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*Connecting you with the body of Christ at
Spilman Memorial Baptist Church*

FEBRUARY 2020

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr., Interim Pastor
Clay Whittington, Director of Music and Organist
Pam Taylor, Pianist
Karensa Marques, Administrative Assistant
Michelle Sutton, Finance Assistant
Michael and Vance Aldridge, Custodians
Jerry Crisp, Security
Carineta Bruinton, Nursery



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MENU & RESERVATIONS

FEB. 5 **KINGS RESTURANT**
COUNTRY STYLE STEAK, CREAM POTATOES,
GREEN BEANS, ROLLS
FEB. 12 **HAWK'S NEST**
BBQ CHICKEN, POTATO SALAD,
BAKED BEANS, ROLLS, DESSERT
FEB. 19 **COVERED DISH - CHURCH CONFERENCE**
FEB. 26 **CHEF - ROSA ANN CHANEY & TEAM # 4**
SOUP, SANDWICHES, DESSERT

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER
CONTACT OFFICE FOR DETAILS & SIGNUP
INCLUDES PERMANENT & WEEKLY MEALS
**PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CHANGE FOR YOUR
WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL**
ADULTS: \$ 6.00
CHILDREN UNDER 12: \$3.00
NO LARGE BILLS ACCEPTED

Sunday School classes begin at 9:15 a.m.

One Accord Class, Bess Hooks Gleaners Class, Sharon Dew
Travis Class, Larry Williams Daly Class, Jim Barlow and Ray Wooten
Youth and Children, Beth Crisp, Donna Keith, and Carineta Bruinton



Pat Moore Deacon of the Month



Pat and her husband, Dennis, were married in July, 1971. They have a son, Shane and a daughter, Tara. Dennis passed away in March, 2008. Pat is the daughter of the late, Betty Wilkins, who had been a member of Spilman for more than 30 years.

Pat served as our church secretary from January through October, 2016. Due to health issues, she had to give up the position. She became a member of Spilman in November 2016.

Pat now serves as a Deacon, and is a member of the Teller and the Kitchen Committees. She attends the Gleaners Sunday School Class.

Media Center Volunteers



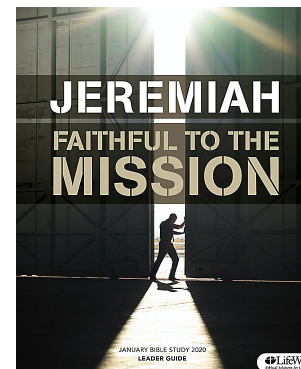
We are now recruiting volunteers to work in the media center for Sunday morning worship. If you would be interested in taking part in a training session, please see Dr. Dew, Doug Blizzard, or Amber and David Arnold. We feel this is an important ministry of the church that needs to be shared by several individuals on a rotating basis.



**FEBRUARY 11
12:00 PM**

We will join in fellowship again as we meet for a covered dish event. We will have the liberty of stuffing Valentine's day bags for our homebound members. All essentials are needed, (bath soap, body wash, tooth paste, lotion, cologne, perfume, etc.) This is what we do!
We thank you so much for your participation.
Rosa Ann Chaney

Wednesday Night Bible Study



This year's "January" Bible Study is "Jeremiah - Faithful to the Mission."

This 2020 Study features eight lessons from Jeremiah.

Everyone is invited to attend.

No Sign Up is necessary.

Hope to see you Wed. at 6:00 p.m.

Recapturing Our Mission and Purpose



A few years ago, I read a sermon illustration about the building of the Taj Mahal in India. The Taj Mahal is one of the most beautiful and costly tombs ever built, but there is something fascinating about its beginnings. In 1629, when the favorite wife of Indian ruler Shah Jahan died, he ordered that a magnificent tomb be built as a memorial for her. The Shah placed his wife’s casket in the middle of a parcel of land, and construction of the temple literally began around it. Several years into the venture, the Shah’s grief gave way to a passion for the project. One day while he was surveying the sight, he reportedly stumbled over a wooden box, and he had some workers throw it out. It was months before he realized that his wife’s casket had been destroyed. The original purpose for the memorial became lost in the details of construction. (Dr. James Dobson, *Coming Home, Timeless Wisdom for Families*, Tynadale House Pub., Wheaton; 1998, 122.)

This story illustrates what can happen when we build a monument or memorial to something or someone we love. It can happen in marriages, jobs, civic clubs, and even churches. I describe this progression from a compelling mission to an indefinite purpose as “Missions Drift.” At some point, we may be jolted awake and ask ourselves these soul-searching questions; “Who are we?” “What are we supposed to be doing?” “How do we get there?”

