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

JULY 2020

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr., Interim Pastor
Clay Whittington, Director of Music and Organist
Michael and Vance Aldridge, Custodians
Michelle Sutton, Finance Assistant
Jerry Crisp, Security



Coming Soon ... "The Blessing Box" and "The Little Library"



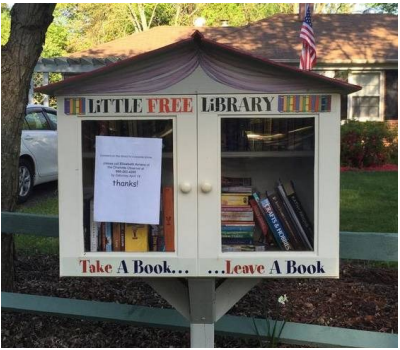
A Blessing Box is a ministry that allows members or other people in the community to put food into a "pantry" and allow others to come and take what they need. It is a "take what you need, give what you can" ministry. This Blessing Box would be built to stay outside. I believe the best place to locate this would be near the street light facing the parking lot along Cameron Ave. This ministry project emerged as one member approached me about helping those in our community that may be hungry. I suggested we build a Blessing Box. This person was willing to help get this started by helping to fund the building of the Blessing Box and help get it stocked. I think this is a perfect opportunity for Spilman to show the people in our community that we care.

I also wanted to add a "Little Library" to the Blessing Box. The Little Library would be a free book resource for people to pick up or leave books. I have already spoken with Beth Crisp and she is willing to help us get the Little Library up and running!

If you would like to help build the Blessing Box or help paint it, please let me know so we can set a date and time to begin. Once it is up and running, we all can pitch in to help our neighbors.

What a great way to minister to others!

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.



Waiting for the Bridegroom

Over the past few months, we as a nation have experienced unprecedented changes. No one would have been able to foresee the changing landscape in every area of our lives. With the introduction of the coronavirus, everyone has been impacted. People were told they should shelter in place, businesses were ordered to be closed, churches have been closed, and schools went to an online format for the remainder of the spring semester. Hospitals have stopped treating so many people's illnesses to focus almost exclusively patients sick with this virus. Today, we all are being asked to wear a mask when are out in public to help stop the ongoing spread of this pandemic.

Socially, many people are struggling with underlying mental health. Isolation, fear, panic attacks, depression, loneliness, economic and food insecurity, are all taking its toll on millions.

Economically, families nest eggs are dwindling quickly. This will result in delinquent utility payments, skipped house and car payments, lapsed insurance policies, hunger and desperation, and eventually bankruptcy for millions of families. This will add more pressure to our already strained safety net of social programs.

We have also seen several groups rise up and demand many different changes in the way our nation has traditionally operated. Many people claim they have been systematically oppressed intentionally and/or unintentionally by various policies ranging from housing, education, law enforcement, and income disparity. Each group is clamoring for their demands to be met ... or else!

Even memorials that were erected in memory of various historical figures have been defaced and destroyed by angry mobs seeking to "change the world" and "free itself" from these perceived perpetrators of injustice. In some instances these have been valid concerns.

Over the past four months, we have seen a pandemic kill indiscriminately, an economic collapse, the Federal Government sending individuals \$1200, civil disobedience, and rioting in the streets of many urban cities across the nation. In case you are not aware, there have been numerous earthquakes around the world, an African dust storm covering half of America this week, and numerous military conflicts brewing between various nations.

I have met with several different pastor groups recently. We have shared how we are ministering to our congregations. I have listened as several black pastors have shared their perspective on the current events occurring today. I have gathered and prayed with a group of Kinston pastors seeking God's will for our congregations and for the City of Kinston. We are in a season of testing.

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DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

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Jesus was talking with His disciples one day and they wanted to know when the end of world was coming. I find that very interesting that every generation since Jesus’ ascension back into heaven, has asked this same question. Jesus responded to the first generation of disciples and said this in Matthew 24:3-14, 36, 44:

³ And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? ⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. ⁵ For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. ⁶ And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows. ⁹ Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰ And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. ¹² And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. ¹³ But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. ³⁶ But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. ⁴⁴ Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

I do not know when the Lord will return. It is closer now than it has ever been before. As much as today’s events generate uncertainty and fear in my heart, I take great comfort in knowing those that “endure to the end, the same shall be saved.” We are called to be ready because we never know when God will bring the world and all the various principalities operating today to an end. But we know who holds the future – It is the Lamb of Judah our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

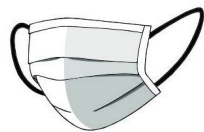
Lord, help us all be prepared, as a bride adorned for the bridegroom, waiting.

