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

MAY 2021

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TIE NEWSLETTER

LET'S MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

As I continue to settle into my role in Spilman, I can't help but become thrilled at all of the talent in the church. I am looking forward to working with the choir. Psalm 100:1-2 is a Psalm for giving thanks. *"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!"*

I understand that a lot of people are on edge about coming back into the choir after a year off due to the pandemic. I have been researching the best ways to get the choir back into the sanctuary leading worship. According to the CDC people who are fully vaccinated are able to meet in private group settings without a mask with other fully vaccinated individuals. From my understanding of our first meeting, all of us are fully vaccinated. Which is wonderful!

I want to extend a warm invitation for anybody in our church that is interested in joining the choir! We will start meeting every Wednesday at 2:00 PM. Our first official choir practice will be Wednesday May 5th at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary. We will be wearing masks and sitting socially distanced.

I understand that everybody may not feel comfortable participating yet, but the invitation is open for anyone. As you feel more comfortable please come participate in leading worship. I look forward to working with everybody and getting to know our individuals in the choir.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. My cell phone number is (252) 402-3780 and my email is: mkcowan1997@gmail.com

As a side note, I will be posting a worship leader sign up sheet outside of my office for anybody who wants to help lead worship.

Musically yours, Michael Cowan



MICHAEL COWAN

Longing for Jesus' Return!

One of my great joys in this season of my life is to go and pick up my granddaughter, Madelyn. Every Friday, I will go to her preschool in the afternoon and pick her up. I have found she is usually very quiet and reserved for about two minutes and then it begins. Madelyn's favorite phrase now is, "Guess what?" A smile comes over my face and I say, "What?" Thus, the nonstop conversation begins. One "Guess what?" right behind another.

A few weeks ago, Madelyn had the opportunity to go with her grandparents to their church on Easter Sunday. On the Friday after Easter, Madelyn let me know the exciting news! She was loud and she was excited to share her "Guess what?" with me. My response as usual was, "What?" Madelyn begins to tell me about her guinea pig that died several months ago, named Mr. Pickles. She let me know that when Jesus comes back again, her guinea pig will come out of the grave alive! She squealed with delight knowing her precious pet was going to come back to life. She went on to tell me "Mr. Pickles will be alive again. He will live at my house, and he will sleep in my room, and he can even sleep in my bed!!!"

I did not try and get into a theological discussion with a five-year-old! I just added an occasionally "Really?!" to what she was sharing. She was so excited knowing that God was going to bring her beloved Mr. Pickles back to life and she would be able to see him again! She was completely caught up in the joy of their reunion.

I have thought a lot about our conversation over the past few weeks. I think I caught a glimpse of how we should be when we think about those that we love who have died and gone on to be with the Lord. One day we will be gathered with them in heaven. One day, we will be able to see our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ face to face. One day we will be gathered with the saints around the throne of God, worshipping and praising Him. Our loved ones will not be returning back to us here on this earth, but rather, we will one day join them for all eternity in heaven.

We do not fully understand what God has prepared for us. Even if we utilize all of our creativity and imagination, we still will not be able to comprehend what a special place God is preparing. *"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."* (1 Corinthians 2:9)

One day I may be able to have that theological discussion with Madelyn about life, death, resurrection, and heaven. Over the years I have tried to formulate a biblical answer about our beloved pets and animals and if they will be in heaven. They come to mean so much to us and we often consider them closer than family. I have come to believe Jesus is preparing a special place for us – and it may include our special pets. I am not certain what special thing God has in store for us. I simply know it is special. Madelyn has encouraged my heart to become more attentive to Jesus' return and foster a longing heart for His soon return and that glorious reunion.

"Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." (2 Timothy 4:8)



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

Personal Care Kits for Migrant Workers

It's time again to begin collecting personal care items for the men in the local migrant camps. Please note that all items purchased need to be products for MEN:



The Neuse Baptist Association is collecting 60 of the following items: Full-size bath towel; Bath cloth; Shampoo; Men's deodorant; Bar of soap; Toothpaste; Toothbrushes; Disposable razors; Shave cream; Chap Stick; Writing tablet; Ink pens; 8-oz Hand Sanitizer; Clorox/Lysol Disinfecting Wipes and enough Hard Candy for each man to receive 4-5 pcs in his kit. A Gospel tract and Bible, both in Spanish, will be added to each kit.

