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

NOVEMBER 2020

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TIE NEWSLETTER

A Reflection for the Upcoming Holiday Season—Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

Last year we invited individuals to walk through a Grief Share program to learn more about grief and how we can cope with it in our lives. All of those that participated had experienced the loss of a loved one. During our discussions, we found holidays to be an especially difficult time. The following is Day 30, in a series of emails from Grief Share. This days topic is especially important to highlight since November and December are filled with so many special days. It is my prayer that God will be near to you, and comfort you, as you enter this holiday season.

Special Days Trigger Grief (Day 30)

Special days—anniversaries, holidays, birthdays—can act as emotional land mines. The emotions you feel on those days can be as intense or even more intense than the emotions you felt at first.

Dr. Tim Clinton observes, “Too many people are unaware or underaware of the normal grieving process. For example ... anniversary dates, birthdays, holidays and things like that can evoke a lot of anger. When this happens, people feel like there’s something wrong with them or they’re not very strong.”

These feelings are normal. Knowing this, prepare yourself ahead of time for those special days. Read the Bible to draw strength and comfort from it. Plan a quiet day with close friends or family members who will surround you with love. Remember, when you are discouraged and at a low point relating to your loss, the only remedy is to look to the Father.

“Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God. My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you” (Psalm 42:5-6).

Lord, I look to You when I am struck down again by grief. I will depend on You, and I will praise You; for though I am struck down, I am not destroyed. Amen

Come After Me

All of us at one time in our lives looked forward to going out on the play ground. After working in class all morning, we wanted to go out and swing on the swings, run around and chase each other, and we may have wanted to play a few games. Maybe you have played “Follow the Leader” or “Simon Says.” Both of these games require someone leading while everyone else follows. This may be fun for a while, but then we get tired of following and we want to be the leader.

Jesus told His disciples **“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”** (Matthew 16:24 – NKJV)

This simple, yet profound statement applies to many areas of life. Most of our relationships in life revolve around someone leading and others following. In the workplace, the boss will determine what needs to be done, and the other workers are expected to accomplish the work. In the home, the parents make decisions concerning their children as to where they will go, what they will do, and when they will do it.

Since Jesus is the Son of God, He is fully qualified to lead us in life. The only question that remains now is, **“Are we willing to be obedient and follow?”** Jesus is reminding us that we have a choice in obeying or rebelling. Jesus said “If” you are willing, then you must do some things in order to be a good follower.

The first is to **“deny yourself.”** When you play “Follow the Leader” or “Simon Says” you must submit your will to the will of the leader. If you are to successfully play the game, your wants, wishes, demands, rights, must take a second position to that of the leader. Jesus clearly identifies this first area. Most of us struggle with this one area all of our lives. We think we know best. We are not willing to trust God with our lives. To be a true follower of Jesus, you must deny yourself.

Second, Jesus says we need to **“take up our cross.”** This is a time when we need to count the cost. Are we willing to surrender all and take on the symbol of death? Are we willing to yield it all to God even to the point of death? Our lives are nothing in comparison to what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. Surrendering our will, and taking on His will is the key to the second step.

Lastly, Jesus says, **“Follow Me.”** This requires us to be close and near the leader so that when he sees that a turn is needed, we will not be left behind or lost. As Jesus walks, we too must walk. Step by step, word for word, command for command, doing as He instructs.

Herein is the key to being a disciple of Jesus - denying yourself, taking up your cross, and following Jesus. May you be found close behind the Master as He leads.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

Worship Services at Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

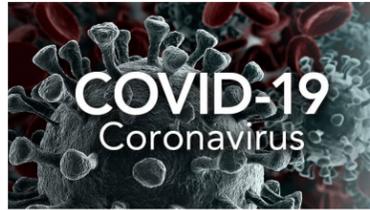
The church will continue with weekly mailings and Facebook Live on Sunday morning at 10:30.

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

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

We will continue to offer masks, hand sanitizer, and bulletins for those attending. We do request that those present sit at least six feet from each other and continue to practice social distancing guidelines while at church. We have recently added ropes that section off every other row to help us in our social distancing.

