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# THE TIE

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

**JANUARY 2021**

**CHURCH STAFF**

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



**JANUARY 2021  
TIE NEWSLETTER**

## Creating Something New

God is the ultimate creator. The first chapter in the Bible reveals God as a creator. God created everything that is seen and unseen from nothing. He hung the stars and set their courses. He created the animal kingdom with an amazing variety. He fashioned man from the dust of the earth and breathed life into him. This was just the beginning of creation. God was not finished with His creation.



**DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.**



God chose Abraham and from his loins, the Nation of Israel was established. Even though the nation and the people of Israel had sinned and turned from Him, God was continuing to forgive and refashion His relationship with His chosen people. (see Jeremiah 31:31)

The same is true for us today. While we were still sinners, Jesus Christ died so we might live. Paul reminds us that because of Christ, we are new creatures in Christ Jesus. (see 2 Corinthians 5:17) God had taken what was broken and marred, and created something new.

In both the Old and New Testament, there is a recurring theme that “One Day,” the Lord will create a new heaven and a new earth. (see Isaiah 65:17, 66:22, Revelation 21:2) Ecclesiastes reminds us, “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven. A time to break down, and a time to build up.” (3:1, 3b) There is a pattern of renewal and rebuilding woven into creation.

Spilman, like so many churches across the world, has been shaken. The former way of gathering for worship and fellowship have changed. Based on the advice of our medical community, we have attempted to avoid becoming a transmission center for the coronavirus. These changes include wearing masks, social distancing, not passing the offering plate or communion trays. We do not shake hands, hug one another, gather for Sunday school, have choir practice, or Wednesday night meals and Bible Study.

When God finishes shaking our world, what will our community of faith look like? I believe God is firmly in control of every situation we face. I may not understand the “why” of it all – but I do trust God knows what He is doing. I believe the promise “*All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*” (see Romans 8:28)

As we hang up a new calendar for 2021, may we renew our dedication to God by loving Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. (see Deut. 6:5, Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27) May we not become discouraged, disheartened, or derailed in our walk with God. Yes, we will need to adapt and change as the circumstances dictate. We may find God will have created something new here at Spilman. Let us trust God fully and live into His new creation.

*“Behold, I make all things new. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.”* (see Revelation 21:5b, 7)

## A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION -by Bob Gaddis

I just ate an orange a little while before supper. It's funny how little things stimulate the memory.

When I was a little kid in SW Ohio in the 50's, our Grandmama and Daddy-Bo in Grifton NC, would send us a Christmas package each year.



Over the years, we got lots of the usual toys and games and clothes. But, the box from the NC grandparents was always special. They would send a cardboard box filled with such things as pecans, a jar of comb honey, peanuts, brown cotton gloves with the fingers filled with coins, flashlights...and some oranges.

Now oranges were normally nothing special, but you have to examine oranges in the light of Southern Tradition. A long-standing Southern Christmas custom is for parents to leave oranges in the fire-side stockings of their children. This puzzling gift finds its origins in the previous rarity of citrus fruit and the expense of such a luxurious gift. The Southern Christmastime craving for the flavor of oranges influenced the popular Christmastime recipe staple known as Ambrosia, and for many it's just not Christmas without that. Citrus also appears frequently in Southern holiday décor in the form of slices for fragrant potpourri or as whole oranges in garlands.

In Appalachia, which is somewhat removed from eastern NC or SW Ohio, oranges were especially prized as Christmas gifts. This was probably because money was always scarce in Appalachia. Nevertheless, the gift of an orange is special.

My grandparents were small family farmers. Their small farm was home to several families. My grandmama was frugal to say the least. She kept a daybook in which she recorded every penny earned, spent or found. They were not rich by any stretch of the imagination, but they managed to do OK. They provided and gave to us the fruits of their labors.

So, at Christmastime especially, I love to eat an orange and savor the memories of Christmases past.

### Worship Services at Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

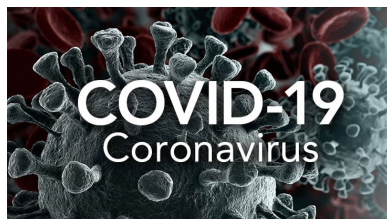
The church will continue with weekly mailings and Facebook Live on Sunday morning at 10:30.

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.



