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HANGING OF THE GREEN

This Sunday, December 1
5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

CHANGE IN TIME OF FIRST HOUR OF WORSHIP

9:10 am as of Sunday, December 1

Having adequate parking for our congregation and guests on Sunday mornings remains a challenge for our church. This is especially true for people who are arriving around 10:15 for the second hour of Sunday School and worship. There is approximately a 10-minute window when these folks are arriving, looking for a parking space, while the first worship service is just concluding and some of those families are preparing to leave the campus. In order to lengthen this window of opportunity and thereby ease the parking space burden a little bit, our first worship service on Sunday mornings will start at 9:10 am until further notice. This five-minute change in start time will hopefully provide for smoother transition in our parking lots. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work together to provide a welcoming environment for everyone here at Earle!

GREATER WAY COVENANT

As a visual show of our commitment to living the Greater Way, there will be a banner with the covenant printed on it permanently displayed in the new building near the Welcome Center. This past Sunday, our congregation had an opportunity to sign a poster pledging our commitment. Our signatures will be transposed onto the banner before it is placed in the new building. If you were not present last Sunday or were unable to sign your name at that time, you can still add your name to the banner. The posters will be available in Denise's office until Friday, December 6. Please see Denise if you would like to add your signature to the banner.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you so much for your faithfulness and generosity in pledging to support our 2020 church budget. This past Sunday, November 24, our congregation pledged **fifty-four** percent of the 2020 budget, compared to fifty percent last year after the first Sunday of our pledge emphasis. If you were unable to turn in your pledge card, please mail it in or place it in the offering plate this coming Sunday. If you need for us to mail you a pledge card, please contact the church office. Additional pledge cards will be available in the sanctuary pew racks. We will be receiving pledge cards through the end of the year, hoping and praying to get closer to our ultimate goal of pledging 100 percent of our 2020 budget.

IT'S ANGEL TREE TIME!

Only 7 Angels Left

Thank you for your great response to the Angel Tree! The tree started out with 98 angels on it and as of publication time, there are only 7 left. Would you consider taking one of these remaining angels and helping to make Christmas a little bit brighter for a student at Stone Academy?

The angels are located on the large bulletin board on the second floor. Each paper angel is lettered with an "A" for clothing or a "B" for toys. Sign your name on the clipboard next to the number/letter that matches the number and letter on your angel. Gifts purchased should not exceed the $40 price range. Please wrap your gift and place your paper angel on the outside of the present. Wrapped gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 15 and should be placed in Room 302 on the third floor.

GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH THIS CHRISTMAS

As winter has finally arrived, we are so thankful for our warm winter coats and clothes. However, there are many families in Greenville who don't have a warm coat to put on to shield them from the winter weather. Again this year, our church will be collecting coats to be distributed by Alfred Johnson and the Greenville Church Without Walls. There is a need for coats of all sizes – from coats for infants and preschoolers to coats for teenagers and the mothers in the families. Since most of these individuals have never had a new coat, we would prefer to receive items that are new. However, very gently used coats are acceptable as well. The coats will be collected in Room 302 on the third floor of the original building. Please look for the sign on the door denoting the room. We will collect coats through Wednesday evening, December 18th. Help make someone's Christmas a little bit warmer this year.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, December 1

9:10 and 10:30 am

First Sunday of Advent

Solo: *A Lute Carol* by Bruce Schoonmaker
Anthem: *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon Series: Gifts to Be Opened

Sermon: "The Hope of Christ: When Will He Come?" by Stephen Clyborne

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USHERS

9:10 am: Knox Boggs (Captain), Rick Green, Keith Merck, Jay Gibson, Rob Traywick, Al Wassynger, Hugh Cureton

Preschool Coordinator: Bethany Hovis

Acolyte: Denver Lewis

10:30 am: Glenn Arrowood (Captain), Barry Brooks, Morice Smith, Maudie Blackwell, Ron McAlister, Gene Watson, Pat Riddle

Preschool Coordinator: Bethany Hovis

Acolyte: Emma Johnson and Emma Young

Sound Technician: Eddy Leo

Video Technician: Bobby Elrod

Deacon of the Week: Stuart Moore

GREETERS

Welcome Center Greeters
9:10 am: Bert and Margaret Kirby
10:30 am: Leah Hunter

Preschool Welcome Center Greeter
9:10 am: Dana Collier and Rosemary Cureton

PRESCHOOL WELCOME CENTER

9:10 am: Leah Tankersley
10:30 am: Bethany Hovis

HOMEBOUND VISITATION TEAM C
Peggy Bailey, Jennifer Broome, Dianne Lowe, Lynn Clyborne, Natalie Tyson, Madge Patterson

