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PRAYER BREAKFAST
This Saturday, March 23
9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
Focus: The Lord's Prayer

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR NATIONAL MISSIONS

During the month of March, we are in the season of prayer for mission efforts here in North America. The North American Mission Board exists to help Baptist churches take the next step in missions and encourage every believer to live on mission.

This Sunday, March 24, during both Sunday School hours at 9:15 and 10:30, you'll have an opportunity to hear from Walter and Susan Ludwick, missionaries serving in San Diego, California. The Ludwicks are involved in engaging the 70,000 Muslims living there with the gospel. Their work involves evangelism and discipleship training in churches as well as mentoring missionary interns who are preparing to enter overseas service in the Muslim world.

Give So Others Can Go

All gifts given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering – 100% of the gifts – go directly to the mission field. **ESBC's goal for the offering this year is \$10,000.** Offering envelopes specific for this offering are available in the pew pockets of the sanctuary.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

GOAL: \$10,000
RECEIVED TO DATE: \$4,859
STILL NEEDED: \$5,141

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday evenings during the months of March and April, Bethany Hovis will be leading a women's Bible study from 5:45 to 6:30 pm each week in Room 100 (the new adult classroom on the first floor). They will be studying Biblical hospitality using the book *Just Open the Door* by Jen Schmidt. All women are invited to join! The book can be purchased on Lifeway's website or in the Lifeway store on Haywood Road. Please contact Bethany at 233-5332, ext. 209 or bethany@esbcgreenville.org if you have any questions!

**XYZ MONTHLY CATERED
MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP**
for all senior adults
Tuesday, March 26
11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Program: Preparing Your Yard for Spring
Jan Hubble, Master Gardener

Menu: Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Bean Almondine, Baked Apples, Japanese Fruit Pie, Rolls, Tea and Coffee

Mission Project: North Greenville Crisis Ministry
Canned Goods

It is very important that we get an accurate count of the number of people eating each month. Call Jan Brown at 864-350-5541. Regular attenders (people on the permanent list) should call if they can NOT attend. The cost of the meal is \$6.00 per person.

ALERT - SPEED BUMP INSTALLATION

Week of March 25
Please drive slowly and use caution!

While the completion of the new building has provided us with many conveniences, one of the unfortunate byproducts is vehicles driving too fast under the porte-cochere and through the parking lot. There have been several close encounters between vehicles and pedestrians. These near misses have happened on Sunday mornings, Wednesday nights and weekdays.

The safety of our congregation, guests, staff and ESPE families is of utmost importance. In order to slow down the traffic and help protect pedestrians on our campus, speed bumps will be installed in our parking lot the week of March 25, weather permitting. There will be five speed bumps installed as follows:

1. One on either side of the covered drive-thru as you enter from Earle Street
2. One on the opposite of the covered drive-thru as you exit towards Earle Street
3. One on either side of the cross walk between the main building and the Family Life Center at the back of the main building.

Although we realize that speed bumps can be an inconvenience to drivers, these bumps will put drivers on alert to slow down and be careful, providing important safety protection for pedestrians of all ages on our campus. We encourage you to drive slowly and carefully, for the protection of pedestrians and your vehicle.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, March 24

9:15 and 10:30 am

Third Sunday in Lent

Parent/Child Dedication (10:30)

James Foster "Kip" Broome IV,

born December 26, 2018

Son of Chip and Jennifer Broome

Anthem: *Sweet Hour of Prayer* by the Sanctuary Choir

Simple Gifts by the Women's Ensemble

Sermon Series: Lenten Sermon Series:

Spiritual Disciplines

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: "Simplicity: Spring Cleaning"

by Stephen Clyborne

USHERS

9:15 am: Bill Poe (Captain), Wayne Wilson,
Jim Bumgarner, Ed Hogan, Dennis Long,
Jerry DeYoung

Preschool Coordinator: Janet Landers

Acolyte: Virginia Wyatt

10:30 am: Glenn Arrowood (Captain), Mark Plasters,
Joe Jones, Joe Solesbee, Andy Hodges,
John Swiger

