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WELCOME, KARLI!

Last week, our church voted unanimously to call Karli Selz as our new Minister to Preschoolers and Children. Karli will officially begin her ministry on August 17, and we will be having a socially distant reception to welcome Karli in person on Sunday evening, August 23rd following our outside worship gathering. In the service that night, we will be having our “Blessing of the Backpacks” to pray for students, parents, and teachers as a new school year begins. So we hope that many of our young families with preschoolers and children will be present not only for the Blessing of the Backpacks, but also for the reception to welcome Karli. Everyone is invited to bring notes and cards and gift cards to stores and restaurants that are unique to Greenville. If you are unable to be present on August 23rd, you are invited to mail your notes, cards, and gift cards to Karli at the church office. Let’s do all we can in these unusual times to give Karli a warm Earle Street welcome.



THANK YOU, BETHANY!

As we welcome Karli, we will be saying “thank you” and “farewell” to Bethany Hovis, who will be completing two years of ministry as our Minister to Preschoolers and Children. Our church will be hosting a drive-through reception under the porte-cochere in our church parking lot on Saturday, September 5 from 4 pm to 5:30 pm. Please plan to “drive through” and express your appreciation to Bethany for her ministry with us, and best wishes for her wedding the following weekend. Bethany has been a gift from God to our preschoolers, children, and their families, as well as to our staff and our entire congregation. Bethany, we love you and we could never thank you enough for all you have meant to us. Though we will miss you, we are so excited about the future that God has in store for you.

TRANSITION

In the providence of God, the timing is such that Karli will have the advantage of working alongside Bethany for a few weeks as Bethany transitions out of her role, and Karli transitions into her role. Please pray for Karli, for Bethany, for our preschoolers, and children, and their families, and for our entire congregation during this time of transition.

FROM THE PASTOR

We are all so excited to welcome Karli Selz as our new Minister to Preschoolers and Children. This is certainly an unusual time for Karli to begin her ministry with us. Since our in-person gatherings are limited to our outside worship services on Sunday evenings, Karli’s opportunities to meet our preschoolers and children and their families will be limited as well. So what that means is that we will have to be even more determined and creative than usual in welcoming her. Please reach out to her in whatever ways you can and help her feel the love of our congregation as we welcome her into our fellowship.

Even as we welcome Karli, we will be expressing our gratitude to Bethany Hovis, whose final day of service to our church will be Friday, September 4.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP REGATHERING CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30 pm at Parisview Baptist Church
100 Bud Street at the corner of Old Buncombe Road
(next to Lakeview Middle School)

GRADUATE RECOGNITION THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30 pm at Parisview Baptist Church
100 Bud Street at the corner of Old Buncombe Road
(next to Lakeview Middle School)

This Sunday, we will be honoring our graduates as we gather.

- Bring a lawn chair, water, and insect repellent.
- Dress comfortably.
- Invite someone to come with you.
- Plan to practice social distancing guidelines.
- The service will be brief.

Please plan to join us this Sunday as we honor our high school and college graduates. On page three of the newsletter, you will find more information about each graduate. Please pray for them as they begin a new journey.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP {VIRTUALLY}

Sunday, August 9
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn: *Love Lifted Me*

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Summer Sermon Series: Kingdom People: Scenes from Matthew's Gospel

Sermon: "Get Out of the Boat" by Stephen Clyborne

Anthem: *Be Not Afraid* by the Sanctuary Choir

From the Minister Of Music and Worship

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

For this week's hymn meditation, I have chosen the first verse of a hymn we often use at funerals, but I think it goes well with the devotional I did this week about tending your garden.

*I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.*

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Kingdom People: Scenes from Matthew's Gospel
June 21 – August 23

In the synoptic Gospels, the theme of Jesus' preaching and teaching was the kingdom of heaven, the rule and reign of God. He taught that the kingdom of heaven was a present, but future reality - - already, but not yet. In the model prayer, He taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." But exactly what is the kingdom of heaven? For what are we praying when we pray for God's kingdom to come? If God's kingdom were to come on earth, what would it look like? What does it mean for us to be kingdom people? This summer, we will consider scenes from Matthew's Gospel for answers to those questions.

From the Minister To Preschoolers and Children

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

Church may not look the same as it usually does, but our preschoolers and children will be busy during the month of August! Families, note the following dates, and plan to join us for some fun!

August 10: Zoom activities (2:00 for preschoolers, 3:00 for 1st-5th graders) Email Bethany for the link!

August 13: Special outing for 5th grade grads (Parents—look for an email!)

August 22: Picnic-N-Play for all preschoolers and children at Gower Park, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

August 23: Blessing of the Backpack, 6:30 pm @ Parisview Baptist Church (followed by a reception for our new Minister to Preschoolers and Children!)

August 30: First Grade Bible Presentations, 6:30 pm @ Parisview Baptist Church

SUPPORT EARLE STREET ACADEMY WHILE YOU GROCERY SHOP!



Do you shop at Publix?

It's a great time to help our school while you get your groceries! Our preschool is a participant in the 'Publix Partners.' 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 contact Shanna Johnson or contact the church office. Thank you for your continued support of our weekday preschool program!

WORSHIP {VIRTUALLY} WITH US

Worship Videos

As a reminder, you can access our weekly worship 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.

