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Counting the days until I worship with you again in person . . .

At the end of July, I will have completed my twelve-week cardiac rehab program, and will be released to ease back into my responsibilities as your pastor. For some time now, I have been working remotely from home; but my plan now is to begin working in person on Monday, July 25, and begin preaching again on Sunday, July 31.

My cardiologist has told me that, because my heart damage is significant and permanent, I will have to discover what my new capacities and limitations will be, and work within those parameters. So like I said, I will be "easing back" into my responsibilities on a limited and trial basis. I am stronger now than I ever thought I would be, but do not have the stamina I once had. Thank you for your patience, generosity, concern, support, and thoughtfulness during these difficult days, weeks, and months. We have been so thankful for the technology that has allowed us to worship with you online, but we are so eager to see you in person again.

Again, let me thank our wonderful staff for the work they have done, not just compensating for my three-month absence, but also filling the void left by Chuck almost a year ago. I have always known what a treasure they are; but in recent months, my love, respect, and admiration for them have increased exponentially. They are, to a person, people of strong faith and deep love for our church. I love them all with deep affection, and could never thank them enough for all they have done for me and our church. And I am so thankful for the ministry of Jim Wooten, my friend and our beloved former pastor, who has served our church so effectively during these unusual circumstances. It has been so good and healing for me to get to hear him preach again Sunday after Sunday, and I know his ministry has been a tremendous gift to you, as well. Jim and I will be overlapping some the week of July 25 as he completes his ministry as interim pastor at the end of July.

God has been so good to our church for a century now, and I am praying for our church as we begin a second century of "our journey in faith." Counting the days...

Let's Celebrate Together

I am so thankful that I will be back just in time to join in our final centennial celebrations on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21. On Saturday, August 20, at 6:00 pm, we will have a celebration dinner and program at Embassy Suites Greenville Golf Resort and Conference Center on Verdae Boulevard. The meal will be delicious, and the fellowship will be sweet as we see some old friends and meet some new friends who share our spiritual heritage. This is one night you will not want to miss. I can't wait until you get to see the wonderful book our History Team has published, entitled A Home to All Who Would Enter. Complete with photos and feature articles, this book is professionally done and it tells the story of our church from the beginning through the present. You will learn a lot about our church that you did not know, and will be reminded of stories you might have forgotten. You will definitely keep this book out on your coffee table at home to browse through and show your friends and family. It is a fitting tribute to the church we love so much. In addition, we will be releasing the new video that is being produced that will document the uniqueness and historical impact our church has had both near and far. The dinner is a ticketed event, so please purchase your ticket soon if you have not already, and invite others to come with you. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the church's web site at www.esbcgreenville.or or by contacting the church office.

Then, on Sunday, August 21, at 10:30 am in our Sanctuary, our year-long centennial celebrations will culminate with a special service of worship, as we give thanks to God for the first 100 years of our history and look forward to the bright future that God has in store for us in the next century of our history. There will be special music, and our former pastor Jim Wooten, will be bringing the message. We have so much to celebrate. Make your plans to join in the celebrations on August 20 and 21.

Grace and peace, Stephen

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, July 10 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem: I'll Fly Away by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 12:7

Sermon: "Will You Really Fly Away?" by Jim Wooten

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Brian Poole is our deacon of the week. Brian and his wife, Candy, have been married for 32 years, are former members of Central Baptist Church, and joined Earle Street, along with their two children, Tristin and Zoie Kay in 2002.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Pat Dietz

CONGRATULATIONS

Adam and Zandrea Pfeiffer upon the recent birth of their daughter, Brooks Marie Pfeiffer, born June 30th, 2022. Brooks is the baby sister of Keys and River and the granddaughter of Susan Mitchell.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Dennis and Linda Long upon the recent death of Linda's brother, Wally Knecht.

Todd, Debbie, Clay, Erich and Jay Wilklow and Grayson and Mace Sally upon the recent death of Debbie's mother, and Clay, Erich, Jay and Mace's grandmother, Lore Johnson.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of July 3, 2022

Worship Attendance

On-Campus	279
Virtual	
Total	442

BUDGET REPORT

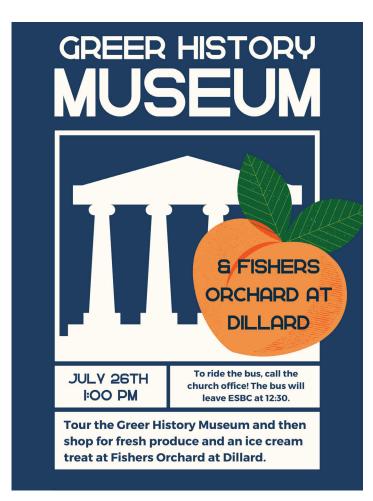
Report for Sunday, July 3, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$25,678
Budget Gifts (this week)	
Budget Requirements to Date	
Budget Gifts to Date	\$669,505