Preschool Coordinator: Janet Landers

Acolyte: Serenity Hayes

Sound Technician: Eric Hutchinson

Video Technician: Bobby Elrod

Deacon of the Week: Barbara Massey

GREETERS

Welcome Center Greeters

9:15 am: Kay Hogan and Nancy Baker
10:30 am: Jackie Peace and Sally Warwick

Preschool Welcome Center Greeter

9:15 am: Joyce Carnes

PRESCHOOL WELCOME CENTER

9:15 am: Lauren Hendrix
10:30 am: Elizabeth Johnson

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY TEAM E

Dana Collier, Margo Love,
Rosemary Bomar, Judy Boggs, Bill Pickel

THIS WEEK AT ESBC

Sunday, March 24

8:00 am	Early Bird Sunday School Class (CR 203)
	Onesimus Bible Study (Room 201)
9:00 am	Media Library Open
9:15 am	Sunday School/Worship (All Rooms)
	Newcomers Class (Room 302)
	North American Missions Emphasis (FH)
10:30 am	Sunday School/Worship (All Rooms)
	North American Missions Emphasis (FH)
11:30 am	Newcomers Luncheon (Five Guys Cherrydale)
	Bronx Mission Trip Meeting (FLC)
3:00 pm	Gym Reserved (McAlister)
4:15 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
5:00 pm	Youth Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
5:30 pm	Earle Street Ringers Rehearsal (Handbell Room)

Monday, March 25

5:00 pm	Eatin' Out with ESPE (Topsy Taco - Pelham Road)
6:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Pearce)

Tuesday, March 26

9:15 am	Staff Meeting (CR 200)
11:00 am	XYZ Meeting and Meal (FH)
6:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Tankersley)
6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Scout Building)
	Alzheimer's Association Support Group (Room 206)
7:00 pm	Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 am	Gym Reserved (Boone)
5:00 pm	Media Library Open
5:15 pm	Dinner for Children and Choir Workers (FH)
5:45 pm	Preschool and Children's Choir Rehearsals
	Dinner for Everyone (Fellowship Hall)
	Women's Bible Study (Room 100)
6:20 pm	Deeper Discipleship Short Course (Room 201)
6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	Youth Bible Study (FLC)
	RAs and GAs (205)
	Mission Friends (First Floor)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Gym Reserved (Tankersley)

Thursday, March 28

9:00 am	WMU Annual Planning Meeting (CR 200)
5:30 pm	Gym Reserved (Day)
7:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Pearce)

Friday, March 29

5:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Reserved (Scouts)
6:30 pm	Gym Reserved (Day)

Saturday, March 30

8:30 am	Fellowship Hall Reserved (Scouts)
	Kitchen Reserved (Triune Mercy Center Team)
1:30 pm	Golf Tournament (Legacy Pines)

CR: Conference Room
FH: Fellowship Hall
FLC: Family Life Center

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Wednesday, March 27

Chicken Fingers, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy,
Broccoli Casserole, Rolls, Cherry Fluff, Tea and Coffee

HELP WANTED: The Usher Team

The Ushers are often the first people that guests meet when they come to Earle Street. We can always use more people to serve as ushers. The Ushers Team is responsible for greeting people as they arrive for regular and special worship services; helping everyone feel at home in our faith community; handing out bulletins and other materials to worshipers as needed; collecting the offering; assisting hearing impaired worshipers with hearing devices; seating people in the sanctuary at appropriate times in the services; counting people in attendance at Sunday worship services, entering the number in attendance on the form available in the vestibule, and turning in that form to the church office; and assisting with special needs that may arise during worship services (locating qualified people to administer first aid, giving directions to childcare area, minimizing disruptions, taking care of other unforeseeable emergencies, etc.). **We currently need four more ushers at the 9:15 service, and two more ushers at the 10:30 service. Please contact Janice Hinnant if you have further questions, or are willing to serve.**

EASTER BASKETS AND CANDY FOR THE CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS AT SHEMWOOD CROSSING

Easter Baskets

The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) will be collecting Easter baskets for the teenagers at Shemwood Crossing Apartments. Would you be willing to pack a basket for a teenager? Each basket must include a Bible and/or devotional book. Another suggestion would be toiletry items for teens. Think about things that your children or grandchildren like and use, and fill a basket. Take them with you and let them help fill the baskets! Think outside the box and pack your items in a bookbag, reusable container or lunchbox instead of the traditional basket! Our goal is 50 "baskets" and they are needed for boys and girls.