THIS WEEK AT ESBC

Sunday, December 1

8:00 am	Early Bird Sunday School Class (CR 203)
	Onesimus Men's Class (Room 201)
8:15 am	Earle Street Ringer Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8:45 am	Blood Pressure Screening (Room 300B)
9:00 am	Media Library Open
9:10 am	Sunday School/Worship (All Rooms)
10:30 am	Sunday School/Worship (All Rooms)
1:00 pm	2nd-3rd Grade Girls Basketball Practice
1:30 pm	Nominating Committee Meeting (CR 200)
2:00 pm	High School Girls Basketball Practice
3:00 pm	2nd-3rd Grade Boys Basketball Practice
3:30 pm	Earle Street Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
4:00 pm	K4 -1st Grade Basketball Practice
	High School Handbell Choir Rehearsal
4:15 pm	Middle School Handbell Choir Rehearsal
4:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm	Hanging of the Green Service (Sanctuary)
	High School Boys Basketball Practice
6:00 pm	Middle School Girls Gold Basketball Practice
7:00 pm	Middle School Boys Gold Basketball Practice
8:00 pm	Men's Basketball Practice

Monday, December 2

5:00 pm	Middle School Boys Green Basketball Practice
6:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Basketball Games)

Tuesday, December 3

9:15 am	Staff Meeting (CR 200)
6:00 pm	K4-1st Grade Basketball Practice
6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Scout Building)
	Divorce Recovery Support Group (Pastor's Office)
	Grief Support Group (Room 206)
7:00 pm	Band Rehearsal (FH)

Wednesday, December 4

5:00 pm	Media Library Open
5:15 pm	Dinner
5:45 pm	Preschool and Children's Choir Rehearsals
6:00 pm	Disciples Then and Now (Fellowship Hall)
	Youth Open Gym
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study (Room 300B)
	Preschool and Children's Choirs Christmas Music (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30 pm	Men's Basketball Practice
	Youth Committee Meeting (FLC)
8:30 pm	Women's Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 5

10:00 am	WMU Council Meeting (CR 200)
11:30 am	Earle Street Academy Christmas Program
5:00 pm	4th-5th Girls Basketball Practice
6:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Basketball Games)

Friday, December 6

4:30 pm	Sanctuary Reserved (Wedding)
4:45 pm	K4-1st Grade Basketball Practice
5:30 pm	4th-5th Grade Basketball Practice
6:30 pm	Middle School Girls Green Basketball Practice

Saturday, December 7

10:00 am	Sanctuary Reserved (Wedding)
5:00 pm	Parents Night Out
7:00 pm	Gym Reserved (McAlister)

FREE HEARING SCREENINGS
Wednesday, December 11
Sponsored by the Medical Ministry Team

Hearing loss affects 48 million people in the United States. Hearing loss can occur at birth or can develop at any age. Treatment options vary depending on the degree or type of hearing loss, age of onset and individual lifestyle needs. If you suspect that you or a family member has a hearing loss, the best place to start is with a hearing evaluation by a licensed audiologist.

On Wednesday, December 11, from 5:00 until 7:30 pm, Davis Audiology will be here at ESBC providing free hearing screenings to our congregation. These screenings are open to all ages of our congregation. There will be sign-up sheets located on the bulletin boards on the 2nd and 3rd floor. An annual hearing screening is a great part of a personal wellness program. Please sign up to take advantage of this preventive opportunity!

THANK YOU

Dear Earle Street Family,

I want to share what the power of God, prayer, and special doctors can do! I have had a hard year with recurring infection. This week, I was told there was no cure and no hope to save my leg. And then, everyone from everywhere called to say they are praying! Family, friends, and strangers! The love and faith were overwhelming! After surgery, the team of doctors are now completely hopeful that they can keep this infection suppressed so my leg can be saved! I have truly witnessed the power of prayer and thank each and everyone who has prayed for me. We are truly grateful to each and everyone of you.

