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## FROM THE PASTOR Stephen Clyborne

This summer, we are preparing for a new church year that will be much fuller than the past church year. On Wednesday, July 21, we will have a "catch-up" church conference which will include a report on membership changes since January of 2020; reports from the Nominating Committee with a list of proposed workers for the 2021-22 church year, the Strategic Planning Committee, the Property and Grounds Committee with an update on the Sanctuary Renewal Project, and the Centennial Celebration Committee; as well as a financial report. This will be a most informative and exciting meeting as we anticipate the future that God has in store for us.

We will also be scheduling orientation meetings for all our teams, committees, and councils. It has been a while since most of our entities have gotten together to pray with each other, review assignments, and set goals. We want to hit the ground running when our new church year begins September 1, and a strong start will require full engagement from all our volunteers. So I hope you will make every effort to be present for the orientation meetings that involve you. And if you are not involved, this is the perfect time to join one of our teams:

- Usher Team
- Creation Care Team
- Triune Mercy Center Team
- Operation Inasmuch Team
- Marie Younts Girls Group Home Team
- Community Missions Team
- International Missions Team
- Bridge Builders Team
- A House on Beekman Team
- Apartment Ministry Team
- Connections Team
- Greeters Team
- Bereavement Team
- Paraclete Ministry Team
- Medical Ministry Team
- College Ministry Team
- Singles Ministry Team
- XYZ Team
- Media Library Team
- History Team
- Discipleship Team
- Prayer Team
- Parking Team

If you need more information on any of these teams, or would like to get involved, please let me know. We have an exciting year ahead of us!



## CELEBRATING OUR PAST: The Role of Music in Worship

Music plays an extremely important role in the worship at ESBC. There are opportunities for all ages to participate in the music ministry here. Janice Hinnant has been our Minister of Music for over 26 years. She joined the church staff in April of 1995 and was ordained in June of 2007 as the church's first female minister.

A review of our archives indicates that music was also an important part of the worship and ministry of the early church here at ESBC. An entry in the **September 22, 1929** newsletter reflects on the music ministry of that time, as Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Anderson were responsible for leading the music:

“We all recognize that good music is one of the most helpful features of any church service. It is our hope to have more and better music in our church in the future than we have in the past. Those who sing in the choir are rendering a great service and we appreciate it. We hope that everyone will cooperate with Mr. Anderson in building up a good choir. More emphasis will be put on congregational singing than formerly and we cordially invite all who worship with us to join heartily in the singing.”

The Strategic Planning Committee invites you to join us in prayer, giving thanks to God for the gift of music and the gift of our music ministry.

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of music and song, especially as we worship you. Thank you for those who lead us and for those whose voices and music lift us up. The music we hear and the hymns we sing in church come back to our hearts and minds throughout the week, reminding us of your great love and mercy.

Amen.

## JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, July 11  
 9:00 and 10:30 am only  
 in the Fellowship Hall  
*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**Anthem:** *Be Not Afraid* by the Sanctuary Choir

**Solo:** *Think About His Love* by Butch Blume

**Scripture:** Isaiah 43:1-4a; I John 4:18

**Summer Sermon Series:** Controlling Our Emotions

**Sermon:** "Dealing with Fear" by Stephen Clyborne

## PROJECT HOST FOOD TRUCK...again!

Wednesday, July 21

5:00 to 7:30 pm

Credit/Debit/Cash/Apple Pay

We had such a great time with the Host Mobile Food Truck last week that they are coming back again in July! To learn more about Project Host, visit their web site at [www.projecthost.org](http://www.projecthost.org). A menu will be available closer to that date.

With good participation, we hope to begin offering a variety of food truck options on Wednesday nights! So come enjoy a good meal and support the work of Project Host.

