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## AN UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

*Last Call For Candidate Names!*

If God has laid it on your heart to share the name of someone that you think would meet the ministry priorities, sermon priorities, and leadership qualities noted in our Pastor Profile (Pages 20-21 of the Church Profile), please submit that name to the committee before midnight Sunday. To submit names, send an email to [pastorsearch@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:pastorsearch@esbcgreenville.org) and include the candidate's name and contact information or current place of service, and, if you are willing, a brief description of why God has led you to consider this person as one to lead us into the future. We had several candidate names suggested last week and those will be included in the search process led by CHC.

Our prayer focus this week is for Bill Wilson and Frank Granger as they conduct our initial search - that they would discern God's leadership and encounter candidates who are open to God's call.

Church Profile



We're gearing up for this year's VBS, Rainforest Falls, where kids will explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God—their safe place in life's storms. It's going to be a fun and meaningful week! If you're ready to join the adventure, volunteer and child participant registration is now open—we'd love to have you be part of the fun!

The VBS Team  
(Meredith Smith, Anna Kay Lord, & Stuart Moore)

VBS Registration



We could not serve our community or operate Earle Street without you! As a small token of our gratitude, the staff invites you to an appreciation picnic. The meal (hamburgers and dessert!) will be provided but we ask that you register in advance so we may prepare enough food.

Volunteer Picnic

## XYZ MONTHLY MEETING AND MEAL

For All Senior Adults!

Thursday, May 28 at 11:00 am

**BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Lemon Squares**

Kristen Pace from the Upcountry History Museum will give us a brief overview of our history as it relates to the galleries on display at the Museum. From the Native Americans, the Revolutionary War, early growth of Greenville, Textile Mills, World War II to Civil Rights. She will highlight the various changing exhibitions and program offerings. All senior adults are encouraged to attend!

XYZ Reservations

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.

## JOIN US IN WORSHIP

**Sunday, May 24**

**9:30 am: Sunday School**

**10:15 am: Worship**

*Pentecost Sunday/Memorial Sunday*

Anthem: *O Breath of God* by the Sanctuary Choir;  
Betsy Fee, violin

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

Sermon: "The Wind Still Blows" by Gary Strickland

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

**Harry Hayes**

## IN MEMORIAM

**STEVE RICE**

**March 31, 1949 - May 18, 2026**

## MINISTER ON CALL

**May 22-24**

Gary Strickland

(605) 413-7908

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## ATTENDANCE REPORT

**Report for May 17, 2026**

Sunday School Attendance .....121

**Worship Attendance**

Sanctuary .....100

Preschoolers and Children.....9

Spring Camping Trip ..... **38**

Total..... 147

## BUDGET REPORT

**Report for May 17, 2026**

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

Budget Gifts (this week) .....\$16,703

Budget Offering Requirements.....\$314,252

Budget Gifts to Date .....\$242,056

Global Missions Offering.....\$11,055

## DEACON OF THE WEEK



**Linda Kirkland is the deacon of the week.** Linda has been a member since 1995. Linda retired in 2021 from Greenville County Schools after teaching high school English for 50 years. She taught for 10 years at Greenville High School and 36 years at Riverside High School. At Earle Street, Linda is a member of the Sanctuary Choir, Loaves and Fishes Sunday School Class, the Senior Adult Ministry, and the Landwood Ridge Apartment Ministry. Linda and her husband, Don, enjoy delivering meals for the Meals-on-Wheels program.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for helping me raise money to go to the USA Special Olympics Games in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I am participating in Flag Football.

Rick Green

Thank you so much for the calls, cards and especially for the prayers during my surgery and my recovery. It has meant so much to me during this time!

Charlotte Boehm

GREENVILLE DRIVE

# BASEBALL



# GAME

Friday, July 24th

Fluor Field

6:45 PM

GET YOUR TICKETS AT  
[ESBCGREENVILLE.ORG/EVENTS](https://esbcgreenville.org/events)

**ESBC NIGHT AT THE DRIVE GAME**

**Friday, July 24th**

**6:45 pm at Fluor Field**

Join us for a fun night of baseball and fireworks after the game! Get your tickets now at the link below.

Drive Tickets

# From the Minister Of Music and Worship

Janice Hinnant (ext. 202) – [janice@ESBCgreenville.org](mailto:janice@ESBCgreenville.org)

## WHY SING THE DOXOLOGY?

I received this email from a friend of mine in North Carolina who faithfully watches our services each week. I thought it might be nice to share it with all of you.

We or our congregation may have grown accustomed to singing it, grown weary or even perfunctory singing it in church week after week. The power of the message remains:

1. It proclaims who we are to praise, God.
2. It declares that we are to acknowledge and praise the Trinity. And, we are to acknowledge that there is a Trinity.
3. It reminds us to acknowledge and be thankful that it is God and He alone who gives us blessings.
4. It shouts that all, creatures here below and the heavenly host praise Him!
5. It ends with Amen, meaning so be it or let it be so with me!

It seems that if I were the Heavenly Father, I would never tire of my children, my family, my “bride” honoring me, offering me praise, not because of their love for me, but rather because of my love for them. So, my friends, next time you sing the Doxology, sing with a fresh perspective and understanding of your declaration. Sing with great fervor!

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## 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](#)

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## MISSING TABLECLOTHS

We are missing many of our navy blue tablecloths. Did you borrow these for your SS class event or ministry gathering? If you have them, please return them to the church as soon as possible!

## CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Need your photo taken for the new church directory? Photos may be taken in Room 206 before Sunday School (8:45-9:15am) or after Worship until 12:15 pm. Picture opportunities are available on Sunday, May 24th. More dates in June will be announced soon. You may also stop by the church office during the week to have your photo taken.

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAYS

**Friday, June 5th: 8:00 - 11:30 am/12:00 - 3:30 pm**  
**Thursday, June 11th: 8:00 - 11:30 am/12:00 - 3:30 pm**

There are two opportunities for ESBC to help with a Habitat project. On Friday, June 5th we will be working to install siding on the Faith Build home. This home is constructed by churches and religious groups in the Greenville area. The work is divided into 2 shifts and we would like 10 volunteers per shift. The morning shift is 8:00 am to 11:30 am and the afternoon shift is 12:00 am to 3:30 pm. You can volunteer for one or both shifts.

Our second opportunity is on Thursday, June 11th and we would be installing shelving and hardware. This is on the first duplex build by Greenville Habitat and would be some of the finishing touches. This will be 2 shifts and we would like 4 volunteers per shift.

You can work one shift or all four. Please sign up using the link below or call the church office. We hope to have two successful projects for Habitat this year. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Merck at [mkeithvicki@currently.com](mailto:mkeithvicki@currently.com).

[Habitat for Humanity Work Day](#)



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## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Judson Community Partnership will begin sharing space this fall when school begins. They provide “opportunities for academic growth, exposure to the arts, and therapeutic healing to youth and families in the Judson neighborhood of Greenville.” It is an after-school program for elementary-age children that provides emotional support, along with effective interventions that go beyond what is available in the existing school program. Judson Community Partnership has a proven track record of being a lifeline for the children who participate in its after-school program.

They will be using some of the unused rooms in our children’s area several afternoons a week, along with a two to three-week camp in the summer. If you want to learn more about Judson Community Partnership, you can check out their website at: [www.judsoncommunitypartnership.com](http://www.judsoncommunitypartnership.com)