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2025 BUDGET PROCESS

The proposed 2025 budget was made available to the congregation on Sunday, January 19. At the Church Conference on Wednesday, January 22 there was a time for discussion and questions. The congregation will be asked to vote on the proposed budget during the morning service this Sunday, January 26.

Sunday, February 2nd will be Ministry Support Sunday previously known as Pledge Sunday. During the worship service, there will be a time of commitment for the 2025 Budget.

Please be in prayer for our church and consider how you can give to support the work of Christ through His body at Earle Street. If you have any questions about the budget process, please contact Gina Conn at gina@esbcgreenville.org.

[Proposed 2025 Budget](#)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER Wednesday, January 29th 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Main Entree: Baked Potato Bar with Chili
Grilled Chicken Salad or Pizza Entree

Please remember to **register by 12:00 pm on Monday, January 27th**. This deadline is to give our caterer an accurate headcount and time to shop and prepare. If you asked to be added after the deadline, please be aware we may not be able to accomodate your reservation.

[Dinner Reservations](#)

CHURCH CONFERENCE RECAP

At the church conference on Wednesday, January 22nd there was discussion and a vote on five motions from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The motions passed.

The changes to the Constitution and Bylaws and a document explaining the five motions can be found by clicking [here](#).



2nd Annual
CHILI COOK-OFF
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Calling all chili enthusiasts and culinary wizards!

Why join?

- Great Fellowship
- Delicious Chili
- Fun for All Ages
- Prizes for best Chili & Dessert.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE OR RSVP?

FOLLOW THE LINK TO SAVE YOUR SPOT AT THE TABLE OR TO ENTER YOUR CHILI OR DESSERT.

CONTACT ANNA KAY LORD IF HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. OR WANT TO HELP.
EMAIL: AKLORD19@GMAIL.COM

CHILI COOK-OFF Sunday, February 9th

We are excited for our 2nd annual Chili Cook-Off! We have invited our basketball families to join us after the service! So we need lots of chili, cornbread, rolls and desserts! Click the link below to RSVP!

[RSVP for the Chili Cook-Off](#)



EARLE STREET
BASKETBALL SUNDAY
SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 9TH

9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL AND DONUTS
10:30 WORSHIP
11:30 CHILI COOKOFF LUNCH

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, January 26

9:15 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Worship

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Anthem: *In His Hands* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-42

Sermon Series: *A Radical Call to a Higher Way*

Sermon: "Cheek Turning and Two-Mile Walking"
by Gary Strickland

DEACON OF THE WEEK



Helen Hewitt is the deacon of the week. She has been a member of Earle Street since 1989. She has three children: Ted, Richard, and Anna Kay, six granddaughters and two grandsons. She retired from Haynsworth Private School where she taught K2. In addition to her role as a deacon, she is a member of the Prayer Team and teaches the Sojourners Sunday School Class.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Kay Hogan

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Neil and Dana Collier** upon the death of Neil's uncle, Clayton Collier.

CONGRATULATIONS

Blaun Bennett upon the recent birth of her great-granddaughter, Denly Gray Spillers, born January 16th. Denly is the daughter of Pierce Becker and grand-daughter of Amanda Bennett.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Week of January 19, 2025

Sunday School Attendance

On Campus.....116

Virtual.....0

Total..... 116

Worship Attendance

Sanctuary.....159

Preschoolers and Children..... 26

Total..... 185

Virtual.....156

* Virtual refers to the total number of times the livestream has been viewed by publication of this newsletter.

MINISTER ON CALL

January 24-26

Janice Hinnant

(864)346-3834

janice@esbcgreenville.org

BUDGET REPORT

Report for January 19, 2025

Weekly Budget Requirements.....TBD

Budget Gifts (this week).....\$11,787

Year-To-Date Expenses.....\$40,985

Budget Gifts to Date.....\$42,151

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

We would love for you to join us for our adult discipleship groups! We have three groups that will meet at 6:00 pm. Feel free to visit each class to see which best fits your interests and needs.

Streams of Living Water:

Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith

Leader: Gary Strickland / Room 203

Biblical Perspectives on Contemporary Issues

Leader: Larry Worley / Room 202

Mom's Group

Leader: Mary Beth Young / Room 205

From the Minister of Music

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

Youth Ensemble—We are working on our music for the Gather and Praise Choir Festival in Hilton Head. Hope to see you Sunday!



WILDFIRE

March 29th // 7:00 - 9:00 pm

The Great Wildfire Adventure will be on March 29th from 7:00-9:00 pm. We are using some of the same design themes and elements from this year's VBS so that we can share resources! So get your flannel shirts and hiking gear out as you get ready for our adventure together!

Tickets are \$7 each or \$50 for a table of 8. All proceeds will help to offset the costs for our youth to attend Look Up Lodge, the Thailand Mission Trip and/or the Bronx Mission Trip. Tickets will be on sale March 2nd-16th online at www.esbcgreenville.org/wildfire.



UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are numerous mission opportunities that happen each week. Listed below are ways you, your family, Sunday School Class or other groups can get involved in our community.

United Ministries Souper Bowl of Caring

- Through February 9th United Ministries is collecting non-perishable foods for those in need in our community.
- Donations can be dropped off in the Welcome Center and will be collected and delivered to UM
- Current Requests: Canned Fruit, Box Mac & Cheese, Oatmeal, Canned Meats
- Currently Requested in Small Quantities: Frozen Meats, Frozen Fruits/Vegetables, Fresh Produce, Milk

Triune Mercy Center Little Free Library

- The Little Free Library where those who come to Triune can pick up a paperback to read. Many of the Triune clients and congregants are voracious readers and enjoy having books to carry with them. The Little Free Library at TMC is currently empty and could benefit from being restocked. Judy Lemmons has provided a place in the ESBC Library where folks can drop off gently used paperbacks to be transported to Triune. Because of the transient nature of the Triune clients, paperbacks are much easier to carry around. The shelves for paperback donations are right inside the library entrance next to the Dr Suess quote.



GLOBAL MISSIONS CELEBRATION

Our annual Global Missions Celebration begins in a few short weeks! We hope you are looking forward to that special time and have marked your calendars. We are looking forward to hearing from our mission partners and learning about how we can support them.