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# THE TIE

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*Spilman Memorial Baptist Church*

**JULY 2021**

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TIE NEWSLETTER**



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## Freedom in Christ

On July fourth, our nation will celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The United States of America, which began as thirteen colonies, were dedicated to breaking free from the tyranny of the oppressive English government. Those 55 men that signed that document were putting their families, fame, and fortune at risk as they determined to break free from “taxation without representation.”

Over the past two hundred and forty-five years, our nation has fought to maintain this same freedom. Freedom is a fragile luxury. Our nation spends a vast amount of resources in maintaining freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to worship, and the freedom to pursue happiness. We cherish freedom so much that we are willing to go to other countries to help them obtain the same freedom we so readily take for granted.

But are we really free here in America? Yes we can speak our mind, print our opinions, worship where we want, and pursue happiness until we pass out from exhaustion. Yet, in our freedom pursuits, we may become guilty of denying the source of all this freedom. That source is Jesus Christ.

An increasing percentage of Americans no longer consider themselves Christians. Our nation is becoming a nation that has made other gods for themselves. The most prominent god today is the god of self. We no longer make decisions based upon God’s word; we make it on the basis of Me, Myself, and I. When a nation or an individual, begins to selfishly base decisions on the moral standard of “Me”, then it will not be long before our freedoms begin to disappear.

If we want freedom to reign in our life, we need to put Jesus Christ at the center of our lives. If we want our nation to maintain the freedom it has enjoyed for so long, we as a nation need to retain God’s word and law as the foundations for our government.

When Christ is preeminent, then freedom is present. But freedom must be diligently maintained. Just as our nation must fight to maintain freedom, we too must fight to remain free. We cannot use our freedom as a license to sin against God. We cannot assume the goodness and graciousness of God simply because we acknowledge Him. Our actions must match our words.

We can declare ourselves free from the tyranny of sin when we admit and confess our sins to God and believe in His only Son, Jesus Christ.

***“Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” (John 8:32)***



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

## 26 Beautiful One-liners

1. Give God what's right -- not what's left.
2. Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way leads to an endless hope.
3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
4. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
5. In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma—but never let him be the period.
6. Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
7. Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a face-lift.
8. When praying, don't give God instructions - just report for duty.
9. Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
10. We don't change God's message -- His message changes us.
11. The church is prayer-conditioned.
12. When God ordains, He sustains.
13. WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
14. Plan ahead -- It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
15. Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
16. Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
17. Exercise daily -- walk with the Lord.
18. Never give the devil a ride -- he will always want to drive.
19. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
20. Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
21. He who angers you controls you.
22. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
23. Give Satan an inch & he'll be a ruler.
24. Be ye fishers of men -- you catch them & He'll clean them.
25. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
26. Read the Bible -- It will scare the hell out of you.



**Deacon's Corner**  
**Jerry Crisp, Diaconate Chair**

Happy Independence Day to our Spilman family! We hope you are safe and sound on this great holiday. Remember that the deacons are NOT meeting on July 4th. If you have any concerns, please call the church office or any deacon.

I want to also remind you we will have our deacon/trustee nominations during August. We hope all members are giving prayerful thought as to their involvement in this process. July 4th means freedom, and with that comes responsibility.



Spilman 2021 – Facts and Figures	May 2021	Year-to-Date
<b>TOTAL INCOME/ EXPENSES</b>		
General Offerings Received	\$18,657.50	\$90,768.50
Total Income	\$19,992.50	\$107,821.51
Total Expense	\$14,442.03	\$97,757.67
Leaving Us with a Net of:	\$5,550.47	\$10,063.84
<b>BUDGET:</b>		
Monthly / YTD Contributions Needed:	\$21,378.75	\$106,893.75
Monthly / YTD Given	\$18,657.50	\$90,768.50
Monthly / YTD Under Budget by:	(\$2,721.25)	(\$16,125.25)



**The Perks of being 50+**

1. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
2. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
3. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
4. People call at 9 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat dinner at 4 P.M.
9. You can live without many things, but not without glasses.
10. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
11. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
12. You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.
13. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
14. You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
15. You sing along with elevator music.
16. Your eyes won't get much worse.
17. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.

**Deacon of the Month**  
**Dot Bennett**



Dorothy Bennett has been a member of Spilman since 1969. She is married to Archie Bennett, and has three sons; Artty, Biff and Brooks. She also has one granddaughter and two great granddaughters. Dot has worked in grocery stores for 30 years and has served as a Sunday School teacher for 20 years. She has been serving as a Deacon for several years. She is a part of the Personal Care Team and the Extended Worker Sessions Ministries.

**JULY 2021**

<b>JULY 4 (SUN)</b>	<b>NO DEACON MEETING</b> WORSHIP SERVICE The Model Prayer: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVED	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>JULY 7 (WED)</b>	<b>NO "SUNDAY" SCHOOL</b> CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>JULY 11 (SUN)</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> The Model Prayer: Forgive Us....As We Forgive Others	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>JULY 14 (WED)</b>	<b>"SUNDAY" SCHOOL</b> NOMINATING COMMITTEE MTG. CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>10:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>JULY 15 (TH)</b>	<b>ROAD TRIP: SIMPLY NATURAL CREAMERY, AYDEN</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>JULY 18 (SUN)</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> The Model Prayer: Lead Us Not Into Temptation	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>JULY 21 (WED)</b>	<b>"SUNDAY" SCHOOL</b> CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>10:00 AM</b> <b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>JULY 25(SUN)</b>	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Putting First Things First	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>JULY 28 (WED)</b>	<b>"SUNDAY" SCHOOL</b> CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>10:00 AM</b> <b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>JULY 30 (FRI)</b>	<b>WOOD DUCKS HOME GAME</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>



**Down East**  
**Wood Ducks**

Madelyn Everett's souvenir from our Spilman June 25<sup>th</sup> Church Outing!

**COVID UPDATE**  
**From Donna Keith**



UNC Lenoir hospital now has covid patients. Several employees are out with covid. I want to encourage people to get vaccinated. The employees that are infected and hospitalized did not get the vaccine.

As you can imagine, the hospital employees are tired. Every time we think it is over, we get more patients!

I want you to know, the virus is much worse than the side effects from the vaccine.

Please take precautions to protect yourself and others. Stay safe!



- 6 MICHELLE WILLS
- 6 DAVID ARNOLD
- 8 RACHEL BANKS
- 9 R.E. CHEEK III
- 21 DON LOCKAMY
- 24 MARIE BLIZZARD



The Music Department is doing well! We have begun singing each Sunday morning for worship and have begun settling in. We currently have 8-11 in the choir each week.

Thank you Michell Eguez and Sarah Reese for assisting in worship at the piano.— Michael Cowan, Music Director and Organist