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5TH SUNDAY NIGHT SING & ICE CREAM CONTEST WEDNESDAY JULY 29TH

Get those churns & ice cream recipes ready!!

6pm Singing in the Sanctuary.
Ice Cream Contest
to follow in the
Fellowship Hall.

CONTEST SIGN-UP



5th SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING
Wednesday, July 29th
6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Our friends from First Baptist Church Piedmont will be joining us again! After the singing, we will have a time of fellowship. Sign up now to participate in the ice cream contest. See Anna Kay Lord for details!

Ice Cream Contest

Deacon
ORDINATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
5:00 PM IN THE SANCTUARY
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

AN UPDATE FROM THE DEACONS

At the July 12 Deacons' meeting, the deacons approved two motions from the Stewardship Committee.

The first motion will change the Financial Oversight Council (FOC) to a new organization, the **Finance Stewardship Council (FSC)**. The new FSC will carry out the combined functions of the current Financial Coordinator, Stewardship Committee, and the FOC. Those three entities will be retired. The FSC will be a six-person council which will include the Treasurer (standing), three at-large committee members (representing the current "Stewardship Committee", serving three-year terms and rotating one each year), and two deacons. This will streamline and clarify the responsibilities related to financial management. As a result of this reorganization, a future change to the Constitution and Bylaws will be needed to remove "Assistant Treasurer" and "Financial Coordinator" as officers of the church.

The second motion will establish an additional new entity, the **Property Stewardship Council (PSC)**. This council will be responsible for developing, recommending, communicating, and administering guidelines, policies, and procedures for the paid and non-paid use of our property and space resources, with the intent of providing a rental income stream while supporting partner ministries. It will be part of the Administration Cluster and will be a six-person council, including representatives from the new FSC, deacons, the Property and Space Committee, and an At-Large member. This aligns with the recommendation from Center for Healthy Churches that we support our ministry budget with four income streams: tithes and offerings, legacy gifts, facility use income, and investments.

You will see these changes in a future version of the Nominating Committee's Leadership Report. We are grateful for the individuals who will be serving in these two new important roles.

DEACON ELECTION RESULTS

The six nominees for deacon have all been elected. The new deacons are: Glenn Arrowood, Paula Hayes, Linda Kirkland, Vicki Merck, Amy Moore, and Bob Walker. There will be an ordination service on Sunday, August 16th at 5:00 pm for Paula Hayes and Amy Moore.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, July 26
9:15 am: Sunday School
10:30 am: Worship
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem: *Down By the River to Pray* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Series: *Questions God Asks*

Sermon: "Have You Any Right to Be Angry?"
 by Gary Strickland

MINISTER ON CALL

July 24-26
 Lucy Wilkinson
 (864) 270-6436
lucy@esbcgreenville.org

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 26

8:15 am Greenville Church Without Walls (Sanctuary)
 9:15 am Sunday School (All Rooms)
 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 7:00 pm Gym Reserved (Akers)

Monday, July 27

9:00 am Yoga and Flexibility Class (Gym)
 2:00 pm Gym Reserved (Pickleball)
 6:00 pm Gym Reserved (Brooks)

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 am Staff Meeting (Room 200)
 2:00 pm Gym Reserved (Pickleball)
 6:30 pm Women's AA Open Group Meeting (FLC)

Wednesday, July 29

11:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Room 200)
 2:00 pm Gym Reserved (Pickleball)
 5:00 pm Youth Hangout (Gym)
 6:00 pm Fifth Sunday Night Singing (Sanctuary)
 7:00 pm Ice Cream Social/Contest (FH)

Thursday, July 30

4:00 pm Gym Reserved (Johnson)

Friday, July 31

5:00 pm Sanctuary Reserved (Piano Central)
 6:00 pm Gym Reserved (Day)

Saturday, August 1

5:00 pm Gym Reserved (Day)

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Stuart Moore is the deacon of the week. I met my wife Amy during seminary at Wake Forest University School of Divinity. We married in 2008, joined Earle Street in 2014, and in 2017 welcomed our son Campbell. I'm a bit eccentric - it works for teaching middle school and serving in the children's department. I enjoy making things, building Legos, and cooking. Let's nerd out together over fantasy and science fiction, maybe even mysteries and historical fiction - all good reads.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report for July 19, 2026

Sunday School Attendance.....104

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary122

Preschoolers and Children..... 10

Total..... 132

Online Views (as of 7/23/26)..... 78

BUDGET REPORT

Report for July 19, 2026

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

Budget Gifts (this week)\$9,448

Budget Offering Requirements.....\$455,666

Budget Gifts to Date.....\$364,297

Global Missions Offering.....\$18,118

UPCOMING EVENTS AND TRIPS

August 5: Summer Missions Report

August 8: Prayer Breakfast

August 12: Fall Kick-Off

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 8th

Everyone is invited to attend the prayer breakfast. The meal is free but please sign up so we can prepare enough food for everyone. Register by clicking the link below or calling the church office.

Prayer Breakfast



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 9th

All students and teachers mark your calendars for Sunday, August 9th. Bring your backpacks and teacher bags for a special time of prayer over the new school year.



FIRST GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, August 16th

Believe it or not, backpacks are about to come out of hiding, pencils will soon be sharpened, and the first day of school will be here before we know it! That also means one of our favorite Earle Street traditions is just around the corner—placing God's Word into the hands of our rising first graders at the Bible Presentation Sunday August 16.

We want to be sure every child receives this special gift. If you have a rising first grader, or if you know a child who doesn't have a church family and would be blessed by receiving a Bible, please email children@esbcgreenville.org with the child's name, parent's name, and contact information. Help us make sure no little hearts miss out on this treasured milestone!"

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

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.

We are excited to report that 102 families had their photos taken for our directory! If you missed having your photo taken we have 2 more opportunities. Photos will be taken in Room 206 before Sunday School (8:45-9:15am) or after Worship until 12:15 pm on **Sunday, August 2nd**. You may also have your photo taken on **Wednesday, August 5th** before or after Wednesday activities. This is the last day to have your photo taken. You may also stop by the church office during the week to have your photo taken.

You can still be included in the directory at any time. This deadline is for the first edition of the printed directory. Online users are encouraged to use the online directory only to keep printing costs down. Print directories will be available Fall of 2026. The Connections Team will monitor new editions and offer reprints when necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Turner at turnerkathy@hotmail.com.

PERIOD PROJECT BOX

On average, a woman who menstruates spends between \$120 and \$260 per year on basic (store-brand) single-use menstrual products like pads and tampons. This often exceeds \$500 though for those who have special requirements. The lack of access to menstrual health products is often a misunderstood or an utterly unknown issue in the United States. Menstrual health products are necessities but are not available in many schools, shelters, and communities to menstruators and students in need. The Period Project works with local organizations to create an understanding of the pressing issue and also donates supplies to those in need. There is a collection box in the Welcome Center for new and individually wrapped items. Please see Nancy McCarrell for more information.

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](#)