Easter Candy

We are also collecting candy to be donated to Alfred Johnson, pastor of Greenville Church Without Walls, to be used at an egg hunt at Shemwood Crossing.

If you are willing to help with these missions, please bring the baskets and candy to Chuck Emory's office. Chuck's office is located on the third floor outside the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry DeYoung at 979-9679.

CALLA LILIES FOR SALE

Proceeds go to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The WMU is sponsoring the sale of calla lilies. Proceeds from the sale will go directly to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Each flower costs \$20. You may designate that the flower be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please pick up an envelope (one envelope per flower) from the Welcome Center desk on the second floor. Fill out the envelope and include your payment. You may then place the envelope in the offering plate. A bulletin insert will be created with the names of those honored by the purchase of the flower. There are only 50 flowers so place your order quickly. Please contact Jerry DeYoung at 979-9679 if you have any questions.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Ronnie and Lisa Poore and family upon the recent death of Ronnie's father, Harper Poore.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Jim Brown Joyce Carnes
Pat Dietz Laura Wood

FOR THE RECORD Sunday - March 17, 2019

Worship Services

9:15 am Attendance.....	171
10:30 am Attendance.....	<u>218</u>
Total Worship Attendance.....	389

Sunday School

9:15 am Attendance.....	159
10:30 am Attendance.....	<u>188</u>
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	347

2018-2019 9:15 Average Attendance.....	133
2018-2019 10:30 Average Attendance.....	<u>183</u>
Total Sunday School Average Attendance.....	316
Enrollment (to date)	891

BUDGET REPORT

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$27,050
Budget Gifts.....	\$23,285
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$297,550
Budget Gifts to Date.....	\$312,034



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Scholastic Book Fair
April 1 - April 5

Come shop our book fair and help our school out! Every purchase from the book fair, in person and online, earns rewards for our school. You may shop online beginning March 27 at <https://bit.ly/2EYQzLX>. We are also in need of volunteers to work the book fair. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Shanna Johnson at 233-5332, ext. 207 or by email at shanna@esbcgreenville.org.



WILDFIRE RECAP: BEAUTIFUL EXTRAVAGANCE

By Lucy Wilkinson

On Sunday morning, the youth and I spent some time reflecting on Wildfire Saturday night. Other than raising a bunch of money (\$12,800) which helped pay off almost everyone's summer trip after their deposits, we had a GREAT time with you all! The thought that kept coming to my mind was that it was a "beautiful extravagant" demonstration of your love for these youth. And that is a reflection of the way that God loves us. Not cautiously, but extravagantly. I wish that you could have all been there on Sunday morning but here is a glimpse into what was said by our youth:

"I feel loved and grateful that people were giving money to help us go on trips and happy to know that we have a church family we can put our trust in."

Eve Emory

"I feel blessed that so many people wanted to be a part of the funding of our trips. I really enjoyed talking to people at my tables."

Sam Guza

"Made me happy and grateful."

Aiden Oswell

"I'm so very thankful for our community and church family coming together to support us and the missions we are called to."

Catherine Dowdy

"It puts into perspective how much people care about us."

Malachi Carnes



"I was shocked at how much energy a child can have."

Marygrace Conte
(on Childcare)

"I liked getting to talk with other adults in the church and getting to know what's going on in their lives."

Austin Ward

"Thankful for our church and the way they support us."

Gibson Wyatt

"Happy inside."
Camniekay Hewitt

"I was pleasantly surprised by the generosity of everyone that was there."

I learned a lesson on generosity through that."

Olivia Hueble

"Feel loved because we have a group that supports us."

Abbie Hewitt

"I feel warm and fuzzy that there are that many people that care about us."

Caroline Conte

"I felt appreciated that we can go on these trips to get closer to God."