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.



COVID-19 Update from Donna Keith, RN

UNC Lenoir hospital is full! The COVID virus does not discriminate—it affects young and old alike! It is very difficult to trace where everyone has been and who they have had contact with! Many people think the virus is over and they want to go out!!! We had 3 deaths in one day! We had another couple of deaths last week. We continue to admit patients daily and we haven't even had flu patients yet.

I'm really praying that everyone will really stay safe and diligently wash your hands, socially distance and wear a mask! Please pray for hospital staff too. It is mentally, emotionally and physically exhausting working in this pandemic. We are allowing two visitors per patient and it needs to be the same two throughout the patient's stay at the hospital. This is for everyone's safety. No one is allowed to visit COVID patients!

Spilman 2020 Facts and Figures	September 2020	Year-to-Date
General Budget Monthly Needs	\$22,462.58	\$202,163.22
General Offerings Received	\$19,645.00	\$179,500.00
Designated Offerings Received	\$2,193.94	\$12,678.94
Total Offerings Received	\$21,838.94	\$192,178.94
Total General Budget Expenses	\$17,745.76	\$162,186.37
Budget Giving was Over (Under) Budget by:	(\$2,817.58)	(\$22,663.22)
Net Budget Giving vs. Budget Exp.	\$1,899.24	\$17,313.63



WEAR A MASK



PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS



November 2020

NOV 1 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE—ALL SAINTS DAY DR. ANDY WAKEFIELD “FOR ALL THE SAINTS”- EPH 3;14-21	10:30 AM
NOV 3 (TUE)	ELECTION DAY—FELLOWSHIP HALL	6:30 AM to 7:30 PM
NOV 8 (SUN)	DEACONS' MEETING WORSHIP SERVICE DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR. CONTRAST OF FAITH AND UNBELIEF NUMBERS 13:1-2,26-33, 14:26-32 LIGHTING CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE	9:00 AM 10:30 AM
NOV 10 (TUE)	NC BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION	
NOV 10 (TUE)	FBC CHARLOTTE NC CHURCH LEADERSHIP MEETING	7:00 PM
NOV 15 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR. “A MAN CALLED JOSHUA” JOSHUA 1:1-9	10:30 AM
NOV 18 (WED)	CHURCH CONFERENCE	6:00 PM
NOV 22 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE REV. ALTA WHITT	10:30 AM
NOV 26 (THURS)	THANKSGIVING DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
NOV 29 (SUN)	DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30 A.M.
NOV 30 (MON)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019

Deacons' Meeting— 9:00 AM
Worship Service & Lighting Candles of Remembrance—10:30 AM

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LOTTIE MOON & CBF

Are coming up soon.

Please write a “separate” check for each designated gift.



It's that time of year again, so get your shoeboxes ready!

Dropoff at Spilman will be Nov. 16th to 23rd.

Mon. to Thurs. 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Friday 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Monday, the 23rd is the last drop off day. We will be open from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. We need volunteers all week long!



2020 BIRTHDAYS

2	MICHAEL ALDRIDGE	18	AMBER D. ARNOLD
4	DONNA CHEEK	19	CLENNIS TOLSTON
5	BRENDA DEANS	19	AMY WHITFIELD
5	ALENA CROMER	24	DOT BENNETT
8	PEGGY ELMORE	26	ARCHIE BENNETT
14	JESSIE SCOTT	27	BETSY SHAVER
18	JOHNNIE RICE		



Deacon of the Month

Jerry Crisp

Jerry grew up in the Hudson/Lenoir area of Western NC. He is a proud fan and graduate of NCSU.

Jerry and Beth have been married for 42 years. They are the very proud parents of a daughter, son and son-in-law. They are equally proud grandparents of 2 granddaughters.

Jerry is the chairman of the deaconate and one of several individuals that keep the sound booth running on Sunday mornings. Jerry can also be spotted in the evenings checking the church to see that all lights are off, thermostats are properly set, and all doors are locked.