Spilman 2020 – Facts and Figures	May 2020	Year-to-Date
General Budget Monthly Needs	\$22,462.58	\$112,312.90
General Offerings Received	\$31,940.00	\$110,344.00
Designated Offerings Received	\$795.00	\$5,945.00
Total Offerings Received	\$32,735.00	\$116,289.00
Total General Budget Expenses	\$13,353.27	\$85,171.21
Budget Giving was Over (Under) Budget by:	\$9,477.42	(\$1,968.90)
Net Budget Giving vs. Budget Exp.	\$18,586.73	\$25,172.79

Two Tips
from
Donna
Keith



WEAR A MASK



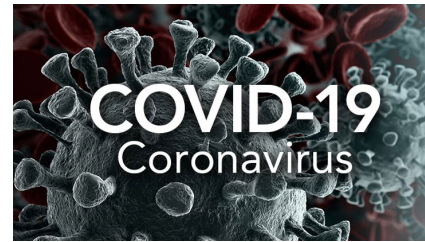
PROTECT YOURSELF
AND OTHERS

Update from Kay Blizzard Chairperson of Personnel

Summer has arrived, but it is certainly a very different kind of summer for each of us! As we enter into the 4th month of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Personnel Committee is very grateful to our staff members.

Dr. Powell Dew, Michelle Sutton, Clay Whittington, Jerry Crisp, and Vance and Michael Aldridge have remained committed to doing their jobs in a variety of efficient and effective ways-- whether from home, on site at Spilman, or by social media--they've been willing to go the extra mile to keep Spilman running as smoothly as possible during this time of uncertainty.

Kudos to our Spilman employees for jobs well-done, and prayers to all for a safe and healthy summer!!!



Worship Services at Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

The church will continue with weekly mailings and Facebook Live on Sunday morning at 10:30.

The sanctuary will be open on Sunday mornings for those individuals that feel comfortable coming back to church. We do ask if you are experiencing any illness that may be flu like, to please stay home.

Please enter the sanctuary on Sunday morning through the Madison Ave. entrance. The rest of the buildings and doors will be locked and off limits to members.

We will continue to offer masks, hand sanitizer, and bulletins for those attending

We do request those attending to sit at least six feet from each other and continue to practice social distancing guidelines while at church.

Offering will be collected as people enter or exit the building. We will not be passing the plate. Hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews. Please use the worship bulletin for the music and scripture readings.

The sanctuary will be cleaned each week before the Sunday morning worship service.

It may take some more time before we can resume Sunday school, Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible Study.

No timetable has been set for resuming the choir.

Update from Danny Rice Diaconate Chair

Deacon/Trustee election-correspondence will be mailed to all resident church members in late July for nominations for three Deacon vacancies for a three year term and one Trustee vacancy for a five year term. Please plan to make sure the person you are nominating is willing to serve. Once the ballots are completed with interested members, they will be distributed to resident members via mail with the request for them to be returned in a prescribed timeline. This procedure will allow for all resident church members to participate in the election process in light of church attendance restrictions. Please be in prayer for those that God is calling to serve in these ministry roles at Spilman.



2020

BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 6 | DAVID ARNOLD | 23 | MARJORIE FIELDS |
| 6 | MICHELE WILLS | 24 | MARIE BLIZZARD |
| 9 | R.E. CHEEK, III | 29 | MADISON HERRING |
| 21 | DON LOCKAMY | | |

In Memory ...

Since January 2020, we have had four church members pass away. Please continue to remember these families during this time—especially since so many are isolated during this pandemic.

Tom Parker 7/12/1932—1/26/2020

Herbert Ray Wooten 8/14/1933—2/26/2020

Joe Burks 7/4/1933—5/31/2020

Bryan Cox “BC” Carlyle 4/8/1935—6/26/2020

Dot Bennett Deacon of the Month



Dorothy Bennett has been a member of Spilman since 1969. She is married to Archie Bennett, and has three sons; Artty, Biff and Brooks. She also has one granddaughter and two great granddaughters. Dot has worked in grocery stores for 30 years and has served as a Sunday School teacher for 20 years.

She has been serving as a Deacon for several years. She is a part of the Personal Care Team and the Extended Worker Sessions Ministries.