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TIE NEWSLETTER**



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Merry Christmas!

The Music of Christmas

It is hard to believe that the month of December is already upon us. The music department at Spilman is full steam ahead! The choir will present a special worship service on December 19th at 10:30 am. This service will include nine lessons and carols with choir members taking part in either a scripture reading or a prayer during the service.



**MICHAEL COWAN
MUSIC DIRECTOR**

I could not let this month pass without mentioning my favorite Christmas hymn. “*Angels From the Realms of Glory*” is my absolute favorite Christmas hymn. It is a Christmas carol written by Scottish poet James Montgomery. It was first printed in the *Sheffield Iris* on Christmas Eve 1816, though it only began to be sung in churches after its 1825 reprinting in the Montgomery collection *The Christian Psalmist* and in the Religious Tract Society's *The Christmas Box or New Year's Gift*.

My prayer is that everybody has a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Michael Cowan
Director of Music



Angels From the Realms of Glory By James Montgomery

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:
Come and worship,
Come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light: *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen the Infant star: *Refrain*

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear: *Refrain*

God Is So Good

God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He's so good to me!

He cares for me, He cares for me,
He cares for me, He's so good to me!

I love Him so, I love Him so,
I love Him so, He's so good to me!

I praise His name, I praise His name,
I praise His name, He's so good to me!

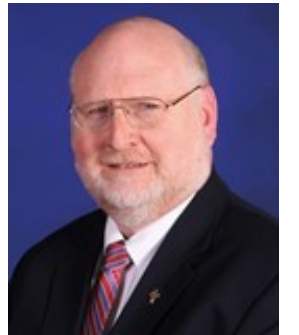
Great Is the Lord by Michal W. Smith

Great is the Lord, He is Holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

The Mercy and Grace of God

Last month I shared some of my reflections on a book I have been reading by Dane Ortlund. The book, *Gentle and Lowly, The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*, has helped me understand the heart of Jesus Christ with a new enriching perspective. As the writer has unpacked the phrase “gentle and lowly,” I have begun to see that Jesus Christ’s heart goes out to everyone that is caught in sin and is going through difficult situations. At every turn in Jesus’ ministry, we read of Jesus healing the sick, encouraging those with little faith, lifting up the broken and abandoned, and forgiving those caught in sin. Jesus said repeatedly to His disciples: “



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.” (John 14:9)
“My Father is at work and so am I.” (John 5:17)
“I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgement is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent me.” (John 5:30)

There is an interconnectedness of Jesus’ actions here on earth and how they accurately represent the heart of God. Many times, we are prone to think of God as the one executing judgement and wrath upon sinners, meting out punishment as a just reward for rebellion and sinfulness while Jesus is the gentle and lowly one. In reading Dane Ortlund’s book, he describes the justice and judgment of God as the “*strange work*” and “*strange act*” as described in Isaiah 28:21 (KJV). We may even be tempted to think this is the normal course of action for God, to mete out justice and punishment. What Dane Ortlund has reminded me of is that this is not the normal nature of God, justice is the “*strange work*” of God. (see on page 2)

The Mercy and Grace of God (cont.)

The nature of God is good, merciful, patient, and gracious. I am so thankful for the fact that God's consistent nature is found in His goodness, extending abundant mercy and providing lavish grace.

It is out of God's love for us that He sent His one and only Son into the world to redeem the world. Jesus restated God's love for us in John 3:16-17. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."*

As we gather each week of Advent, let us remember the hope, peace, joy, and love which God has given us through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we worship our Lord each week, may we feel the emotions of expectation, preparation, celebration and faith.

