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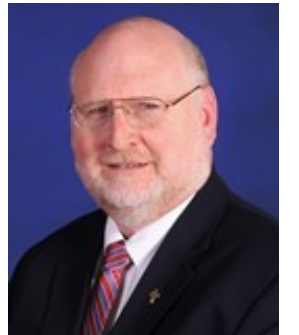


CHURCH STAFF

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr., Senior Pastor
Michell Sutton Eguez, Administrative Assistant
Michael Cowan, Director of Music and Organist
Michell Eguez and Sarah Reese, Pianists
Michael and Vance Aldridge, Custodians
Michelle Sutton, Finance Assistant
Jerry Crisp, Security

From Everlasting to Everlasting, You Are God

In January 2022, I will be turning the **BIG 60** years old! For many people at Spilman, I am still a “Spring Chicken.” I have heard several people say, “My children are older than you are!” January is a major milestone for me. All the other key years (18, 21, 30, 40, and 50) didn’t affect me like this one does. I have been thinking about this upcoming event for the past six months. Where did all the years go?



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

When you begin to think about your life for very long, you begin to realize that every person has a limited amount of time on this earth. Some people live longer, while other people’s lives are much shorter. Every month, I hear of someone that has died and my heart is sad to think they are not numbered among the living. Yet my heart is glad knowing they walked closely with the Lord and are now living eternally in His presence. My heart is grieved when I know they did not receive Jesus Christ as their Savior.

The Bible talks about how we need to obtain a heart of wisdom in how we use our days, weeks, months, and years. Our time on earth has been compared to grass. The grass springs up quickly, and is soon cut down and put into the fire. We are born, we grow up, and then we too will die. It seems the older I get; the quicker time goes by. Every morning when I wake up, I feel like only an hour or two have passed since I last got up!

How can we obtain a heart of wisdom in the use of our time? I think we first need to be aware of how precious this gift from God really is! He has given us health and strength to build our faith in God, our families, our professions, and our homes. If we are wise, we will carefully invest time and energy in all these areas of our lives.

We should give the first portion of our life unto God. Invest in reading and studying His word. Attend and participate in the community of faith. Giving of our resources to advance the Kingdom of God.

We should not neglect the importance of nurturing our marriage. We need to realize our children are our responsibility and we should model our faith for them and actively guide their development.

We are also tasked with providing for our family’s needs. For our family to thrive, they need a home, clothing, food, and safety. Our consistent effort in our chosen profession will help this goal be accomplished.

The integration of our faith, love, nurture, devotion, and care will turn a house into a home. The greatest need for our children today is a home where all of these are actively present and being modeled. When faith in God is at the heart of a home, the children will be able to see and know the Lord themselves.

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MICHAEL COWAN

To many, the times that we are living in may seem uncertain and scary. We always seem to be wondering “What’s next?”. Due to the spike in the Delta variant here in Lenoir County, there have been so many changes in the past few weeks. The choir began singing spaced out from

one another, masks were re-implemented, and now we even had to take a two-week hiatus due to a possible Covid exposure.

Things like this can seem so stressful because it seems like every time we take a step forward we get knocked back three more steps. While I hate to see an empty choir loft, I refuse to put anybody’s health at risk. We are in the process of ordering a set of singer’s masks that will help the choir sing safely.

There’s a song that seems to always run through my head and it has been especially close these past few weeks.

The name is *‘Trusting Jesus’* The lyrics go:

Simply trusting every day,
Trusting through a stormy way;
Even when my faith is small,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Refrain:
Trusting as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him whate’er befall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Brightly doth His Spirit shine
Into this poor heart of mine;
While He leads, I cannot fall;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Singing if my way is clear,
Praying if the path be drear;
If in danger for Him call;
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting Him while life shall last,
Trusting Him till earth be past;
Till within the jasper wall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

I pray during these uncertain times; we will continue to trust Jesus as we figure out how to best serve the congregation in the safest possible way. Choir will resume practice on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.



DEACONS AND TRUSTEES

During the month of August, we will begin our Deacon and Trustee election process.

