



Earle Street Baptist Church

Centennial Celebration Schedule of Events

More events may be added and some details may be modified. Please visit our web site or send an email to 100years@esbcgreenville.org for more information about these celebration events. We hope you will plan to join us for these celebrations!

March 12 - Wildfire - Roaring '20s: It's A Birthday Celebration Event!

Come join us as we celebrate our actual 100th birthday on Saturday, March 12, at 7:00 pm. The theme is the Roaring 20s and there will be dessert, games and bidding on a variety of wonderful items in our live and silent auctions. This event is sponsored by the ESBC Youth and is a ticketed event with proceeds supporting our youth mission opportunities. Tickets go on sale online February 13 – 27.

March 13 - Centennial Sunday: Celebrating 100 Years of ESBC

On Sunday, March 13, we will have a special Sunday of worship and celebration. In our worship service at 10:30 am, we will be re-living and re-creating the first worship service of the newly constituted Earle Street Baptist Church. Stephen will be bringing a message using the same biblical text used by Dr. W.T. Derieux in March of 1922 under the tent. Before and after the service, there will be historical exhibits around the church and our building will be open for tours. Immediately following the worship service, we will gather on the front steps of the Sanctuary for a panoramic centennial photograph.

April 3 - Celebration Sunday:

Janice Hinnant's 27th Anniversary

Sunday, April 3, 2022 is the twenty-seventh anniversary of Rev. Janice Hinnant, our minister of music. In 2020, a celebration was planned that had to be postponed due to the pandemic. Now, two years later, we will finally celebrate the anniversary of our minister of music who has led our music for more than a quarter of a century. Join us at 10:30 am for our worship service where Janice's contributions to ESBC will be recognized. An anthem has been commissioned in her honor, which the combined Youth and Sanctuary Choirs will be performing. All of our choirs will be presenting special music.

Joint Worship Service with Northgate Baptist Church

Our celebration continues on April 3 as we gather with one of our daughter churches, Northgate Baptist, for a joint worship service at 5:00 pm. Barry Jimmerson, the pastor of Northgate, will be preaching as their congregation joins us at ESBC. There will be a joint choir and testimonies from ESBC members who have connections to all three generations of our church: Central (our mother church), Earle Street, and Northgate (our daughter church) as well. Following the joint service, we will enjoy fellowship together in our Fellowship Hall.

"Celebrating 100 Years - 1922 to 2022"

April 24 - 100th Birthday Party Celebration
A Family-Friendly Event

Join us as we celebrate our centennial year in a family-friendly way with a 100th birthday party on this Sunday afternoon in April at 2:00 pm. We will celebrate with cupcakes, games, and lots of fun. All ages are encouraged to attend and everyone is invited to dress like they are 100 years old.

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday Celebration:
Joint Worship Service with Vietnamese Congregations

Pentecost Sunday is the perfect time to hear the gospel in more than one language! We will celebrate with two more of our daughter churches – the Greenville Vietnamese Church and the Vietnamese Blessing Baptist Church - on June 5 with joint fellowship at 9:30 am and worship at 10:30 am. We will sample the cuisine of each other's culture as the Vietnamese congregations provide refreshments along with refreshments provided by ESBC. The music for the service will be presented by the Vietnamese congregations. Tam Van Vo, who has been involved since the Vietnamese congregation began meeting at Earle Street in 1993, will give a greeting and brief review of how our church sponsored the Vietnamese congregation, and how the Vietnamese congregations have changed, relocated, and grown through the years. Stephen will be bringing a brief sermon for both congregations with the assistance of a translator.

Anniversary Celebration Weekend
Saturday, August 20 - Celebration Dinner
Sunday, August 21 - Celebration Sunday

We will complete our centennial celebrations with this special weekend in August. On Saturday, August 20, we will have a celebration dinner and program at 6:00 pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greenville. Our new history book, *A Home to All Who Would Enter*, will be debuted that evening along with the official release of the Earle Street Baptist Church Centennial documentary video. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are limited and will go on sale on Sunday, March 13, 2022.

On Sunday, August 21, our year-long centennial celebration will culminate in worship in our Sanctuary. Dr. James G. Wooten, our former pastor for twenty-one years, will be bringing our message. There will be historical exhibits for viewing throughout our facilities and we will place a centennial time capsule, a legacy to be opened by the ESBC congregations of the future.

“No Place Like Home”
Book Signing Event

A collection of sermons and songs by our pastor, Stephen Clyborne, commemorating 2022 as the church's centennial year, Stephen's twentieth anniversary at Earle Street and fortieth year in full-time ministry. When the book and accompanying CD is released in the Fall of 2022, a book signing will be scheduled.