*"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, counselor, mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6*

Join Us for An Evening of Christmas with the Family

Friday, December 10th 5:00 p.m. for \$10.00

Spilman Memorial Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

Dinner catered by Olivia's which includes:

Baked Chicken, BBQ Chicken, Roast Beef & gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cabbage, Mac & Cheese, Rolls, Dessert Bar & Tea

Entertainment and Fellowship

See Ella Wade, Pat Moore, Dolores Kelly,
Dr. Dew or Michell Eguez by
Monday, December 6th

Donna Keith

**Deacon of the
Month**



Donna is the daughter of the late Charter Members, Barbara and Earl Keith. She has a brother Earl and is proud to say that she has four nieces and two great nephews. Donna has been a nurse for 44 years and is employed by Lenoir UNC in Kinston. She now serves as a Deacon, a member of the Long Range Planning Committee and the Spilman on Mission committee. She has also served on numerous other committees over the years.



Meredith Brooks Baker	12-3
Nancy Goodson	12-11
Bess Hooks	12-14
Alan Burks	12-16
Ava Cooke	12-17
Libby Shaw	12-17
Sharon Dew	12-21
Lorraine Carraway	12-25
David Taylor	12-25
Michael Cowan	12-27
Joyce Marie Wilkins	12-29
Claudia Dale	12-30



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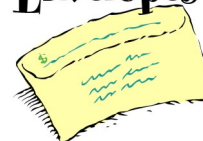
DEC 1 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	3:00 PM
DEC 5 (SUN)	DEACON'S MEETING	8:00 AM
	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE - Advent II	10:30 AM
	<i>When the Time Was Ripe — Galatians 4:1-7</i>	
	LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVED	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	2:00 PM
DEC 6 (MON)	LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING	11:00 AM
DEC 8 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	3:00 PM
DEC 10 (FRI)	KENNEDY HOME OPEN HOUSE	4-8 PM
DEC 10 (FRI)	CHRISTMAS WITH THE FAMILY	5:00 PM
DEC 11 (SAT)	CHOIR REHEARSAL AND PARTY	5:00 PM
DEC 12 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE—Advent III	10:30 AM
	<i>Are You Ready for Christmas? — Luke 2:1-20</i>	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	2:00 PM
DEC 14 (TUE)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
DEC 15 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	3:00 PM
DEC 19 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE—Advent IV	10:30 AM
	<i>Choir Special: Lessons and Carols Sunday</i>	
DEC 22 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	3:00 PM
DEC 23 (THU)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
DEC 26 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	<i>What Can You Give Jesus this Christmas? Matt. 2:1-12</i>	
DEC 29 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	

DECEMBER 2021 Sunday School Lessons

Advent Word Pairs

Dec. 5 th — Complete and Blameless — Philippians 1:1-11
Dec 12 th — Repentance and Expectation — Luke 3:7-18
Dec. 19 th — Praise and Reversal — Luke 1:39-55
Dec. 26 th — Anticipation and Realization — Colossians 3:1-17

**Offering
Envelopes**



2022 Offering Envelopes will be ready for pick up on Sunday, December 5th. They will be on the table at the back of the church.

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021



Deacon's Meeting
8:00 AM

Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Lord's Supper Observed
Choir Practice 2:00 PM



**LAST DEPOSIT
FOR 2021 IS
DECEMBER 27TH**

NO EXCEPTIONS!

**REMEMBER TO WRITE OUT A
SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH
DESIGNATED GIFT**

OUR "NEW" MINISTRY

From Jerry Crisp

One of the good things for our church that has come out of the Covid pandemic is the online broadcast of our Sunday morning worship services. As we increase our in person attendance, some may question the need to continue our live broadcast. The Oct. 4th devotional in *"Our Daily Bread"* gave me a new perspective.

"Intense pain and a debilitating headache prevented me from attending services with my local church ... again. Grieving the loss of community worship, I watched a sermon online. At first, complaints soured my experience. The poor sound and video quality distracted me. But then a voice on the video warbled a familiar hymn. Tears flowed as I sang along to the song, "Be Thou My Vision." Focusing on the gift of God's constant presence, I worshipped Him while sitting in my living room."

- Xochitl Dixon.

While in person worship will continue to be important, those that cannot attend for whatever reason can have another option to worship.