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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

JUNE 2021

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**JUNE 2021
TIE NEWSLETTER**

Wise Words from a Senior Pastor (copied from Facebook, author unknown)

A church in Atlanta was honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age.

After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium.

Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak....

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me...

The only thing that would comfort was this verse....

"Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong....
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so."

The old pastor stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

"Here for you now is a Senior version of Jesus Loves Me":



An Invitation to Prayer

One of the most profound experiences a person can have in life is to have an encounter with God through prayer. The disciples of Jesus realized prayer was such a vital part of a life of faith that they even asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray." Jesus gave them the model prayer in which they could pattern their communication and communion with God. We will be examining this Model Prayer (Matthew 5:9-13) during our Sunday morning worship services during the month of June.

Since that time, generations of Jesus' followers have been repeating this prayer. The prayer involves praising God and acknowledging His sovereignty over the things in heaven as well as earth. This prayer addresses our sin and seeks reconciliation with God as well as others. This prayer is a prayer of submission as well as an acknowledgement of our dependence on Him. In praying, we are seeking guidance to live a better life and freedom from the evil one that tempts us. This prayer ends with a statement of faith and hope in One that is eternal and is worthy of praise, glory, and honor.

If we are not careful, the world that we live in will suck the spiritual life out of us. Even Pastors can become spiritually dehydrated. The demands of everyday life draw us away from our Creator and Sustainer. We need a renewing and reconnection with God. Prayer brings us back to the source of all life. The God who made the heavens and the earth, who saw you as He knitted you together in your mother's womb, who knows the number of hairs on your head, is looking and waiting to hear from you today.

Take time to pray. Listen as God speaks to you in that still small voice. God still wants to provide our daily bread, forgive us of our sin, and deliver us from evil. Jesus said "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

The invitation is given, will you respond?



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

JESUS LOVES ME (Senior Version)

Jesus loves me, this I know, though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim, still He bids me trust in Him.

Chorus

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh, so slow, with my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may, He'll be there to lead the way.

Chorus

When the nights are dark and long, in my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear, "Have no fear, for I am near."

Chorus

When my work on earth is done, and life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above, Then I'll understand His love.

Chorus

I love Jesus, does He know? Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say, That I love Him every day.

Chorus



Deacon's Corner

Jerry Crisp, Diaconate Chair

Happy Memorial Day! (May 31st!) We have made it through an unusual and difficult year.

We all hope that things will return to normal but have to realize that we may have to adjust to a "new" normal. The deacons have tried to maintain contact with their families with social distancing guidelines during this time. We hope to have more personal contact as the covid restrictions are removed.

We will soon enter a time of the year when we will have Deacon and Trustee nominations and elections. I want to encourage all members to be prayerful about how they can participate in the life and ministry of Spilman Memorial Baptist Church.



Columbarium Study Committee

During our February Church Conference, we approved the formation of a committee to study the feasibility of adding a columbarium on the Spilman church property. A columbarium is a self-contained structure that holds the cremated remains of a person.



Because cremation has become a more acceptable option for people over the last few years, the need for having a location to place those cremation urns has increased dramatically. Several people in Spilman have expressed interest and indicated they would like to participate in purchasing a niche if Spilman offered this.

Before proceeding with this project, the committee will formulate a recommendation to the congregation based on a survey of the congregation and estimates to complete the project.

If you would like to be a part of this committee, please see Danny Rice, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, or Dr. Dew.

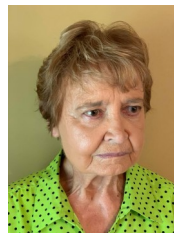


During our February Church Conference, we approved the formation of a Long-Range Planning Committee to help the congregation discern the vision and direction of Spilman in the years to come. This will involve looking at all the areas of ministry, property, finances, previous vision statements, and surveying the congregation.