### THANK YOU!

Spilman Memorial will always hold a special place in my heart. During my short tenure serving as your music director, Dr. Dew, the staff, the choir, and the congregation have shown such love, support, and commitment to the music ministry and the work we have done together. It is this love and support for each other that makes Spilman Memorial stand out and each of its ministries thrive. It is what will ensure the future of the music ministry for years to come



I wish the choir and music ministry great success with the incoming music director (when one is hired). I want to congratulate Dr. Dew for his installation as pastor and wish him great success in his new ministry. And I wish nothing but the best for my Spilman Memorial Baptist Church family. Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your music director. Sincerely, Clay Whittington

Spilman 2020 – Facts and Figures	November 2020	Year-to-Date
General Budget Monthly Needs	\$22,462.58	\$247,088.38
General Offerings Received	\$18,656.00	\$213,801.00
Designated Offerings Received	\$661.00	\$14,064.94
Total Offerings Received	\$19,317.00	\$227,865.94
Total General Budget Expenses	\$17,558.75	\$195,352.12
Budget Giving was Over (Under) Budget by:	(\$3,806.58)	(\$33,287.38)
Net Budget Giving vs. Budget Exp.	\$1,097.25	\$18,448.88

### COVID-19 Update

from Donna Keith, RN

We are full at UNC Lenoir hospital. We currently have more than 24 COVID patients. They are waiting in the Emergency Department because we do not have any available beds. The staff is getting sick as well.

We did get the vaccines and have begun vaccinating all the staff. It is also being offered to all employees at this time. I am not sure when it will be available to the public. I have taken my vaccine and will need a second dose in three weeks.

We did see an increase in COVID patients after Thanksgiving and we are expecting more in the next few weeks. It is extremely frightening to see so many patients with this virus.

I cannot emphasize this enough, please social distance, wash your hands, and wear a mask!

There is some good news—they have begun giving the vaccine in several nursing homes this week.



### January 2021

JAN 3 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr. Pastor Installation Service “Where Do We Go From Here?” Lord’s Supper Observed	10:30 AM
JAN 10 (SUN)	DEACON MEETING WORSHIP SERVICE Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr. “And David Danced.” - 2 Samuel 6:1-23	9:00 AM 10:30AM
JAN 11 (MON)	PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	2:30 PM
JAN 12 (TUE)	CHURCH LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
JAN 17 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr. “A Man Called Solomon” - I Kings 3:4-15	10:30 AM
JAN 18 (MON)	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY	
JAN 24 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE Baptist Men’s Sunday Speaker: Danny Rice	10:30 AM
JAN 31 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr. - 2 Kings 25:1-12 “Israel Ignores God’s Prophets”	10:30 AM

### In Memory

Jean Moore	5/8/1929 - 12/18/20	Member 50 Years
Everette Wilkie, III	4/26/1947 - 12/23/20	Member 46 Years
Joyce Lockamy	10/6/1940 - 12/28/20	Member 56 Years



### 2021

2	JOAN JOYNER	15	SUSAN BROOKS
5	DOUG BLIZZARD	19	BETTY JEAN CARLYLE
12	JEREMY CRISP	20	PAUL LINCKE, III
13	TOM CHANEY	23	CLAY WHITTINGTON
14	SHIRLEY OVERTON	24	REID LOVICK
		26	RAY DAIL
		27	DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.
		29	DANIELLE JONES
		30	JEANNIE BANNISTER
		30	BETSY MILLER

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

Deacons’ Meeting— 9:00 AM  
Worship Service—10:30 AM

### DEACON AND PASTOR SELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Happy New Year to our Spilman Family! The deacons continue to meet monthly and try to maintain their family contacts (from a social distance) and be as safe as possible.

On Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> the church voted to call Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr. as our new Senior Pastor. I hope you were able to see the special installation service on January 3<sup>rd</sup> on Facebook or in person. Congratulations to Spilman and Dr. Dew as we begin our journey together.

Jerry Crisp  
Deaconate Chair  
Pastor Selection Committee Chair

### Deacon of the Month



Elizabeth McPhail Crisp and Jerry have attended Spilman since 1981. Beth grew up in New Bern, N.C. She is a graduate of Mt. Olive College, Mars Hill College, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Beth and Jerry were married in 1978. They have a daughter Rachel (Shelly), a son Jeremy, a son in law Jason, and two amazing granddaughters..