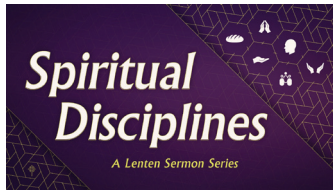
Jalen Wilson

"It made me feel encouraged that these people believed in us and are supporting us as we go out this summer. I also saw so many faces at Wildfire that I didn't know and then got to talk to them at church the next day."

Emily Davidson

FROM THE PASTOR

Stephen Clyborne (ext. 204) – stephen@ESBCgreenville.org



Have you started your Spring cleaning yet? It's that time of year. And in the Christian life, it's the season of year to do cleaning out and cleaning up. That is what the Season of Lent is all about. We

all need to learn how to reduce clutter, outwardly and inwardly, and to practice simplicity. Imagine what could happen in our lives, our families, and our church family if we could covenant together this Sunday to seek the blessing of a clean house and a clean spirit.

This Sunday, we continue our Lenten sermon series on Spiritual Disciplines. Already in this series, we have focused on two inward disciplines: fasting and praying. This Sunday, we focus on the outward discipline of simplicity, a discipline that Jesus modeled and taught. The simpler our lives are, the freer they are. Join us this Sunday.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Chuck Emory (ext. 203) – chuck@ESBCgreenville.org



Operation Inasmuch (OIAM) is described as a "national movement of compassion." Churches all across America send out teams to do

community mission projects on a single day. It is a great opportunity to show God's love to our neighbors through compassionate service. OIAM has become an annual event at ESBC, and the big day this year is Saturday, April 27. And we need YOU to participate!

On Sunday, March 31, will be OIAM Commitment Sunday. There will be a form in the bulletin listing the projects and, during our time of commitment at the end of the service, everyone will be invited to come forward and turn in the form. We will also post signup sheets for all of the projects on the third-floor bulletin board.

On Saturday, April 27, we will begin the day together with breakfast and prayer in the Fellowship Hall. Then, we will break into teams and work on our projects. There will be something for everyone to do: children, youth, and adults of all ages. The projects span the range of physical activity — from sitting in the church writing notes of encouragement or making salvation dolls, to cleaning up a yard or building an accessibility ramp for a disabled homeowner, and many more.

Please clear your calendar for OIAM Day, April 27, and be prepared to sign up for a project starting on Commitment Sunday, March 31. Remember the words of Jesus: "Inasmuch as you have done it for the least of these, you have done it for Me."

FROM THE MINISTER TO PRESCHOOLERS AND CHILDREN

Bethany Hovis (ext. 209) – bethany@ESBCgreenville.org

Easter Egg-Stravaganza!

Our Egg-Stravaganza will take place on Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 to 11:00 am. We will have activities for preschoolers and children! As we finalize plans for the big day, we need two things:

1. Volunteers! We need volunteers to help run games and crafts and to hide eggs. Please, please, please let me know if you are available. Volunteers are critical for this big event to come together!

2. Pre-filled Easter Eggs! We need eggs filled with store-bought, wrapped (not loose) candy or small toys. Eggs can be dropped off in the bin outside Bethany's office.

Want to Serve?

If you are interested in working with preschoolers or children for the summer, we have some great opportunities for all commitment-levels. Please call or email me if you feel led to work with our youngest church members this summer!

FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

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

Youth Choir and Handbells—Youth Sunday is April 7, and we will ring and sing for both services. See you at rehearsal!

Preschool, Music Makers, and Young Musicians Choirs—This is a reminder that Preschool and Children's Sunday will be on Sunday, May 5. We have had a lot of absences from rehearsals recently, so please make every effort to be at rehearsals on Wednesdays so we can all be ready to sing on that Sunday!

LOOKING AHEAD

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 23 (9:00 am)

North American Missions Emphasis

Sunday, March 24 (9:15 and 10:30)

Operation Inasmuch Commitment Sunday

Sunday, March 31 (9:15 and 10:30 am)

Youth Day

Sunday, April 7 (9:15 and 10:30 am)

Service of Comfort

Wednesday, April 10 (6:30 pm)