JULY 13TH 5:30-7:30 GYROS CLASSIC/CHICKEN/BEEF (\$13) FALAFEL (\$11) (SERVED ON PITA BREAD WITH LETTUCE, TOMATO, RED ONIONS, FETA CHEESE AND TZATZIKI SAUCE) MEDITERRANEAN BURGER (\$10) (LETTUCE, TOMATO, RED ONION, PICKLES, FETA CHEESE, TZATZIKI SAUCE) **DOLMADES** (STUFFED GRAPE LEAVES) 4 PIECES (\$7) 8 PIECES (\$11) FRIED CIGAR ROLL (3/\$9) (FILLED WITH SPINACH AND FETA SERVED WITH TZATZIKI SAUCE) **MEDITERRANEAN** FRENCH FRIES (\$8) (FRIES TOPPED WITH FETA CHEESE AND PARSLEY) SEASONED FRIES (\$3)

LIBRARY NEWS

Vacation time is here! Many good books are in our library for adults as well as children. A new book recommended by Lucy Wilkinson is *Redeeming Love*. From Dot Smith's library are two novels *The Education of Little Tree* and *Gold Sassy Tree*. Both of these are page turners. For those who are dealing with grief, there is a section of books on the topic. Need an activity for the entire family? We have a great selection of jigsaw puzzles!



From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

We will be singing some gospel favorites in worship for the next few Sundays! I look forward to seeing you there!

Sanctuary Choir—After missing so many weeks of rehearsals, I want to remind you that we will rehearse on July 13! See you then!

From the Minister Of Preschoolers and Children

Karli Selz (ext. 209) – karli@ESBCgreenville.org

Kids Camp Fundraiser: Thank you! - Our kids camp envelope fundraiser is completed; we raised enough money to cover all 24 children's remaining balances. Thank you so much for your donations and your love for our children. We are excited to head to camp July 18-22 to learn about our Wonderous God!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FAITH BUILD WORKDAY OPPORTUNITY Saturday, July 30 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

A home for Jaymi Montgomery and her three sons is nearing completion. Work on the 2022

Faith/Golden Strip Coalition Build will conclude with landscaping on July 30. The work is scheduled from 8:00 am - 2:30 pm with lunch provided. 10 - 20 volunteers are needed. Contact Ed Hogan (ehoganbnc@gmail.com) to reserve a place!

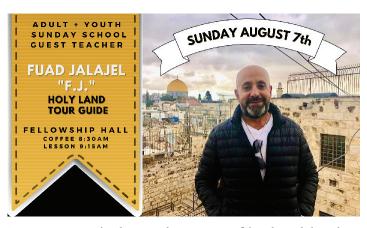
Watch for information on the 2022 Abraham Build scheduled to begin Sept 7.



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WEEKEND August 20 and 21 Banquet Tickets On Sale Now!

On Saturday, August 20, we will have a celebration dinner and program at 6:00 pm at the Embassy Suites Greenville Golf Resort and Conference Center on Verdae Boulevard. Our new history book, *A Home to All Who Would Enter*, will be debuted along with the official release of the Earle Street Baptist Church Centennial documentary video. This is a ticketed event and tickets are limited so get yours early! You may purchase tickets by clicking here.





We are so excited to welcome our friend and brother, Fuad "FJ" Jalajel, to South Carolina and to ESBC on Sunday August 7th. FJ is an Israeli tour guide that leads our groups and many others on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

We will have coffee and light refreshments at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall and then FJ will teach all youth and adult Sunday School classes at 9:15 am. In addition to teaching, FJ is bringing an assortment of Holy Land items that will be available for purchase.

We hope you will all plan on joining us in welcoming FJ and learning more about this special place where so many Biblical events took place.





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Smile and allow ESBC to receive a portion of the purchase amount? Simply go to smile.amazon.com and set up Earle Street Baptist Church as your charity preference. Then when you shop Amazon, go to the smile.amazon.com rather than the normal Amazon.com. Your shopping experience, orders, and lists will all be the same as usual, but you'll be sending a portion of your purchase amounts to support our church!

THANK YOU FOR THE LUNCHES!

Thank you to all those who have provided meals for our staff this spring and summer. The July slots are almost full but there are dates left in August. If you have not signed up or would be willing to provide another meal, please check out the schedule at: www.mealtrain.com/trains/mqke83.