Please return these items to the Spilman church office by May 15th so we can deliver them to the Neuse Baptist Association Office by May 28th.



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.

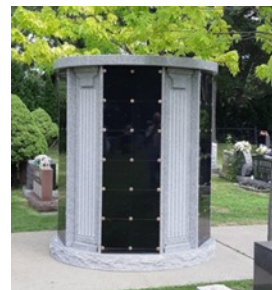
If you would like to become a part of the discussion and vision for Spilman, please see Danny Rice, Chairman of the Nominating Committee or Dr. Dew to be included in these important planning sessions.

Spilman 2021 – Facts and Figures	MARCH 2021	Year-to-Date
TOTAL INCOME/ EXPENSES		
General Offerings Received	\$15,952.50	\$52,596.00
Total Income	\$27,632.51	\$66,979.01
Total Expense	\$30,775.66	\$68,254.11
Leaving Us with a Net of:	(\$3,143.15)	(\$1,275.10)
BUDGET:		
Monthly / YTD Contributions Needed:	\$21,378.75	\$64,136.25
Monthly / YTD Given	\$15,952.50	\$52,596.00
Monthly / YTD Under Budget by:	(\$5,426.25)	(\$11,540.25)



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.

Deacon of the Month Frances Keel



Frances and her husband Tom, moved from Marietta, GA. to Kinston in 1997. She has a son, Edward and a daughter, Lesley. Tom passed away in Oct. 2009.

Frances has actively participated in worship services since 2003, and became a member of Spilman in 2015. She now serves as a Deacon, is a part of the Bereavement Committee, and sings in the choir.

MAY 2021

MAY 2 (SUN)	DEACON MEETING WORSHIP SERVICE LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVED	9:00 AM 10:30 AM
MAY 5 (WED)	"SUNDAY" SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES NOMINATING COMMITTEE MTG.	10:00 AM 2:00 PM 2:00 PM
MAY 6 (THUR)	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	
MAY 9 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE MOTHER'S DAY	10:30 AM
MAY 11 (TUE)	CHURCH LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
MAY 12 (WED)	"SUNDAY" SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE	10:00 AM 2:00 PM
MAY 16 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE CHURCH CONFERENCE	10:30 AM 4:00 PM
MAY 19 (WED)	"SUNDAY" SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE	10:00 AM 2:00 PM
MAY 23 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE PENTECOST SUNDAY	10:30 AM ACTS 2
MAY 26 (WED)	"SUNDAY" SCHOOL CHOIR PRACTICE	10:00 AM 2:00 PM
MAY 30 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
MAY 31 (MON)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED	

2021 BIRTHDAYS

- 2 LAVERNE BURKS
- 4 MACKENZIE WHALEY
- 7 CHARLES BROOKS
- 9 MARILYN OWENS
- 15 PEGGY HASKINS
- 15 DONNIE HARPER



- 23 DELIA GRADY
- 25 BOBBY SHAVER
- 28 LOUISE HILL
- 29 PAT MOORE

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

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

COVID UPDATE From Donna Keith

Now is not the time to become complacent. Positive cases for COVID have increased significantly in our community.



UNC Lenoir hospital's COVID unit is now full and have they have

experienced a death this week.

Many hospital employees, including nurses, have tested positive and are very sick. Nursing facilities have also had more positive cases.

Please get your vaccine! It will protect you from getting a severe case and it may very well protect someone from death. Please stay safe, Wash your hands. Wear a mask! Avoid open unprotected crowds!

In Memory ...

Gnell Harper 2/7/1932—4/22/2021

A private family service was held in Kinston NC on April 26th. Please continue to pray for Gnell's family.



Pentecost Sunday