Phone Streaming Service

Would you like to listen to the weekly worship service but don't have internet access, a smart phone or computer? We are excited to announce that we have implemented a new phone streaming system which will allow anyone with a phone – land line or cell – to listen to our worship services. It's as simple as calling a local phone number, following the prompts, and listening to the service!

Just call 732-ESBC (3722) and you can listen to the recorded service from the previous Sunday morning. We encourage you to call the number and join us for worship!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Ron and Sandra Bridwell, Meredith and Bill Smith, and Brantley and Josh Shugart in the recent death of Ron's brother and sister-in-law and Meredith and Brantley's uncle and aunt, Ken and Terry Bridwell.

Janice Hinnant, Kevin and Salem Hinnant in the recent death of Janice's uncle and Kevin's great-uncle, Howard Hawkins.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Kathy Batson

BUDGET REPORT

Sunday, August 2, 2020

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| Weekly Budget Requirements..... | \$28,228 |
| Budget Gifts..... | \$40,650 |
| Budget Requirements to Date | \$875,068 |
| Budget Gifts to Date | \$880,352 |

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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| Benevolence Ministry | \$6,648 |
| Covid-19 Disaster Relief | \$6,394 |
| Earle Street Academy Teachers Support | \$9,483 |

PRAYER VINE MINISTRY

PRAYER VINE FOR URGENT PRAYER NEEDS

There are now three ways to access the church prayer vine.

1. Text or call Kathy Kincaid at 864-430-3521.
2. Email Frank Tedards at tedardsf@gmail.com.
3. Call Alver Maheras at 864-233-1047.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Luna Elaine Riley

Wade Hampton High School
& The Fine Arts Center
Attending College of Charleston
Majoring in Special Education



Anna Caroline Tankersley

South Carolina Governor's School
for Science and Math
Attending Clemson University
Majoring in Microbiology Bio Medicine
and Chemistry

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Julia Lewis Byrley – Furman University
Anna Davidson – Clemson University
Kike Molina - North Greenville University
Marcus Russell - University of South Carolina
Charlie Tankersley – University of South Carolina
Elizabeth Wassinger – Clemson University
Erich Wilklow – College of Charleston



FROM THE PASTOR Stephen Clyborne

It is that time again when we lay the groundwork for a new church year, the time when committees, councils, teams, and organizations within the church would be gathering for their orientation meetings, set new goals, and make new plans. But of course, this year, nothing is the same. So we are asking you all to find a way to get together with the other members of your entity to talk about new ways to fulfill your assignments. Be creative. Keep the work of the church alive and vibrant. If you can't do your work in a conventional way, look for new ways to do your work.

The work of the church does not just happen automatically. It happens only when faithful servants take their jobs seriously, invest their time and energy, put their hands in their gloves, and go to work. The work of the church is rewarding and fulfilling, but it is still work - especially during these unusual times.

If you have accepted a position of service and responsibility in the church, be sure to find out when your responsibilities begin. Find out when and how you will be oriented to do the work you have been called to do. If you do not have an official position of service and responsibility, let me ask you to do two things. First, pray for all the servants and leaders of our church. Pray that our new church year will get off to strong start (despite the challenges we are facing), that our church will find new and exciting ways to live and love "the greater way." Second, join a team. Teams in our church are entry points for anyone who is willing to serve. You do not have to be chosen or elected to serve. You can just join a team anytime. Let me know if there is a team in which you might be interested.

We are asking everyone in our church to find at least one way to serve, at least one way to be served, and balance it all with a weekly commitment to worship (online or in person). If you would like to talk with someone about how you can serve or be served, please contact me. I would love to have that conversation with you.

I am still remembering what my mother used to tell me, "It won't be the same, but it can still be good." And I would add, maybe even better.

2020 Deacon Election Scheduled for Sunday, September 27

Over the past few weeks we have provided you with information regarding the biblical qualifications for a deacon as well as the responsibilities of a deacon here at ESBC. Our church Constitution and Bylaws require that members meet the following requirements in order to be eligible to serve:

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Must be a church member for no less than one year before the date of election
- Must be an active member of our church
- Cannot be a current deacon rotating off this year
- Cannot be a member of the church staff or an immediate family member of the church staff (parents, children, spouse, siblings)

PLEASE NOTE - All church members who meet these requirements will be listed on the deacon ballot in September and will be considered eligible for election and service. If you are unable or unwilling to serve as a deacon, for any reason, we encourage you to have your name removed from the election ballot prior to the election. To have your name removed from this year's ballot, please email Denise Plumblee at denise@esbcgreenville.org.

THE COLOR OF INCARCERATION Tuesday, August 25 11:30 am *Presented by United Ministries, Second Chance Justice Collaborative and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce*

United Ministries, one of our ministry partners here at ESBC, will be hosting a virtual presentation and forum on mass incarceration and the racial inequities in that system. The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world. While we make up 4% of the world's population, we hold 22% of the world's prisoners. The epidemic of mass incarceration has carried with it significant racial disparities.

On Tuesday, August 25, this event will explore the explosive rise of mass incarceration in the United States over the last forty years. Greenville Chamber of Commerce President Carlos Phillips will facilitate a panel discussion where panelists will share personal stories of how they have been impacted. We'll also hear from advocates both inside and outside the justice system on the necessary reforms and ways to get involved.

The seminar is free and everyone is invited to participate. If you are interested in registering for this event, **click here**. Or you may reach out to Denise Plumblee at denise@esbcgreenville.org and she will provide you with the registration information.