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JANUARY 2022

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TIE NEWSLETTER**

CHURCH STAFF

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

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that 2022 is upon us. The music department was hard at work during December. We presented a series of Lessons and Carols on December 19th. We will resume choir rehearsals on January 2nd at 2:00 p.m.



**MICHAEL COWAN
MUSIC DIRECTOR**

During the month of December, both Michelle Eguez and Sarah Reese have asked to step down as our church pianists. Michelle Eguez will continue to fill in until a replacement is found. I am so thankful for these ladies and the talents they brought to Spilman. I'm looking forward to a new year of music and fellowship with God's people at Spilman.

Musically yours,
Michael Cowan
Director of music



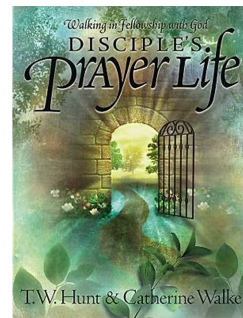
Prayer Ministry

The Long Range Planning Committee identified a key area in which Spilman needs to give attention to as we move forward in planning for our future.

Prayer is the key in keeping ourselves and our church connected to God and His will for our lives and our church. One of the things Jesus' disciples asked Him was "*Lord, teach us to pray.*" Luke 11:1.

To help put prayer back at the center of our relationship with God, I would like to invite anyone that feels called, to join me in a 13-week intentional study on prayer. This will involve weekly meetings (1-1½ hours), scripture memorization, and daily readings.

If you are interested in beginning a new journey in walking in fellowship with God, then see Dr. Dew. We will begin our journey in February.



Not Again! Happy New Year?

A few days ago, our nation celebrated the beginning of another new year. New Year's celebrations are similar to birthdays. They both come once a year and both remind me that I am getting older! As I get older, these events seem to come quicker each year. I have barely packed up Christmas before it is time to put it up again!

Life rushes at us whether we want it to or not. Our children grow up before our very eyes. The deadlines at work never seem to stop. The appointments to the dentist, doctor, piano lessons, dance lessons, club meetings, church events, weddings, and funerals all propel us forward at a pace where we can hardly breathe. Some people thrive on the adrenalin rush of busyness, but others are completely exhausted and want to stop the world and get off. Those reluctant to enter a "New Year" are screaming, "Not Again! What do you mean 'Happy New Year!'?" I want to stop this tread mill and get off."



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

Maybe those wanting to stop the calendar from turning are facing a year without someone they love. The person that they have spent a lifetime with has died. The son or daughter they cherished may have died tragically or unexpectedly. Sometimes finding a way out of the fog of grief makes moving out of one year and into the next year impossible. With the ever looming, never ending COVID-19 virus, it makes it even more difficult to find "normal" again. Those coping with loss are seeking a compass to guide them into an unpredictable and uncertain future.

It could be that another "New Year" only means another year of the same old problems. Maybe a marriage relationship is hopelessly shattered. Or some addiction continues to wear away at them like beach erosion during a hurricane. The addiction could be alcoholism, smoking, overeating, drugs, pornography, gambling, or physical or emotional abuse. Victims and perpetrators who are facing these issues are saying, "No! Not again!"

The first step towards finding a way to make it through the coming year is to reflect on what has occurred over the past year. In any journey, it is necessary to assess where you have been in order and make course corrections to get you where you should be.

If the busyness of life is overwhelming you, then take steps to cut out the unnecessary. If grief is overwhelming you and consuming your days, then reach out to others to help guide you back to a familiar path. If your relationships are out of balance, take time to honestly and compassionately communicate with those you love. If addictions from the past continue to haunt you, seek out the help you need to be an over-comer instead of a failed statistic. You must become proactive in attempting to regain control of your life.

Solomon was the wisest man that has ever lived. He guided Israel during their golden years of the Davidic dynasty. Solomon had all the power, wisdom, and resources ever available to one man. He explored life to its fullest. He fulfilled every lust, plan, and purpose he wanted. Yet through it all, Solomon found that those desires were only vain attempts at catching the wind. Solomon declared, "*Vanity, vanity, all is vanity.*" (see next page)

Not Again! Happy New Year? (continued)

In Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Solomon acknowledged life is brief and transitory. He summarized the chief purpose of man. *“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”*

As we turn the page to a New Year, let us begin to put first things first in our life. We need to place God at the center of all we do. He needs to be at the center of our lives, marriages, families, and businesses. When our lives are centered on the things of God, the peripheral issues of life, no matter how tragic or bad, our steps will be ordered and our path will be illuminated. We don’t need to do it alone; He will guide us if we seek Him.

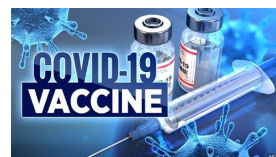
Maybe we shouldn’t say, “Not another year!” Maybe we need to say, “Thank You God for Another Year!” We have another chance to get things right this year. God has not given up on us; He is a God of second chances! May you have the courage to take the God guided steps this year to make the most of your second chances.