## NEW PRAYER GUIDES AVAILABLE

The Prayer Team is excited and pleased to announce the daily devotion/prayer guides for the second half of 2021 are now available. This prayer guide provides a daily devotional thought designed to encourage us to pray as individuals and as a church family. The prayer guide is available in several formats at this time. You may access it electronically by visiting our web site and clicking on the "Daily Prayer Guide" button towards the bottom of the home page or the traditional booklet format will be available for pick-up in the church office and in the Fellowship Hall.

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Laura Cummings Bo Matheny Rosemary Plumblee

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

**Pat Caler and family** upon the recent death of her sister, Barbara Ferry.

**Dwight Bailey and family** upon the recent death of his wife, Mamie Bailey.

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of July 4, 2021

Worship Attendance

On-campus .....	136
Virtual.....	302
Total.....	438

## BUDGET REPORT

Week of July 4, 2021

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$27,406
Budget Gifts (this week).....	\$13,826
Budget Requirements to Date .....	\$739,962
Budget Gifts to Date .....	\$658,976

Capital Campaign (Sanctuary Renewal) .....	\$43,279
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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Church Conference – Wednesday, July 21 (6:00 pm)
- Orientation Meetings – Sundays in August
- Vacation Bible School – August 1-5 (5:30 – 7:30 pm)
- No regular Wednesday activities – August 4
- Mission Trip Report – Wednesday, August 11 (6:00 pm)
- Deacons Transitional Meeting – Sunday, August 8 (6:00 pm)
- Communion – Sunday, August 22 (9:00 and 10:30 am)
- Blessing of the Backpacks – Sunday, August 15 (9:00 and 10:30 am)
- Deacon Ordination Service – Sunday, August 15 (5:00 pm, reception to follow)
- Fall Kick-off – Wednesday, August 25 (6:00 pm)

## From the Pastor

Stephen Clyborne (ext. 204) – [stephen@ESBCgreenville.org](mailto:stephen@ESBCgreenville.org)

As you see from the financial report in this newsletter, we are almost \$81,000 short of our year-to-date budget goal, and I would be lying if I told you I was not concerned. I do not recall our offerings being this much short of our budget goal, even during some severe summer slumps in the past. Of course, the past seventeen months have taken a toll on every church, and unfortunately, our church is no exception. So we have A LOT of catching up to do. As I write this newsletter article, I am praying that those of us who have gotten behind on our giving will catch up, that those who have been giving faithfully will give even more if possible, and that those who have not given at all will find the joy of investing in a kingdom cause that will outlast us all.

While our budget offerings are lagging way behind, our gifts to the Sanctuary Renewal Project have been most impressive. It is a balancing act, to be sure, but I am hoping and praying that our gifts to the Sanctuary Renewal Project will not be at the expense of our budget offerings, but will be over and above the offerings we give to support the ongoing budget of our church.

As we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our church and reflect upon our spiritual heritage, I am praying that those who come behind us will find us as faithful and generous as we have found our spiritual ancestors. Let us pray as if it all depends on God, and give as if it all depends on us.

## From the Minister To Preschoolers and Children

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### KIDS CAMP ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

There is an envelope wall in the second-floor foyer to help raise money for the children going to CentriKid Camps this Summer. To participate in the fundraiser, you will take an envelope off the wall and place a check or cash in the envelope that corresponds to the number written on the envelope (1 = \$1, 23 = \$23). Money raised from this fundraiser will help cover the cost of camp for the children attending this summer.



### A NEW WAY TO GIVE

It's now even easier to get our budget offerings caught up. Just text ESBCGREENVILLE to 73256. Then click the link in the text and follow the prompts on your screen.

If you have any questions, please contact Gina Conn at [gina@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:gina@esbcgreenville.org) or Denise Plumblee at [denise@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:denise@esbcgreenville.org).



## From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

**Sanctuary Choir**— Thank you for being on time and doing such a great job in worship on Sunday!



## BRONX MISSION TRIP

Our mission team has been busy in New York this week! Partnering with A House on Beekman, our team is holding summer camp and other activities. Please continue to pray for these adults and students as they minister to our friends in NY.