April 23
10:30 am in the Sanctuary
Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude: *I Then Shall Live* by the Earle Street Ringers

Anthem: *At Calvary* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: John 21:20-25

Sermon: "What About Him?" by Gary Strickland

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Nellie Farnsworth and family upon the recent death of her sister, Pam Weaver.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of April 16, 2023

Sunday School Attendance

On-Campus	234
Virtual.....	4
Total.....	238

Worship Attendance

On-Campus	236
Virtual.....	165
Total.....	401

BUDGET REPORT

Report for April 16, 2023

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$28,873
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$18,164
Budget Requirements to Date	\$461,975
Budget Gifts to Date	\$465,558
Global Missions Offering	\$20,286

ESBC T-SHIRTS

Our new ESBC t-shirts have arrived – just in time for Operation Inasmuch! These t-shirts are heather blue and have a soft-spun feel and texture. Shirts are available in sizes S-2XL and are \$12.00 per shirt. Contact Denise if you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt.

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Bob Walker is our deacon of the week. Bob has been a member of Earle Street since 2006. He and his wife, Judy, have been married since 1970 and have four children and eight grandchildren. He is an academic advisor for the Health and Wellness Division at Greenville Technical College. He and Judy operate an income tax preparation service called Walker Taxes Ranger, LLC. In addition to his role as a deacon, Bob serves on the Community Missions Team, is a member of the Sanctuary Choir, and teaches Sunday School.

XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL

Thursday, April 27

11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Biblical Character Portrayal
of the Apostle John by Rick Davis

Our Christian hope is in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This monologue brings to life the great love our Lord has for us and the sacrifice He made on our behalf. The presentation not only includes the Apostle John's view of the Biblical account of the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord, but also reflects on the following events:

- Lazarus' Death
- Entrance into Jerusalem
- Temple Experience
- Question – "Who is the greatest disciple?"
- Peter's Denial of Christ
- Jesus' Last Words

If you plan to stay for the meal following the program, please make a reservation by [clicking here](#) or calling the church office.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Since resuming our Wednesday evening meals the first of this year, many families in our congregation have been eating with us each week. The Kitchen Leaders and the Food Services Committee have worked hard to make the preparation and serving process smooth and easy. We have a great group of volunteers that assist on Wednesday evenings but we still need some additional hands. Wednesday evening meal volunteers serve from 4:15 until 6:00 pm. They help the Kitchen Leaders with preparing the plates, serving the plates to the church family and then cleaning up the kitchen. Volunteers can serve one or more Wednesdays a month. If you would be willing to serve in this area of ministry or need more information, please email Denise at denise@esbcgreenville.org.

From the Connections Minister

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

ESBC Family,

In one of my favorite Scriptural narratives, the Lord speaks to Moses and tells him that God has called a man named Bezalel to His service. God has gifted Bezalel to be a craftsman. In fact, God says that He has “filled him with the Spirit of god in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship” (Exodus 31.3). Not only did God call, gift, and fill Bezalel but a few verses down God says that He has appointed for Bezalel a helper, Oholiab. And not only has God appointed Oholiab as a helper, but, God has also called many others! He tells Moses, “in the hearts of all who are skillful, I have put skill” (Exodus 31.6) In this narrative God called, gifted, and equipped these people to build a place (the Tabernacle) where He would dwell with His people.

I think that God is still doing this same thing. God is calling, filling, gifting, and equipping His people so that they could build His dwelling place. In his letter to the Ephesian church, Paul says that we (the ones being saved by grace through faith in Christ) belong to God. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that were prepared by God for us (Ephesians 2.8-10). We are, together, being fitted together and growing into a holy temple that the Spirit of God might dwell in us (Ephesians 2.20-22). When we do the good works prepared for us, we are joining with God to build a place, a people, where He can dwell.


Are you aware of the awesome calling we’ve received from God in Jesus Christ? Do you know that God has gifted you so that you can serve Him in works already prepared for you? Can you see that God is filling you and equipping you so that you would join Him on His mission to renew the whole world? How are you letting God work in you and through you?

Why don’t you join us as we put our callings and giftings into action? On Saturday, April 29th, we (as a church family) are going to walk in the good works God has already prepared for us. Sign up for an Operation Inasmuch project and help us show Greenville how much God loves them. Don’t miss out on what God wants to teach you through serving with your church family. Sign up for an Operation Inasmuch project by [clicking here](#).

In Christ,
Jay Roland

From the Minister Of Youth and Recreation

Lucy Wilkinson (ext. 212) – lucy@ESBCgreenville.org



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 23!



