SPILMAN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

601 Madison Avenue, Kinston, NC 28501

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We will be broadcasting via Facebook Live from the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.



Diaspora XXII

The Church Scattered, Twenty-second Sunday

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The Private Worship of God – August 16, 2020

COMMUNION WITH GOD

Meditation and Silent Prayer
Prelude
Welcome, Announcements, and Concerns Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.
CREATION AND PROVIDENCE
Call to Worship
 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In living echoes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.
2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things Thou dost impart; And wing my words, that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.
3. O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, Until my very heart o'erflow In kindling tho't and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.
4. O use me, Lord, use even me, Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where; Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.
Prayer of Adoration and Invocation Dr. Dew

Hymn of Evangelism and Missions	nn 564
Make Me a Channel of Blessing by Harper G. Smith	l

1. Is your life a channel of blessing?
Is the love of God flowing thro' you?
Are you telling the lost of the Savior?
Are you ready His service to do?

Chorus:

Make me a channel of blessing today, Make me a channel of blessing, I pray; My life possessing, my service blessing, Make me a channel of blessing today.

- 2. Is your life a channel of blessing? Are you burdened for those who are lost? Have you urged upon those who are straying The Savior who died on the cross? Chorus:
- 3. Is your life a channel of blessing?
 Is it daily telling for Him?
 Have you spoken the Word of salvation
 To those who are dying in sin?
 Chorus:
- 4. We cannot be channels of blessing
 If our lives are not free from known sin;
 We will barriers be and a hindrace
 To those we are trying to win.
 Chorus:

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND PRAYER

(Please review our prayer list and pray for those listed.)

Children's Lesson Faith for the Journey

Theme: Trusting God, Abram's journey of faith

Object: A Blindfold

Scripture: The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." Gen. 12:1 (NIV)

When we do something for the very first time it can be a little bit scary. Do you remember your very first day at school? Your mother probably went in with you to help you find your room and meet your teacher. When you got on a bicycle for the first time, someone probably walked along beside you and helped hold you up at the very beginning. That gave you confidence and soon you were riding on your own. When you went swimming for the first time, you didn't just go out and jump in the pool, did you? No, there was someone with you to hold you up until you could swim on your own. It really helps if we have someone we trust to be with us when we are about to do something we have never done before.

Today, I brought a blindfold. What if I were to ask one of you to put on this blindfold and find your way to the back of the room and bring a hymnal back to me? How do you think you might feel? Would you be worried that you might bump into something and hurt yourself? Would you be afraid that others might laugh at you when you went the wrong direction? What if I said that I would go with you and hold your hand? You trust me, don't you? I will be with you every step. How does that make you feel? Who would like to try it? (Choose a child.) OK, Johnny, let's go.

What Johnny did this morning is similar to what Abram and Sarah experienced in today's Bible lesson. God told Abram to leave everything behind and to move to a new country. He didn't even tell him where this country was. He just said, "Go to the land that I will show you." They didn't know where they were going or what they would find when they got there. It was like they were wearing a blindfold, but they trusted God -- just like Johnny trusted me -- and like we trust our parents to help us do new things. So, even though they were a bit scared, they left everything and set out on the journey

to the place that God showed them. It took many years, but God was with them and he led them to their new home.

How about you, do you ever take a journey into the unknown? Sure you do. Just about every day we face things which we have never done before. They may be a bit scary, but we know that God is with us, just as he was with Abram and Sarah. We just have to trust him to lead the way.

Father, sometimes we are afraid to go where we have not gone before. Help us to remember that you are with us wherever we go. Amen.

Children's Sermon is from www.sermons4kids.com)

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND GIVING

- 1. The God of Abraham praise,
 All praised be His name.
 Who was, and is, and is to be,
 For aye the same!
 The one eternal God,
 Ere aught that now appears;
 The First, the Last: beyond all tho't
 His timeless years!
- 2. His Spirit floweth free,
 High surging where it will:
 In prophet's word he spoke of old,
 He speaketh still.
 Established is His law,
 And changeless it shall stand,
 Deep writ upon the human heart,
 On sea or land.

3. He hath eternal life
Implanted in the soul
His love shall be our strength and stay
While ages roll.
Praise to the living God!
All praised be His name,
Who was, and is, and is to be.
For aye the same!



Enclosed is a general offering envelope for your convenience if you wish to mail in your offering.