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever." Psalm 118

Pat Dietz and Kathy Batson

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Wednesday, December 4

Beef Tips with Rice, Green Beans,
Slaw, Rolls, Cobbler, Tea and Coffee

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Bruce Darling Pat Dietz

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Jonnie Linder, Elizabeth Griffin
2 - Rosemary Plumblee, Tish Alford, Chuck Elliott, Rick Knight, Legare Shymske, Manuel Yanez, Hadley Clow
5 - Mike Green, LeAnne Hammett, Elizabeth Sarratt, Justin Keck
6 - Norman Nokleby, Jesse Tate
7 - Mike Garren
8 - Morgan Arndt, Dempsey Davis
9 - Bobby Hewitt
10 - Chutnie Hewitt
12 - Barbara Malone, Lee Dowdy, Grant Wooten
13 - Julie Rau, English Rabideaux, Michelle Ramos-Martinez
14 - Quay Farmer, Jessica Ramos-Martinez
15 - Charlotte Lynch, Frank Tedards
16 - Libby Young, Drew Pearce, Anna Tankersley
17 - Kesina Lewis
18 - Bryson Blackwell
20 - Mickey Hughes, Jim Elders, Joe Jordan
21 - Carole George, Holly Holtzclaw
22 - Sharon Murphy
23 - Wayne Tressler, Amy Barras, Noellen Groff
24 - Glenna Hipps, Pam Neal, Caroline Conte
25 - Sally Ballentine
26 - Kip Broome
27 - Esther Smith, Josh Shugart, Leslie Boehm
28 - Natasha Sexton, Bret Barras
29 - Molly Emory
30 - Terry Huggins
31 - Marilyn Tressler, Peyton Fields, Bray Rodgers

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Worship Services

9:15 am Attendance	190
10:30 am Attendance	174
Total Worship Attendance	364

Sunday School

9:15 am Attendance	141
10:30 am Attendance	196
Total Sunday School Attendance	337
9:15 am Average Attendance	130
10:30 am Average Attendance	183
Total Sunday School Attendance	313
Enrollment (to date)	888

BUDGET REPORT

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Weekly Budget Requirements	$27,050
Budget Gifts	$22,080
Budget Requirements to Date	$1,271,350
Budget Gifts to Date	$1,290,930

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Do you shop at Publix? Our preschool is a participant in the 'Publix Partners.' Follow the steps below to create your account. When you check-out, enter your phone number on the keypad and our school will benefit from a percentage of your purchase! If you need help setting up your account, please see me or contact the church office. Thank you for your continued support of our weekday preschool program!

Creating an Account for New Users

- Go to www.publix.com and select "**login**."
- Create a free Publix account by selecting "**join now**." Follow the prompts and sign-in to your account.
- Once signed in, click on your name in the top right corner. Choose "**My Publix Partner"** in the list to the left.
- Search for our school using the name **"Earle."**
- Select our school. Our new name has not been updated in their system yet. Select "Earle St. Baptist Weekday CEM."
- Your account is created and associated with our school. Just use your phone number when you check out and we will earn a percentage of your purchase!

Creating an Account for Existing Users

Already have a Publix account that you are using for online shopping or coupons? Use the same steps above after signing in to link your account to our school!

From the Minister of Administration

Denise Plumblee (ext. 211) – denise@ESBCgreenville.org

With Gratitude

Here in the last week of November, I want to express my gratitude for two ladies who work hard to support the staff and our church family each weekday. Without Ellen Heyward and Brenda Melson, our ministry assistants, the work of our church would suffer greatly. And my job in administration would be twice as hard and not nearly as much fun.

Ellen Heyward
Ellen joined our staff in June 2013 as a part-time ministry assistant, handling social media and printed materials and communications. She quickly moved into a full-time role, becoming an invaluable asset to me as I transitioned into my current position in 2014. Ellen is responsible for the creation and publication of our weekly newsletter, the Sunday bulletin, the prayer guides, bulletin inserts, and a vast assortment of other printed materials used in our church each week. Ellen fields a variety of requests from staff and members of the congregation each week and manages to multi-task easily to handle these requests. She is the youngest member of our staff and our resident 'techie", the one we call on to help us with electronic needs. Although we have experienced a tremendous amount of change and growth since 2013, Ellen has been a constant and steady presence in our administrative area.

Brenda Melson
Brenda joined our administrative team in the spring of 2017. She has been with us for almost three years now and has brought a sense of stability to the financial office that had been lacking in previous years. Brenda has proven to be the perfect third side to our administrative triangle. By joining our team in April of 2017, Brenda came onboard just in time to assist me, the Fund Raising Committee and Building Committee with the financial side of the construction process, no small or easy task. She handles both sides of the church financials – payable and receivable. She records and processes the weekly deposits from our offerings, received both in worship, electronically and in person or via mail. And she makes sure our invoices and bills are paid in a timely manner. Brenda is also responsible for working with the Financial Oversight Council to complete the monthly financial reports.

Please join me in expressing your gratitude to these ladies for all of the many ways they serve us and our church. Please pray for them and their families, thanking God that He sent them to ESBC.

From the Director of Earle Street Academy

Shanna Johnson (ext. 207) – shanna@ESBCgreenville.org

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Need ideas for Christmas gifts for your children and grandchildren? Gift them a book! Books and reading give children confidence, an imagination, and will help them succeed. When you order from our schools Scholastic Book Fair, you are also supporting our school. Earle Street Academy receives FREE books based on the number of books we are able to sell. Please use the link below to purchase your books. If you have any questions, please contact me!

