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March Music Update

It is hard to believe that the season of Lent is upon us. In just a few days we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. It is a day celebrated by Christians around the world. There are forty days in Lent. A song that is commonly sung in many churches is "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" The lyrics are as follows: May these lyrics draw us closer to Jesus during these next forty days.



MICHAEL COWAN
MUSIC DIRECTOR

Until Next Time,
Michael Cowan
Director of Music



"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

- Verse 1** Lord who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins
And close by Thee to stay
- Verse 2** As Thou with Satan didst contend
And didst the victory win
O give us strength in Thee to fight
In Thee to conquer sin
- Verse 3** As Thou didst hunger bear and thirst
So teach us gracious Lord
To die to self and chiefly live
By Thy most holy word
- Verse 4** And through these days of penitence
And through Thy passiontide
Yea evermore in life and death
Jesus with us abide
- Verse 5** Abide with us that so this life
Of suffering over past
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last

The Drumbeat of War

As I am writing this article, the news concerning the threat of war in various parts of the world is frightening. Russia has been positioning itself over the last few months and is now moving its military into various sections of Ukraine to recapture the land that once was a part of the USSR. This represents one of the largest military actions in Europe since WWII. According to the United Nations World Food Programme there are 40 million people in the world that are on the brink of deadly hunger. When it comes to pestilence, the world has been dealing with Covid for the past two years. Over 5.9 million people have reportedly died from this disease throughout the world. On February 24th (the day I wrote this article) there were 27 earthquakes greater than 2.5 magnitude in various parts of the world.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

People all around the world are being threatened by war, hunger, disease, earthquakes and other natural disasters. I have read many people are very concerned about the innocent that will be harmed due to the war in the Ukraine. I have seen pictures of Ukrainian Christians gathering in prayer as the threat of war was looming largely last week. I have read of people concerned about the Jews that still live in the Ukraine and how they may be targeted once again.

Every generation has been under the threat of these various calamities. These events impact real people and they could mean death, loss of property, loss of freedom (economic, political, and or religious), and they could result in malnutrition and illness leading to death.

What should we as Christians do here in America when we seem so insulated and distant from many of these terrible situations?

The disciples came to Jesus and asked "What will be the sign of Your coming and the end of the age? And Jesus answered and said to them: Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows." (Matthew 24:3-8)

In the midst of all these negative news reports, we can take great comfort from the words of Jesus. "Do not be deceived. See that you are not troubled."

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The Drumbeat of War (continued)

It is so easy to get on the worry bandwagon. It is easy to jump to the conclusion that “The End is Near!” The news cycle thrives best when there is fear, anxiety, and worry. Yes, these threats are real. Yes, the result of war is death and destruction. Yes, where there is famine, communities die. But we can take great comfort, no matter what the current new is, God is still in control! God is sovereign over the earth, over the nations, over nature, and over our lives.

May God find us obedient to the things He has taught us in His word.

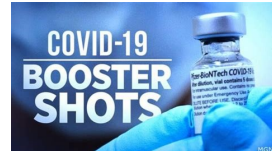
May God find us praying for the many needs and crisis around us.

May God find us faithful until He returns!

Covid Update by Donna Keith

We hear reports daily how Covid infections are decreasing around the nation. Many states and schools are rolling back many of the restrictions that were put in place when Covid first began.

Here in Lenoir County, Covid hospitalizations are decreasing. I do want to encourage you to continue to be safe and wear a mask when you are in close contact with others. The transmission rates for Covid are still on the high end so don't let your guard down!



Mrs. Melony Rasbury-Cobb



Spilman is pleased to welcome Mrs. Melony Rasbury-Cobb as our new pianist. She most recently was the accompanist at Southwood Memorial Christian Church for five years. She began playing piano at the age of six and her mother quickly realized she needed piano lessons. She continued her lessons at Jarvis Christian College in Texas as their piano accompanist and organist for many years. She also played for numerous churches while in college.