ESBC GRAD EVENTS

GRAD SUNDAY
SUNDAY APRIL 30TH
10:30AM

YOUTH NIGHT
WEDNESDAY MAY 10TH
6PM

CONTACT LUCY BY 4/23 TO PARTICIPATE!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

Congratulations Class of 2023! If you have a high school or college graduate that would like to be recognized in the April 30th service, please let me know by this Sunday, April 23rd.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications are available for members of the graduating class of 2023. 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 of the application is May 31st. Please contact Jay Roland at jay@esbcgreenville.org to obtain an application or for more information.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 11-15

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! To help ‘shine Jesus’ light’ we need extra help to make ‘all systems go!’ In the Welcome Center area, you will see a display about helping with VBS! Below you’ll find a few notes about how you can help! If you have more questions, please reach out to Karli Selz at karli@esbcgreenville.org.

1. **Take a donation option from the board.** Purchase the donation and bring it back to church before May.
2. **Shop from the Amazon Wishlist.** Your donation will be delivered directly to the church. [You can find the link by clicking here.](#)
3. **Sign up to be a crew leader!** Crew leaders make VBS possible. You’ll be assigned a small group of children. You get to be their friend, lead them from station to station and be a kid again yourself! There is no preparation necessary.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 6

9:00 in the Fellowship Hall

Prayer may be the most important activity for our congregation during our period of transition. Please plan to attend the church-wide prayer breakfast on Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 am. Come and learn “where we are” from our transition committees and pray together for God to lead us into his will for our church at this time. The breakfast is a full meal, and it is free. But please register by clicking here so we can adequately prepare. Please contact the Prayer Team with any questions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Wednesday, April 26

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

Make your reservation by midnight, April 23rd by clicking here.

Main Entree: Baked Spaghetti, Salad, French Bread

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

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

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Earle Street Ringers—We will rehearse at 8:45 am Sunday morning. See you then!

Youth Choir & Youth Handbells—This Sunday is our final rehearsal until Youth Sunday on April 30. Please make sure you are here, or let me know if you will not be in attendance. See you on Sunday!

SPRING DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Join in ESBC discipleship growth as we “*Spring Into Spiritual Midweek Recharge.*” These groups will meet now through May 31 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. All five groups offer topics and opportunities that will enhance your spiritual growth and daily walk. Our spring Discipleship Groups are diverse as they offer: views of the Gospel of Matthew; discussion of Jesus’ parables; a journey with Joseph from pit to pinnacle; a look at scripture to help with the week’s challenges; and a “be still and know” moment for moms. YOU are welcomed by each group and your participation will help this to be a joyous spring of spiritual renewal and recharge!

From the Minister of Administration

Denise Plumblee (ext. 211) – denise@ESBCgreenville.org

Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10

Thomas Kinkadee, the American landscape painter, once said “Balance, peace, and joy are the fruit of a successful life. It starts with recognizing your talents and finding ways to serve others by using them.” Recognizing our talents and finding ways to use them in service can be daunting. Some of us may have no idea what our spiritual gifts are. Or perhaps we know what our spiritual gifts are or what we have a passion for but figuring out how to share or channel that gift and passion here at ESBC may seem difficult. Fortunately, we have two tools here at ESBC that can assist our church family in determining our spiritual gifts and discerning how and where to use them.

Spiritual Gifts Inventory

We have a spiritual gift inventory questionnaire that will help members of our church family to determine their spiritual gifts. This brief questionnaire, which takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, is a list of 80 statements and the individual simply ranks whether the statement applies to them or not. Once the questionnaire is completed and returned to the staff, a graph outlining the results is provided to the individual along with an explanation of the various spiritual gifts. If you have never completed the spiritual gifts inventory or haven’t completed one recently, please reach out to me. I would encourage you to use this tool to learn more about the gifts God has given you.

A Balanced Life – Survey of Interest

Once you have determined your spiritual gifts, how do you figure out what ministries to plug into here at ESBC? Well, the survey of interest, A Balanced Life, is a great place to start. The survey of interest provides a listing of the various entities here at ESBC where individuals can get involved. There are opportunities to serve, opportunities in worship, and opportunities for being served – all areas needed to maintain a healthy balance in our spiritual life.

By completing and returning the survey of interest, you can learn more about the opportunities available. Completion of the survey is not a commitment and you are under no obligation. Copies of the survey will be available in all of the adult Sunday School classes this week as well as in the welcome center office area. We encourage each member of our church family to complete the survey of interest, no matter how long you have been involved at ESBC.

If you are interested in learning more about either of these documents or want more information about getting engaged in the ministries of our church, please reach out to me or any of the other staff ministers. We would love to help you find your place to serve here at Earle.