If you would like to become a part of the discussion and vision for Spilman, please see Danny Rice, Chairman of the Nominating Committee or Dr. Dew to be included in these important planning sessions.

Spilman 2021 – Facts and Figures	APRIL 2021	Year-to-Date
TOTAL INCOME/ EXPENSES		
General Offerings Received	\$19,515.00	\$72,111.00
Total Income	\$20,850.00	\$87,829.01
Total Expense	\$15,586.53	\$83,315.64
Leaving Us with a Net of:	\$4,988.47	\$4,513.37
BUDGET:		
Monthly / YTD Contributions Needed:	\$21,378.75	\$85,515.00
Monthly / YTD Given	\$19,515.00	\$72,111.00
Monthly / YTD Under Budget by:	(\$1,863.75)	(\$13,404.00)

Deacon of the Month



Shorty Hill

Shorty joined Immanuel Baptist Church by baptism at the age of ten. She graduated from Contentnea High School and later worked as a telephone operator for Carolina Telephone Company. She studied at Montgomery College in Maryland for two years. She served in the US Army stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center and worked for the Federal Gov. in Pension Welfare Benefits Administration. When she retired, she moved back to Kinston in 2002 to play golf year-round. She joined Spilman in 2017. Shorty serves on the Finance Team.

JUNE 2021

JUNE 2 (W)	"SUNDAY" SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE	10:00 AM 2:00 PM
JUNE 6 (SUN)	DEACON MEETING WORSHIP SERVICE The Model Prayer: Our Father ... LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVED	9:00 AM 10:30 AM
JUNE 8 (TUE)	CHURCH LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
JUNE 9 (W)	"SUNDAY" SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE	10:00 AM 2:00 PM
JUNE 13 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE The Model Prayer: Hallowed Be Thy Name	10:30 AM
JUNE 16 (W)	"SUNDAY" SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE	10:00 AM 2:00 PM
JUNE 17 (TH)	ROAD TRIP FARMER AND DAIL, SNOW HILL	10:00 AM
JUNE 20 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE The Model Prayer: Thy Kingdom Come FATHER'S DAY	10:30 AM
JUNE 23 (W)	"SUNDAY" SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE	10:00 AM 2:00 PM
JUNE 25 (FRI)	WOOD DUCKS HOME GAME	7:00 PM
JUNE 27 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE The Model Prayer: Give Us this Day ...	10:30 AM
JUNE 30 (W)	"SUNDAY" SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE	10:00 AM 2:00 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

Deacons' Meeting— 9:00 AM
Worship Service—10:30 AM
Lord's Supper Observed

COVID UPDATE

From Donna Keith

UNC Lenoir hospital has not had any Covid admissions in the last two weeks! This is not saying we have no Covid, but we have not admitted anyone to the hospital! This is a step in the right direction.



From a professional standpoint we cannot let our guard down even with the new CDC guidelines. If you have been vaccinated you can breathe and relax a little. You do not have to wear a mask, however you can choose to wear one.

It is definitely a good idea to still do social distancing and wash your hands. It is a small price to pay to end this virus. Remember you are taking precautions to protect others!

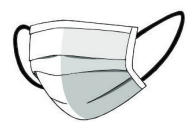
Happy Birthday
To Everyone
Born in June!

Ruth Croom	1-Jun	Mark I. Conway	15-Jun
Libby Mitchell	2-Jun	Bonnie Gaddis	15-Jun
Bill Jones	4-Jun	Donna Keith	15-Jun
Larry McMillin	8-Jun	Michell Eguez	23-Jun
Mark R. Conway	10-Jun	Debra Carlyle	24-Jun
Jerry Crisp	10-Jun	Dot Moore	26-Jun
Barbara Aman	11-Jun	Effie Smith	28-Jun
Elizabeth Hartford	12-Jun	Betty Potter	30-Jun

Happy
Father's
Day

June 20th

WEAR A MASK



PROTECT YOURSELF
AND OTHERS