Melony was the piano accompanist for Kinston Lenoir Community Chancel Choir under the direction of the late Vincent Bryant for many years. Her biggest accomplishment was to serve as the piano accompanist in the 2010 Paramount Theatre production in Goldsboro for the annual musical, “The Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Hazel L. Rasbury and the youngest of 6 children which she comes from a musical family. She has been a longtime member of Grove Park Christian Church for many years.

Deacon of the Month

Johnnee Rice



Johnnee Rice, a native of Hamlet, North Carolina came to Spilman as a college freshman in 1972 to serve as organist. She played the organ as well as directed adult, youth and children's choirs, and accompanied all these programs over the years. She has been a part of the Spilman handbell ringers and the Delta group since the beginning of these ministries. Johnnee retired as a Woodington Middle School music teacher after twenty years. She and her husband, Danny, have been actively involved at Spilman over the past four decades, raising their two sons, Jonathan and Carson (now of Burbank, CA), as part of the Spilman Family.



Sunday, Mar. 6, 2022
8:00 AM

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



- 2 DANIELLE F. HENRY
- 2 MELISSA HERRING
- 3 JONATHAN RICE
- 5 SHIRLENE KOONCE
- 7 SYLVIA WILLIAMS
- 10 NANCY JUSTICE
- 13 BRENDA BARLOW
- 15 JACKIE WOOTEN
- 18 MARJORIE TAYLOR
- 19 BOB GADDIS
- 21 JOSH LARKINS
- 24 BENJAMIN A. OVERTON
- 24 J. E. BLIZZARD
- 30 MELONY RASBURY-COBB
- 31 LANDON WHALEY

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MAR 2 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE “JUST A LITTLE ASHES”	3:00 PM 6:00 P.M.
MAR 6 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE “THE CLEANSING OF CHRIST” JOHN 13:1-31 THE LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVED CHOIR PRACTICE	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM
MAR 8 (TUE)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
MAR 9 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	3:00 PM
MAR 13 (SUN)	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE “HALF TIME WITH THE COACH” JOHN 14-16 CHOIR PRACTICE	9:15AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM
MAR 14 (MON)	LONG RANGE PLANNING	11:00 AM
MAR 16 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	3:00 PM
MAR 20 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE “CHRIST'S SEVEN FOLD PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH” JOHN 17 CHOIR PRACTICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM
MAR 23 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	3:00 PM
MAR 27 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE “THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST” JOHN 18 CHOIR PRACTICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM
MAR 28 (MON)	LONG RANGE PLANNING	
MAR 30 (WED)	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	3:00 PM



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Sunday School Lessons—LENTEN ACTIONS

- March 6th — Response— Luke 4:1-13
- March 13th — Recognition — Luke 13:22-35
- March 20th — Repentance — Luke 12:54 - 13:9
- March 27th — Return — Luke 15:1-3, 11-24



MARCH 2022 BIBLE READING PLAN MONDAY—SATURDAY

- 1 - Joshua 14-17
- 2 - Joshua 18-21
- 3 - Joshua 22-24
- 4 - Judges 1-5
- 5 - Judges 6-9
- 6 - No Reading
- 7 - Judges 10-13
- 8 - Judges 14-17
- 9 - Judges 18-21
- 10 - Ruth 1-4
- 11 - 1 Sam. 1-4
- 12 - 1 Sam. 5-8
- 13 - No Reading
- 14 - 1 Sam. 9-12
- 15 - 1 Sam. 13-16
- 16 - 1 Sam. 17-20
- 17 - 1 Sam. 21-24
- 18 - 1 Sam. 25-28
- 19 - 1 Sam. 29-31
- 20 - No Reading
- 21 - 2 Sam. 1-5
- 22 - 2 Sam. 6-9
- 23 - 2 Sam. 10-13
- 24 - 2 Sam. 14-17
- 25 - 2 Sam. 18-21
- 26 - 2 Sam. 22-24
- 27 - No Reading
- 28 - 1 Kings 1-5
- 29 - 1 Kings 6-9
- 30 - 1 Kings 10-13
- 31 - 1 Kings 14-17