

## **Announcements**

- Time is running out to pack your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Pick up your shoe boxes today. Collection dates are November 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
  - Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  - Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Church Conference – Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary
- Personnel Committee Meeting, Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 p.m.
- Church office closed 11/26 for Thanksgiving and 11/30
- Poinsettia orders need to be turned in by 11/29 (see insert)

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# **SPILMAN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**601 Madison Avenue, Kinston, NC 28501**

**November 15, 2020**

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



**Diaspora XXXV**

**The Church Scattered, Thirty-fifth Sunday**

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*The Private Worship of God – November 15, 2020*

**COMMUNION WITH GOD**

Meditation and Silent Prayer

Prelude ..... Clay Whittington  
*Be Still My Soul* arr.by Cindy Berry

Welcome, Announcements, and Concerns .....Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

**PRAISE AND ADORATION**

Call to Worship ..... Hymn 647  
*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* by Theodore Baker

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever,  
For on the holy cross Thou hast the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.  
Christ, we do all adore Thee.

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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation ..... Dr. Dew

Hymn of Mission.....Hymn 395  
*God of Grace and God of Glory* by Henry Emerson Fosdick

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour Thy power;  
crown the ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to love and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to Thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.
4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces,  
pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not them nor Thee,  
that we fail not them nor Thee!

**WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND PRAYER**

Scripture Reading .....Joshua 1:1-9

Prayer of Intercession ..... Dr. Dew

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



Theme Joshua chose to obey and serve God.

Object None needed.

Scripture “But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15 (NLT)

Who can tell me what a hero is? A hero is someone who is courageous and brave. There are heroes and heroines in the Bible. All of them are brave, courageous, and more, but not always in the way you would expect. The hero in our Bible story today is Joshua. What makes him a hero? He served God with his whole heart. Serving God with your whole heart may not sound very heroic, but let’s look at the facts and see what you think when you have heard the whole story!

God had chosen Moses to lead the Israelites into the promised land. Unfortunately, Moses did not always obey what God told him to do. Because of this, God told Moses, "Because you did not trust me enough to do what I told you to do, you will not be the one to bring my people into the land I have given them." So, when it was time for the people of Israel to go into the land God had promised, God took Moses up to a mountain to see the Promised Land. He did this because He knew that Moses was about to die. Moses knew this too, so he asked God to give the people of Israel a leader. God already had someone in mind.

God knew that Joshua had the ability to be a wise leader, So God told Moses to put Joshua in charge while everyone was watching. "Have him stand before the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him." (Numbers 27:19-20) Moses did what God told him to do. He presented Joshua to all of the people of Israel. Then Eleazar the priest laid his hands on Joshua and commissioned him to lead the people.

After Moses died, God began to speak to Joshua. God's first words to Joshua were a reminder of what Joshua already believed about God. He said, "My servant Moses is dead. Now then, I want you and all of these people to get ready to go across the Jordan River. I want you to go into the land I am about to give the people of Israel." God told Joshua that all of the land was theirs—just as he had promised. It was finally time! And Joshua would lead the people into the land he trusted God was giving them forty years before! As God talked with Joshua, He told him, "This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9) So, just as God gave the orders to Joshua, Joshua gave the orders to the people. Joshua even encouraged the people as God had encouraged him, "Just be strong and brave."

After Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan River into the land that God had promised them, they came to the city of Jericho. Jericho had high walls around it and the gates were shut tight because the people were afraid of the Israelites. But the Lord said to Joshua, "I have given you the city of Jericho. You and your fighting men are to walk around the town once a day for six days. On the seventh day, you are to march around the town seven times with the priests blowing their ram's horns. When you hear the priests give one long blast on their horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse and you can take the town." Joshua did as the Lord told him and the Israelites captured the town of Jericho.

All the people heard that the Israelites had captured Jericho and they were afraid. They knew God was helping Joshua and the Israelites. Joshua led the Israelites from city to city. They captured all the promised land.

Joshua stood firm in his belief in God. He told the people, "But suppose you don't want to serve God. Then choose for yourselves right now whom you will serve. You can choose the gods your people served or you can choose the gods the Amorites serve. After all, you are living in their land. But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."

Because they saw Joshua's strong faith in God, the people replied, "We would never abandon the Lord and serve other gods. For the Lord our God is the one who rescued us from slavery in the land of Egypt. He performed mighty miracles before our very eyes. As we traveled through the wilderness among our enemies, he preserved us. So we, too, will serve the Lord, for he alone is our God."

*Father, help us, like Joshua, to be strong in our faith and to obey what your Word commands. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Children's Sermon is from [www.sermons4kids.com](http://www.sermons4kids.com))

## **WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND GIVING**

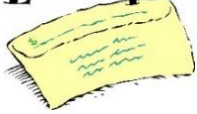
Hymn of Grace and Assurance..... Hymn 338

*How Firm a Foundation* by John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am Thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. "When thro' fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and Thy gold to refine.

4. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"


**Offering  
Envelopes**



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

Special Music ..... Clay Whittington  
*He That is Down Need Fear No Fall* by Ralph Vaughan Williams

**WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION**

	<p><b>A Man Called Joshua</b> By Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr. Joshua 1:1-9 (See Enclosed Sermon)</p>
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**WORSHIP THROUGH COMMITMENT**

Hymn of Life Eternal.....Hymn 521  
*On Jordan's Stormy Banks* by Samuel Stennett

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land  
Where my possessions lie.

*Chorus:*

I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
O who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.

2. All o'er those wide-extended plains  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns  
And scatters night away.  
*Chorus*

3. No chilling winds nor pois'nous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death  
Are felt and feared no more.  
*Chorus*

4. When shall I reach that happy place  
And be forever blest?  
When shall I see my Father's face  
And in His bosom rest?  
*Chorus*

Benediction .....Dr. Dew  
Postlude ..... Clay Whittington  
*Sent Forth by God's Blessing* by Welsh Folk Tune



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