Because of COVID, we mailed out the Election ballots on Aug. 24th. Please return your ballot by Sept. 5th. This is the same process we used last year.

Please pray for the Deaconate and Trustees as they help set the course and direction of this church in years to come. These two groups will comprise our Long-Range Planning committee.

From Everlasting to Everlasting, You Are God (cont.)

Psalm 90:12 and 17 says, "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; yes, establish the work of our hands."

As I approach this significant milestone year, may these words become my heart's prayer:

"Lord, only You are from everlasting to everlasting. May You be my dwelling place. For the remainder of my days, may the work of my hands, the meditation of my heart, and the words spoken and shared, bring Glory and honor unto God and be a blessing to those around me. For I know, in your time, I will join the host of others that have gone before me. May the Lord receive the glory, honor, and praise due His Holy name. Amen."

In Memory of My Friend

Rev. James Glenn "Jimmy" Aycock (Fremont NC)
June 23, 1942 – August 22, 2021

"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12



In Memory ...

Delia Grady
5/23/1935— 6/16/2021

Trudy Wooten
3/1/1931—7/16/2021

A Memorial Service for Trudy Wooten will be held at the church on Sept. 10th at 2:00 PM

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.



2	Leon	Deans, Jr.
6	Mary Ellen Tucker	Collins
8	Cleon	Lincke
8	Al Brooks	Owens
10	John Lewis	Wilkins
11	Gerald	Aman
13	Nancy	Bennett
13	Ella	Wade
14	Jimmy	Barlow
14	Jeff	Ellis
23	Faye	Sullivan
26	Berry Creech	Pittman
27	Sheryl	Ellis
28	Jimmy	Powers
30	Sandra Chaney	Drum

SEPTEMBER 2021

SEPT 1 (WED)	CHOIR PRACTICE	2:00 PM
SEPT 5 (SUN)	DEACON MEETING WORSHIP SERVICE	9:00 AM 10:30 AM
	TWO WAYS! MATTHEW 7:13-23 LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVED	
SEPT 6 (MON)	LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	
SEPT 8 (WED)	CHOIR PRACTICE	2:00 PM
SEPT 12 (SUN)	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	HOW A WISE MAN BUILDS HIS HOUSE MATTHEW 7:24-29	
SEPT 14 (TUE)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
SEPT 15 (WED)	CHOIR PRACTICE	2:00 PM
SEPT 19 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES WORSHIP SERVICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
	The Difference Jesus Makes Matthew 10:32-33	
SEPT 22 (WED)	CHOIR PRACTICE	2:00 PM
SEPT 26 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
	How Do You Spell Relief? Philippians 4:4-7	
SEPT 29 (WED)	CHOIR PRACTICE	2:00 PM

Study the Bible with us



Sunday School Class Resumes

September 19th at 9:15 a.m.

Gleaners Class, Sharon Dew

Travis-Daly Class, Larry Williams

Youth and Children: Beth Crisp

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021

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

COVID UPDATE

From Donna Keith

UNC Lenoir hospital has will with over 20 patients positive for covid. There are several patients on ventilators. The ER is also holding patients waiting for a room. Up to 25% of the rooms in the hospital now have covid patients. Other hospitals are full so they are no longer accepting transfer patients.

The Delta variant is a fast spreading virus. Vidant Hospital in Greenville is also full. Nurses are working 5-12 hours shifts per week. I've never seen nurses so tired and they feel bad that they cannot give the care they need to give.

There are no beds for heart attacks, strokes, or accidents. Elective surgeries are being postponed or canceled. Please be extra cautious about getting close to others when talking. Even small dinners are spreading it.

Even if you have been vaccinated, you can carry the virus in your throat and nasal passage and transmit it to others. Even though you may not be sick, others could catch it from you!

I do encourage vaccination. Over 95% of those in the hospital have not been vaccinated.

With children returning to school, the virus is sure to spread. These simple steps can help protect you: Wash your hands, social distance, and wear



WEAR
a cloth mask over your nose and mouth.



WAIT
6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.



WASH
your hands or use hand sanitizer.