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION



The Man from Ur

By Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr. Genesis 12:1-3, 15:5-10, 17-18, 17:1-22

(See Enclosed Sermon)

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT

1. Grace to you, grace to you, God's great grace to you. As you walk thro' your life in joy or strife, God's grace, God's grace to you.

- 2. Peace to you, peace to you, God's great peace to you. As you walk thro' your life in joy or strife, God's peace, God's peace to you.
- 3. Love to you, love to you, God's great love to you. As you walk thro' your life in joy or strife, God's love, God's love to you.

Benediction	
Postlude	
Faith, W	Thile Trees are still Blossoming by V. Earle Copes



Thank you for your continued support of Spilman Memorial Baptist Church during this time!

Nursing Home or Assisted Living Center

Gnell Harper – Heritage Elite (room 201), Kinston
Marilyn Owens – Spring Arbor (room 314A), Kinston 7/31/19
Effie Smith – Magnolia Cottage Care (#2), Dover
Marie Spears – Spring Arbor (room 102), Kinston 9/5/19
Pearlie Wade (Betty Potter's sister), Snow Hill Assisted
Joyce Wetherington – Heritage Elite (room 305), Kinston
Trudy Wooten – Spring Arbor (room 108), Kinston 3/9/20

Requests for Prayer

Melinda Blackman (Don Lockamy's niece)

Mary Ann Braswell (Allan Ham's daughter) – brain tumor surgery 6/24

Avery Burchette – Duke, Raleigh, (daughter of friend of Beth

Crisp) – 12-month checkup, still no sign of cancer! 5/31/20

Loraine Carraway's father – CT scan of aortic valve 5/12

Margie Davis (Bess Hooks' sister) - home 7/11

Jackie Elmore (Joan Joyner's daughter) – chemo and radiation

Greg Gentry (Jerry Crisp's cousin) - home now

Louise Hill – doing very well now

Sonia Koonce (Clay Whittington's grandmother) – cancer 5/13/20, finished chemo

Cleon Lincke – prayer, her son, Paul, staying with her now

Joyce Lockamy – special prayer

Michael McCarn of Florence SC (Claudia Dale's son-in-law) stage 2 prostate cancer

HR Orr (Shirlene Koonce's brother) – kidney cancer, immunotherapy Next therapy 8/19

Brooks Owens – fractured vertebrae 6/10 – doing much better

Kim Skeens (Loretta Skeens' daughter) – staying with Loretta now, able to walk now 2/12

Kingsley Platts – last chemo on 4/28/20, sister donating stem cells for transplant – 100% match

Sonya Williams (Shorty Hill's niece) – breast cancer

Sylvia Williams – skin cancer on leg, begins radiation 6/30

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Prayer List – August 16, 2020

<u>Lectionary Passages – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</u>

First Reading & Psalms: Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Second Reading & Psalms: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15: 10-28

Added August 11, 2020 – 22nd Week of Diaspora

- Pray that peace and unity will return to our nation once again.
- As we enter the election season for our national and state leaders, may the Lord give us wisdom and courage, in exercising the freedom to vote.
- We pray for our teachers and students as they return to school (in some form) soon. Pray for the protection of Hope Prep School and their students as they begin class in person on Aug. 26th.
- We pray for the peace of Christ to enter our hearts instead of the spirit of fear that permeates our community, state, and nation now.

Added Aug. 4, 2020 – 21st Week of Diaspora

Praise for minimal damage in our area during hurricane Isaias Praying for those impacted by property damage, injury or death.

Camron Dew of Raeford NC (Dr. Dew's cousin) – gunshot injury,

3 surgeries, out of ICU, still hospitalized

The family of Larry and Helen Everette (Princeville NC) – died in a house fire 7/31, memorial service was held 8/2

Added July 29, 2020 – 20th Week of Diaspora

Austin (Brenda Dean's grandson) - karate accident, ongoing test, etc.

Trudy Wooten -Back at Spring Arbor, hospice Assisting

Added July 22, 2020 – 19th Week of Diaspora

The family of Ann West Houston – died 7/15, graveside 7/20

Continuing Prayers for this Season

All the people impacted by the coronavirus pandemic

Individuals isolated

Families impacted by closed schools

Businesses and Employees impacted

Doctors, Nurses, Hospital employees