

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

**AUGUST 2020**

## CHURCH STAFF

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr., Interim Pastor  
Michell Sutton Eguez—Administrative Assistant  
Clay Whittington, Director of Music and Organist  
Michael and Vance Aldridge, Custodians  
Michelle Sutton, Finance Assistant



### COVID-19 Update from Donna Keith

We are still admitting patients with COVID. Many have been on vacation or have attended social events. My advice is to continue with social distancing, washing hands, and wearing a mask!

Also, we are getting patients back that were sick with the virus back in April and May. They are having COVID related complications that can be fatal. Those include pulmonary embolism, strokes, pulmonary fibrosis, and heart related problems. Please stay home if you have immunity problems or a chronic illness.

#### THIS PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER!

We did see an increase in the number of cases here in Lenoir County when businesses opened back up. We continue to have new admissions each day and experienced a death in July.

Please continue to pray for the hospital staff as they work with people infected with this virus. We would love to see it end as much as you do! It is difficult to see people struggling to breathe, as well as the isolation our patients are experiencing with no visitors. As nurses, we are now acting as their family, chaplains, caregivers, and sitters. We are exhausted! We appreciate your prayers and support during this time.



### An Invitation to Prayer

On the night Jesus was betrayed by Judas, Jesus' last act of unity with His disciples was to invite them to go and pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. Have you really thought about that before? Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God, invited His disciples to pray with Him. Have you ever thought that maybe, Jesus still wants us, as His disciples, to pray with Him, even today?

One of the prayers Jesus taught His disciples is often called the "Lord's Prayer." Jesus gave them a "Model Prayer" in which ALL our prayers could revolve around. This prayer can become a transformative spiritual awakening if we sincerely allow its words to become our prayer. The integrative power of this "Disciple's Prayer" can mold us into what Christ wishes us to become – true disciples.



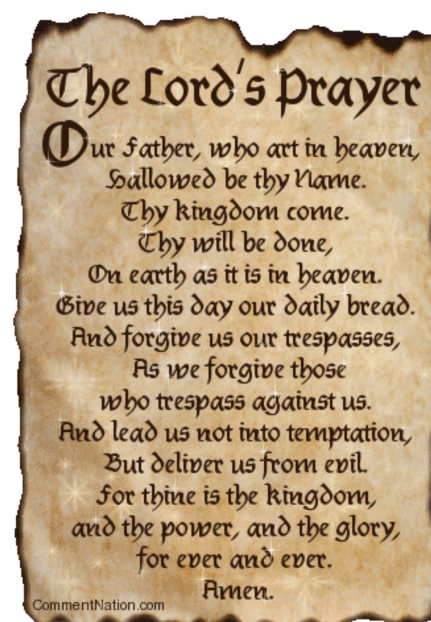
DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

This prayer ... recognizes God as supreme over Heaven and Earth, guides us to Hallow God's name by our words and by our life, and recognizes the priority the Kingdom of God should take in our lives.

This prayer acknowledges the sovereignty of God's will over all creation – both here on earth as well as in the heavenly realm. It petitions God for our daily provision of food and our continual need for forgiveness. It causes us to recognize, as disciples of Jesus, that we too should be people of forgiveness. It acknowledges our weakness to follow after sin and our total dependence on God to deliver us from the sins that so easily beset us.

This simple prayer beckons us to reorientate our lives and make God our top priority. So many things are competing for our loyalty and attention in today's modern world. If we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are not diligent we will be swept away by the evil one. This prayer draws us into a larger circle of prayer and praise that one day, will be a mighty noise around the throne of God in Heaven. For You Alone O Lord are Worthy!

May the words You taught Your first disciples, be echoed daily on our lips, hearts, hands, and feet – once again!





**Hope Preparatory Update August 2020 by Diane Spear**

We are so thankful and excited to see a high quality classical Christian education being made accessible to every student in our community! God is at work in our families' lives and our students are thriving!

**Enrollment Update:**

We finished our first year with 15 students. By June we had nearly 30 students registered for the fall. And just in the past 2 weeks, we have received applications from about 15 new students! We are especially excited that friends of Spilman, Gabriela and Pedro Trejo, have

enrolled their son, Ezekiel, and have introduced us to other families from their church who are also interested in Hope for their children. We are definitely seeing the need for a school like ours in our community and are so thankful for the ministry opportunities this brings and for Spilman's partnership in it all!