Book Fair Link: https://bit.ly/33gRdOH

From the Minister to Preschoolers and Children

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

Parents' Night Out is coming on Saturday, December 7 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. The cost is $10 per child ($25 maximum per family) and includes a pizza supper. Children are encouraged to wear their PJs while we celebrate Christmas together! Questions? See Bethany. Ready to sign up? Scan the QR code to the right or on one of the fliers hanging in the church.

Wednesday Nights in December
After the preschoolers and children perform their Christmas music on Wednesday, December 4th, there will be no more choir until the new year. However, there WILL be alternate activities for preschoolers and children from 5:45 to 6:30 on December 11th and 18th! Details are coming soon, but please plan on joining us!

NEW GUEST PARKING PLACES
From the Parking Team

In order to provide a more welcoming environment on our campus, we have designated five parking spaces located at the Welcome Center as "ESBC Guest" spaces. These five spaces have new signage to denote the designation. Please help us make our guests feel at home by leaving these spaces available for them.

From the Pastor

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

It's that season of the year again; and in this season of giving, what better time to love your neighbor? As we live "the greater way," I would like to ask you to consider some of these ideas or come up with your own this Advent/Christmas season:

• Invite some of your "neighbors" over to your house for a Christmas party with a missional focus.
• Invite some of your "neighbors" to some of our special Advent/Christmas services at Earle Street.
• Give missional gifts or send Christmas cards to your "neighbors" that focus on the Christ of Christmas.
• Get together with some of your "neighbors" and identify some needs in your "neighborhood" that you, together, could help meet at Christmastime. Help your "neighbors" be good "neighbors" to each other and to others.

Notice that I am putting "neighbors" in quotation marks to refer to anyone where you live, work, go to school, play, or just hang out. This is a perfect season to be a good neighbor. But then again, loving our "neighbors" is always in season.

By the way, if you have some good suggestions about how we can love our "neighbors" during this Advent/Christmas season, please share those ideas with us so we can pass them along. And if you need more ideas, look for a list of Greater Way Resources on our web site.

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

Youth Choir and Handbells—We have a revised schedule for Sunday, December 1:

4:00 pm: High School Handbell Choir (Carillon Ringers)
4:15 pm: Middle School Handbell Choir (Jubilate Ringers)
4:30 pm: Youth Choir
5:00 pm: Hanging of the Green Service

The Handbell Choirs will rehearse in the Sanctuary. The Youth Choir will meet in the choir room. We will wear our robes for the service. After the service on Sunday, we will not rehearse again until January 5th. See you Sunday!

Earle Street Ringers—We will rehearse at 8:15 am this Sunday, December 1, and at 8:15 am on Sunday, December 8.

The Greenville Chorale will present *A Family Christmas* on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:30 pm in McAlister Auditorium at Furman University. You can see Janice for tickets!

From the Associate Pastor

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

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS EMPHASIS
Sunday, December 8
Guest Speaker: Rev. David McWhite

The month of December is our season of prayer and giving for international missions. During this month, we pray specifically for the missionaries around the world and give to a special offering, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which provides support to these missionaries. I am happy to announce that, on Sunday, December 8, Rev. David McWhite will be here during both hours of Sunday School to speak in the Fellowship Hall about international missions. David currently serves as Pastor of Missions, Outreach, and Young Couples at Edwards Road Baptist Church in Greenville, but he and his wife, April, previously served as missionaries in the Czech Republic and in Ireland.

Here's some more information about David:

David was born in Sumter, South Carolina, to Christian parents and came to faith at a Christian summer camp when he was eight years old. He spent part of his childhood in Ecuador, where his parents served as missionaries with the International Mission Board, before moving to the Upstate. He graduated from Blue Ridge High School in 2004 and enrolled at North Greenville University, where he met April. They were married in January 2008 and moved to Wake Forest, North Carolina, in January 2009, so David could begin the MDiv program at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. After completing his studies at Southeastern, they returned to South Carolina to raise support and then moved overseas and served as missionaries in Prostějov, Czech Republic, from 2015-2017 and in Roscommon, Ireland, from 2017-2019.

During their time overseas, David and April helped start a home Bible study that will soon be a new church plant, helped open and run a Christian bookshop and café, and served in two local churches. David had regular opportunities to teach, preach, and lead worship in those churches, and April served in their children's and women's ministries. David and April say that their greatest ministry is to their four beautiful children: Micah (9), Lily (7), Jack (5), and Zeke (1 month).

I am looking forward to having David with us and hearing about his first-hand experience in international missions. As stated above, he will be speaking in the Fellowship Hall during both hours of Sunday School on Sunday, December 8. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!