Covid Update by Donna Keith

UNC Lenoir hospital still has a Covid unit opened with an average of eight patients. We still have additional patients in ICU. Most of the patients infected are unvaccinated. These patients are sick and we experienced several deaths last week.

The nurses and staff continue to be positive and are working through this well. Most staff have had at least one dose of the vaccine but several have had none. The staff are now wearing N95 masks. The staff cannot all eat together and must stay 6 feet apart. Staffing at the hospital has become critical!

Please continue to mask, wash your hands. You should test prior to gatherings. Protect yourself and others. If you are not vaccinated, you should be. Even if you have had Covid, you can still contract it again. If you are due a booster, get it. Open windows or meet outside if the weather permits.



The latest Omicron variant symptoms include: runny nose, sore throat, sneezing and fatigue. If everyone would cooperate with masking, social distancing, , and vaccination, we can turn this disease around!



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.

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2021
8:00 AM

Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
Choir Practice 2:00 PM



- 2 JOAN JOYNER
- 5 DOUG BLIZZARD
- 12 JEREMY CRISP
- 13 TOM CHANEY
- 14 SHIRLEY OVERTON
- 15 SUSAN BROOKS
- 19 BETTY JEAN CARLYLE
- 20 PAUL LINCKE, III
- 24 REID LOVICK
- 26 RAY DAIL
- 27 DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.
- 29 DANIELLE JONES
- 30 JEANNIE BANNISTER
- 30 BETSY MILLER

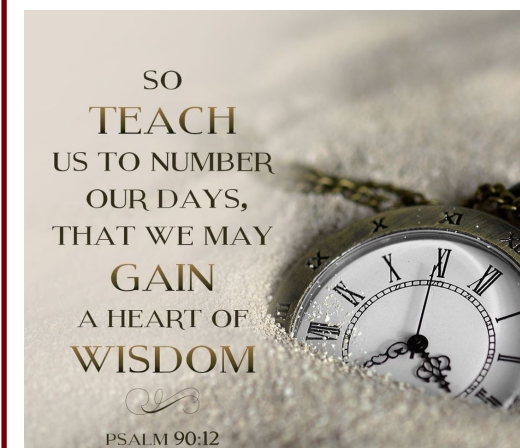
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JAN 2 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	THE LORD’S SUPPER OBSERVED	
	<i>Faithful Leadership—Part I Malachi 3:10</i>	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	2:00 PM
JAN 5 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	3:00 PM
JAN 9 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING	8:00 AM
	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	<i>Faithful Leadership—Part II</i>	
	2 Corinthians 9:1-8	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	2:00 PM
JAN 10 (MON)	LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING	11:00 AM
JAN 11 (TUE)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
JAN 12 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	3:00 PM
JAN 16 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	BAPTIST MEN’S SUNDAY	
	DR. KEITH HUDSON—DIRECTOR	
	NEUSE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION	
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
JAN 17 (MON)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
JAN 19 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	3:00 PM
JAN 20 (TH)	PERSONNEL MEETING	2:30 PM
JAN 23 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	<i>If...Then John 8:31-54</i>	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	2:00 PM
	NBA REVITALIZATION MEETING	
	W/ LONG RANGE PLANNING	
	COMMITTEE ATTENDING	10:30 AM
JAN 25 (TUE)		
JAN 26 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	
JAN 30 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	<i>Spit in the Mud</i>	
	John 9:1-12, 10:7-18	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	2:00 PM

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Sunday School Lessons God Isn’t Finished With Us Yet

- Jan 2nd — God Is Still Gathering Us — Jeremiah 31:7-14
- Jan 9th — God Is Still Delivering Us — Isaiah 43:1-11
- Jan 16th — God Is Still Working On Us — Isaiah 62:1-9
- Jan 23rd — God Is Still Challenging Us — Nehemiah 7:73-8:10
- Jan 30th — God Is Still Calling Us — Jeremiah 1:1-10



JANUARY 2022 BIBLE READING PLAN MONDAY—SATURDAY

- 1 - Gen. 1 - 4
- 2 - No Reading
- 3 - Gen. 5 - 8
- 4 - Gen. 9 -12
- 5 - Gen. 13 -16
- 6 - Gen. 17 -20
- 7 - Gen. 21 -24
- 8 - Gen. 25 -28
- 9 - No Reading
- 10 - Gen. 29 -32
- 11 - Gen. 33 -36
- 12 - Gen. 37 -40
- 13 - Gen. 41 -45
- 14 - Gen. 46 -50
- 15 - Exodus 1 - 3
- 16 - No Reading
- 17 - Exodus 4 - 6
- 18 - Exodus 7 -10
- 19 - Exodus 11 -14
- 20 - Exodus 15 -18
- 21 - Exodus 19 -22
- 22 - Exodus 23 -26
- 23 - No Reading
- 24 - Exodus 27 -30
- 25 - Exodus 31 -35
- 26 - Exodus 36 -40
- 27 - Leviticus 1 - 3
- 28 - Leviticus 4 - 6
- 29 - Leviticus 7 -10
- 30 - No Reading
- 31 - Leviticus 11 -14