Back in December we took a congregational survey and identified several areas in which we are strong, some areas need more discussion, and some of the results highlighted areas of concern. One of the areas we identified was related to Spilman’s Mission Statement. We didn’t know it!

When I think of Mission Statements, I turn to scripture and think of Jesus’ advice to “Love God and Love your neighbor.” I think of the Great Commission as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20, “Go, Make Disciples, Baptize, and Teach.”

In 1998, Dr. Jack Watson guided Spilman through a process of “*Transforming a Traditional Church into an Intergenerational Congregation.*” The outgrowth of his research in obtaining his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Drew University was the adoption of a Spilman Mission Statement. The Mission Statement adopted over 20 years ago is as follows:

“Experience a Better Life Through Christ”

Our vision is to provide an atmosphere of worship that encourages all races and ages to experience God through the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Each person is encouraged to learn from each other and grow in the Body of Christ. As an intergenerational, multicultural church we affirm our diverse gifts in worship, missions, discipleship, fellowship, and prayer. Through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to overcome human limitations and boundaries as we minister to those in need in our local and global community.

“Missions Drift” can affect churches and individuals. We forget the “why” of our activity. We may be going through the motions and activities, but the driving purpose gets lost. We double down on our activity and allow our activity to become the mission and purpose. The ability to know how to get where we need to be cannot be recaptured until we have a *God centered vision* again.

As we work through the Seven Churches in Revelation over the next few months, allow God’s Spirit to rekindle in you a mission and passion. Let us avoid the pitfalls of those illustrative churches from church history and scripture. *Let’s keep the main thing the main thing.*

Jesus said to him, “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and Prophets.*” Matthew 22:37-40 NKJV

If we genuinely integrate Jesus’ words into our heart, soul, and minds, we will have a better understanding of who we are, what we are to do, and how we get there. Loving God and Neighbor—with all your heart, soul, mind, strength!

On the Journey together ... Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.



FEBRUARY 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

FEB. 2 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE - DR. JENNIFER BASHAW	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
FEB. 5 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP MEAL - KINGS PRAYER GATHERING & BIBLE STUDY CHOIR PRACTICE	8:00 AM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
FEB. 9 (SUN)	DEACONS’ MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE - WOMEN’S BAPTIST DAY COMMUNION SERVICE	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM
FEB. 11 (TUES)	J.O.Y. GROUP - COVERED DISH VALENTINE’S GIFT BAGS FOR THE HOMEBOUND	12:00 PM
FEB. 12 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST AOC MEETING FELLOWSHIP MEAL - HAWK’S NEST PRAYER GATHERING & BIBLE STUDY CHOIR PRACTICE	8:00 AAM 12:00 PM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
FEB. 16 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
FEB. 17 (MON)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	7:00 PM
FEB. 19 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP MEETING FELLOWSHIP MEAL - COVERED DISH CHURCH CONFERENCE - NO BIBLE STUDY CHOIR PRACTICE	8:00 AM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
FEB. 23 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
FEB. 26 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST CHEF ROSA ANN CHANEY & TEAM 4 SOUP, SANDWICHES, AND DESSERT ASH WED. SERVICE - SANCTUARY CHOIR PRACTICE	8:00 AM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY, 2, 2020

Worship Service - Guest Speaker
Dr. Jennifer Bashaw
10:30 AM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY, 9, 2020

Deacons’ Meeting
8:00 AM
Women’s Baptist Worship Service
Speaker - Beth Crisp
Communion 10:30 AM

Ash Wednesday Service
Feb. 26th—6:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY

“All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return.”
-Ecclesiates 3:20



2020
BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 BARBARA G. BROWN | 11 ISABELLE JONES |
| 4 ROBERT TAYLOR | 17 CARSON RICE |
| 5 EARL KELLY | 21 JENNIFER DOMINEY |
| 7 GNELL HARPER | 22 EDWIN DAWKINS |
| 10 LESTER CROOM | 27 RICHARD MOORE |
| 11 BETTY VALENTI | 28 MARSHA C. HUDSON |

Sunday Worship Calendar

Feb. 2nd Dr. Jennifer Bashaw
Feb. 9th Baptist Women’s Sunday
Message: Beth Crisp

Feb. 16th The Church at Pergamos:
The Compromising Church

Feb. 23rd The Church at Thyratia:
The Adulterous Church

March 1st The Church at Sardis:
The Dead Church

March 8th The Church at Philadelphia:
The Faithful Church

March 15th The Church at Laodicea:
The Disgusting Church