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2021 DEACON ELECTION This Sunday, June 27

This Sunday, June 27, our church will vote and elect seven individuals to serve as deacons - six to fill a three-year term and one to fill a vacant two-year term. We encourage you to pray and ask God to help you discern how to vote.

For individuals worshipping in person on that Sunday, ballots will be available during both worship services. **Click here for the electronic ballot.**

We will send an email with the results on Monday morning. The results will also appear in the next edition of the newsletter.

NEW SERVICE MEETING LOCATION Fellowship Hall/Second Floor

While our Sanctuary Renewal Project is underway, **we will now be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.** You will notice that the Fellowship Hall has been transformed into a comfortable space that will allow us to continue meeting in-person for worship. Thank you for your patience and faithfulness during this time of transition and renewal.

While we are still meeting in-person, we are also still livestreaming! As a reminder, you can access our weekly worship livestream on YouTube. After the services have concluded you can find the recorded videos on Facebook, YouTube and our website. If you've not done so already, email info@esbcgreenville.org to be added to our mailing list. You will receive the newsletter electronically, a sermon preview and a direct link to the worship video.

INDEPENDENCE DAY Next Sunday, July 4th 10:30 am Service Only No Sunday School

Because the July 4th holiday falls on Sunday, we will only have one service at 10:30 am and no Sunday School.

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th.



REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR PAST

Reverend Nathan C. Brooks was the sixth pastor of Earle Street Baptist Church. In January of 1949, our country was nearing the end of the Great Depression and our church was almost twenty-seven years old. Even though ESBC was still a young church herself, the congregation was already focused on how they could share God's love by sponsoring a mission in their neighboring community.

Our church history provides the following information:

"In January 1949 a committee, chaired by W. R. Ellis, was appointed to study the possibility of a mission in the Northgate area. Thirty-five persons attended. In June 1949, the Board of Deacons asked the church to support a recommendation that a pastor for Northgate Mission be called. Earle Street Baptist "mothered" a church, sending charter members and giving financial aid.

On October 4, 1950, the church voted to allow the Northgate Mission Committee to purchase a lot for the sum of \$3,250. By the end of October, it was recommended that Northgate Chapel be constituted and organized as a Southern Baptist Church. Rev. Harry McCall to serve as pastor. "

Today Northgate Baptist Church is located at 633 Summit Drive, not far from ESBC.

The Strategic Planning Committee invites you to join us in prayer.

We pray with a whole heart that we may live in the way of God; that we may be able to do as Christ Jesus has shown us to do; that we may live by His mission and not our own. We ask God to help us to show love to others, to those who don't live by God, and even to those who are not sure of His love and mercy. We pray that we can help build His church by bringing others closer to the Lord, as we grow closer to Him. Amen.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, June 27
9:00 am and 10:30 am
in the Fellowship Hall
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Anthem: *How Beautiful* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25-32

Summer Sermon Series: Controlling Our Emotions

Sermon: "Dealing with Bitterness"
by Stephen Clyborne

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Andy Bass Bo Matheny

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Dianne Lowe and family upon the recent death
of her husband, Wally Lowe.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of June 20, 2021

Sunday School Attendance

On-campus	163
Virtual.....	<u>21</u>
Total.....	184

Worship Attendance

On-campus	175
Virtual.....	<u>182</u>
Total.....	357

BUDGET REPORT

Week of June 20, 2021

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$27,406
Budget Gifts (this week).....	\$26,983
Budget Requirements to Date	\$685,150
Budget Gifts to Date	\$623,393

Capital Campaign (Sanctuary Renewal)	\$36,379
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JOIN US FOR THE

HOSTMOBILE FOOD TRUCK



JUNE 30 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

225 W EARLE ST,
GREENVILLE, SC 29609

**HOSTED
BY**



ESBC WELCOMES THE PROJECT HOST FOOD TRUCK!

Wednesday, June 30

5:30 to 7:30 pm

Credit/Debit/Cash/Apple Pay

Project Host's mission is to use "food as a tool to nourish the hungry and train the unemployed." The ministry seeks to fight food insecurity in the greater Greenville area by feeding the hungry, training and educating the un- and underemployed, and paying it forward through their social enterprises.

One of the vehicles (literally) they use to pay it forward is the Host Mobile, their roaming food truck. We are excited to have the Host Mobile on our campus on Wednesday, June 30, from 5:30 to 7:30.

We invite our church family to come that Wednesday evening, enjoy a good meal and support the work of Project Host. To learn more about Project Host, visit their web site at www.projecthost.org.