**Update on Fall 2020:**

We have been gearing up for the new year this summer with a great week of teacher training in July and preparations to begin school with many extra precautions due to COVID. We have purchased a disinfecting mister and will be taking many other health measures. Our school year will begin on August 26th with a regular schedule with plans to foster some normalcy and community for children and families in the midst of these challenging days. Our staff and I have found that the current world climate has offered an abundance of occasions to share God's love, comfort, and peace with the children and families that God has brought through our doors, and we anticipate so many more opportunities to share the gospel and the love of God as we begin the 2020-2021 school year. We trust God for His provision and for the good plans He has for us all.

**New Teacher:**

We are delighted to introduce you to our new 1st grade teacher, Renee Chambers, who is moving to Kinston from Gastonia with her husband, Allen, to serve at Hope Prep.

Spilman 2020 – Facts and Figures	June 2020	Year-to-Date
General Budget Monthly Needs	\$22,462.58	\$134,775.48
General Offerings Received	\$17,115.00	\$127,459.00
Designated Offerings Received	\$1,615.00	\$7560.00
Total Offerings Received	\$18,730.00	\$135,019.00
Total General Budget Expenses	\$19,250.36	\$104,507.26
Budget Giving was Over (Under) Budget by:	(\$5,347.58)	(\$7,316.48)
Net Budget Giving vs. Budget Exp.	(\$2,135.36)	\$22,951.74

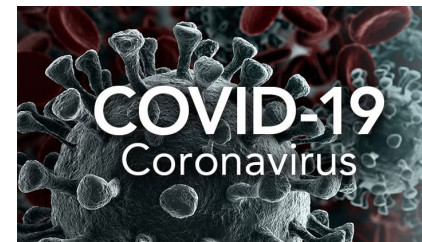
**Update from Danny Rice  
Diaconate Chair**

Thanks are extended to our deacons for their continued periodic contact with their assigned families during the past few months.

We are now in the nomination process during July and August to elect three new members to serve a three year term as deacon. We are also nominating two people to serve as trustees, one serving a full five year term and one to serve the remaining four year term, with the resignation of Jim Barlow.

Larry Williams, Shag Carlyle, and Danny Rice are rotating off of the diaconate after a three year term and we thank them for their service. We also thank Doug Blizzard and Jim Barlow for their service

Two Tips  
from  
Donna Keith



**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.

**Shag Carlyle**

**Deacon of the Month**



Born on August 28, 1939 and a native of Kinston, NC. Shag married Betty Jean on October 1, 1958. Shag and Betty Jean have two sons, Jeff and Ricky. Shag retired from DuPont in March of 1993. He has been a member of Spilman since 1962 and he enjoys serving the Lord. Shag has served as a Deacon, Property Committee Chair, and a Trustee.

**WELCOME**

**Michell Sutton Eguez**



On Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, Michell Sutton Eguez began as our new Administrative Assistant for Spilman Memorial Baptist Church. Prior to coming to Spilman, she was the Administrative Assistant at Westminster United Methodist Church and New Hope Baptist Church in Kinston.

Michell is retired from the State of North Carolina having worked at Caswell Center in Kinston and O'Berry Center in Goldsboro.

Michell has served in various churches throughout Kinston and New Bern as organist/pianist and sometimes choir director.

Michell graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in Social Work with emphasis in Mental Retardation.

Michell lives in Trenton, NC with her four fur babies whom she adores.



**2020**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 VANCE ALDRIDGE
- 3 PAULINE HUGHES
- 4 LISA CROMER
- 8 JOYCE WETHERINGTON
- 9 KRISTIN BURKS
- 9 NOLA TYNDALL
- 10 JEFF CARRUTH
- 14 TOM SHAVER
- 16 ROSA ANN CHANEY
- 16 BECKY HARDISON
- 18 BETTY JO TABB
- 22 PENNY HOWARD
- 22 BROOKS BENNETT
- 26 FRAN ALLISON
- 28 SHAG CARLYLE
- 28 JAY KOONCE
- 30 MARIE SPEARS

**In Memory ...**

**Ann West Houston 8/14/1931—7/15/2020**

A graveside service was held in Warsaw, NC on July 21st. Please continue to pray for Ann's children, West Houston and Cheri Houston.