Here is the menu of items that will be available for dinner from the Host Mobile on June 30th:

Roasted Veggie Rice Bowl with Asian Glaze -	\$9
Grilled Shrimp Po' Boy with Pasta salad -	\$11
Hot Ham and Swiss with Pasta Salad -	\$10
Buffalo Chicken Hoogie with Pasta Salad -	\$11
Hand Cut Fries -	\$4
Truffle Fries -	\$6
Kids Popcorn Chicken and Tots -	\$7
No Bake Cookies -	\$3



FROM THE PASTOR Stephen Clyborne

Thank you for your cooperation, patience, flexibility, and support during our Sanctuary Renewal Project. Our church has shown an extraordinary measure of grace during the recent challenges we have faced together. The repairs and updates in our Sanctuary will be well worth the minor inconveniences we will face in the next few months.

Thank you also for your amazing generosity in supporting the ongoing budget of our church. Our offerings are slowly catching up to our budget goal, and we have already received designated offerings for the Sanctuary Renewal Project above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings. Of course, offerings are not the only way to measure a church's spiritual health, but they are a major indicator of a congregation's willingness to invest in a kingdom that will outlast our lives on earth.

In a spirit of gratitude, our Strategic Planning Committee is leading us to remember and celebrate our spiritual heritage as we prepare for our 100th anniversary as a church. Stop a moment and reflect upon the sacrifices and contributions that were made a century ago, and for the immeasurable investment of time, energy, and resources that has been made in each successive generation to keep our witness vibrant, our church strong, and our future bright.

I am so thankful for all who came before us, and for all of you who, in this present generation, are keeping the dream alive. The praise belongs to God, always to God, and only to God.

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Sanctuary Choir— We will sing in worship this Sunday. Since we have to make our way to the Fellowship Hall and be in place five minutes before service time, we will meet in the choir room at 8:40 for the 9:00 service, and 10:10 for the 10:30 service. We will not plan to wear robes for now.

From the Minister of Youth and Recreation

Lucy Wilkinson (ext. 212) – lucy@ESBCgreenville.org

Since our Sanctuary is in the renewal process, please join us for a special pool baptism this Saturday, June 26th at 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! 16 Overton Court, Greenville.

From the Minister To Preschoolers and Children

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

Kids Camp Envelope Fundraiser: There is an envelope wall in the second-floor lobby 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.

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be August 1-5 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Register at esbcgreenville.org

VBS Volunteers: To make VBS happen we need Crew Leaders. Crew Leaders help lead a small group of elementary or preschool age kids. There's no preparation required. A good crew leader is a friend and helper for the kids and station leaders. They ask questions, take kids seriously and encourage them throughout VBS. If you are interested in helping with VBS this summer, email me!



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.

SANCTUARY RENEWAL UPDATE

On Sunday, June 13, our congregation voted to approve the joint recommendation from the Property and Grounds Committee and the Financial Oversight Council regarding the Sanctuary Renewal Project. The desire and goal of the Property and Grounds Committee is to have this project complete by the end of November so our congregation can return to worship in the renewed sanctuary during the Advent season. In order to achieve this goal, work on the project began immediately.

During the week of June 14, preparations were made for our congregation to worship in the Fellowship Hall during the project. Many individuals volunteered to help move chairs, tables, and altar furniture to furnish and convert the Fellowship Hall into a worship center. Other volunteers worked to set up the audio and video equipment to enable us to provide our live stream from that location. Several “test worship services” were held to ensure that everything was working properly. We worshipped this past Sunday in our new temporary location and had a wonderful worship experience.

Since June 14, work has been going on in the sanctuary to prepare for the arrival of Mavin, the general contractor, on Monday, June 28. Volunteers worked to remove the hymnals, Bibles, pew cushions, sound and video equipment, choir chairs, altar furniture, and vestibule furnishings. These volunteers also cleaned out several closets located in the sanctuary. Church Interiors was on site to remove and relocate the pews to our gym for storage and refinishing. Foothills Organ Company removed the show pipes from the choir loft area and prepared the organ console for relocation. The piano and organ console were both relocated to a secure area. The sanctuary is now ready for Mavin’s arrival and the project will officially begin on Monday, June 28.

We are so thankful to the many volunteers who have given of their time, energy and resources over the past two weeks in order to get this project moving so quickly. We promise to keep you informed as to the progress of the project through both words and photos. And we continue to be so grateful for your support of this project through your financial gifts.

We are very excited to see the renewal of our beloved sanctuary!

