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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

JULY 2022

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr., Senior Pastor
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Melony Rasbury-Cobb, Pianist/Organist
Michael and Vance Aldridge, Custodians
Michelle Sutton, Finance Assistant
Jerry Crisp, Security

Pray without Ceasing

During the month of July, my sermon series is focused on the question, "Why are we here?" Over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on the five purposes of the church: Worship, Ministry, Evangelism, Fellowship, and Discipleship. These five central themes are found in Acts 2:42-47. The early church's activity centered around these core areas.

Over the past nine months the Long-Range Planning committee has met to discuss this very topic. How should our church orientate itself so that it can accomplish God's will for Spilman Memorial Baptist Church? What things do we need to change? What programs should we begin? What ministries should we launch? Our time has brought forth a lot of honest questions and discussions.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

As some of you may be aware, I have been meeting with a group of pastors from the Neuse Baptist Association that are seeking to help their churches undergo revitalization. Keith Hudson, our Associational Director, suggested each church take a "Church Health Assessment" to gauge how ready they are to begin the revitalization process. Our church took this assessment in May at our Church Conference and the Long-Range Planning Committee reviewed the summary results in June.

The results indicated Spilman has several areas that will hinder our ability to effectively go through a revitalization process. My response to the report caused me to suggest that we seek the Lord to see what He would have Spilman to do. I encouraged the group, to continue to be faithful in the tasks that are before us. Not to allow discouragement to take seed in our heart. We should simply stand faithful and wait for the Lord to lead His church.

In conjunction with this assessment, the pastors are reading several books to guide our thought process regarding revitalization. Henry and Richard Blackaby's book, *Flickering Lamps – Christ & His Church*, has several great observations from his experience leading a congregation from the brink of closure to a thriving Kingdom focused church.

The following are just a sampling of quotes or thoughts that have touched my heart.

"The local church exists to make much of God. It engages in ministry, missions, and evangelism to make the Gospel known, that people might respond in saving faith and become followers of Jesus so they can glorify God in their lives." (Forward)

Pray without Ceasing (continued)

"The reason churches die are varied. One is abundantly clear; no change is possible without the repentance of God's people." (Forward)

"There is no reason for a church to die. Not when Christ is its head." (Preface)

"I believe God can transform any church if His people will surrender themselves fully to Him." (Preface)

According to Blackaby's book, they identify three purposes of the church: (1) to Glorify God, (2) to Make Disciples, and (3) to Preserve and Bless their Communities. (8-11)

I believe Spilman is at an important crossroads. Next year our church will celebrate our 70th Anniversary. Will our church be able to move forward into the mission and purpose God has for us? Or will Psalm 90:10 speak prophetically for Spilman as we join the list of over 4000 churches nationwide (900 Southern Baptist Churches) that close each year? Or will we be like Sarah, who by faith in God, gave birth to a nation at the age of 90? (Genesis 17:15, Hebrews 11:11)

I believe we can make the necessary corrections if we sincerely seek the Lord in prayer. Starting this Sunday, July 3rd, I will begin the church service by coming forward to the front of the church and praying for God's vision for Spilman to begin to be revealed to us. While the prelude is being played, just before we begin our service, if you would like to join me in prayer, please do so. I will continue to pray each Sunday for God to open our eyes, touch our hearts, help us repent from our complacency and sin, and help us focus once again, on our churches mission and purpose.

It is my prayer that we all continue in prayer until God answers.

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**Deacon of the Month
July 2022
Laverne Burks**



Laverne has been a member of Spilman since 1956. She was married to Joe Burks for almost 68 years. She has one daughter, Debra, two sons, Brian and Alan, six grandchildren, seven great-grand children, and one great-great-grandson. Her family is her pride and joy! She especially loves getting together for special occasions. Over the years, she has served on many committees, including kitchen, co-chaired benevolence as well as decorating and banner committee. Her church is very important to her. She continues to serve as a deacon and a choir member.

July 2022

Sunday School Lessons— Necessary Actions

- July 3rd —Going — Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- July 10th — Heling — Luke 10:25-37
- July 17th — Learning — Luke 10:21-24, 38-42
- July 24th — Trusting — Luke 11:1-13
- July 31st — Prioritizing — Luke 12:13-21

Covid Update by Donna Keith

I would like to remind you that covid is still very active in the Kinston/Lenoir County area. The transmission rate is still high. People are still being hospitalized for covid. While many places are not requiring you to wear a mask, be aware, some have begun requiring them again. Please be careful.



July 2022

Michele	Wills	6
Shelly	Banks	8
R. E.	Cheek	9
Don	Lockamy	21
Marjorie	Fields	23
Marie	Blizzard	24
Madison	Herring	29

Church Music Director

Spilman Memorial Baptist Church (Kinston NC) is accepting applications for a music director to lead our traditional church music program. This person needs to be able to play the piano and/or organ. The church currently has Sunday morning worship and weekly choir practices. For more information or to submit a resume and letter of interest, please email info@spilmanbaptist.org

Sunday Mornings
in the Sanctuary
10:25 am

Call to Prayer

A CHURCH BUILT ON 5 PURPOSES:

We grow warmer through
FELLOWSHIP

We grow deeper through
DISCIPLESHIP

We grow stronger through
WORSHIP

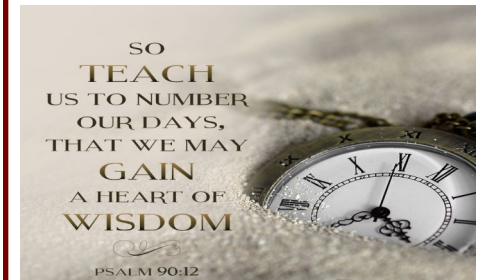
We grow broader through
MINISTRY

We grow larger through
EVANGELISM



JULY 2022

JULY 3 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Why Are We Here? - To Evangelize</i> Acts 2:42-47	9:15AM 10:30 AM
JULY 6 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST DISCIPLE PRAYER LIFE STUDY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM
JULY 10 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Why Are We Here? - To Disciple</i> Acts 2:42-47 CHOIR PRACTICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM
JULY 13 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST DISCIPLES PRAYER LIFE STUDY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM
JULY 17 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Why Are We Here? - To Minister</i> Acts 2:42-47 CHOIR PRACTICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM
JULY 20 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST DISCIPLES PRAYER LIFE STUDY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM
JULY 24 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Why Are We Here? - To Worship God</i> Acts 2:42-47 CHOIR PRACTICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM
JULY 27 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST DISCIPLES PRAYER LIFE STUDY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM
JULY 31 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>Why Are We Here? - To Fellowship</i> Acts 2:42-47 CHOIR PRACTICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 2:00 PM



JULY

- 1 - Psalm 136-139
- 2 - Psalm 140-143 **3 - No Reading**
- 4 - Psalm 144-147
- 5 - Psalm 148-150
- 6 - Prov. 1-5
- 7 - Prov. 6-9
- 8 - Prov. 10-13
- 9 - Prov. 14-17 **10 - No Reading**
- 11 - Prov. 18-21
- 12 - Prov. 22-26
- 13 - Prov. 27-31
- 14 - Ecc. 1-3
- 15 - Ecc. 4-7
- 16 - Ecc. 8-12 **17 - No Reading**
- 18 - Song 1-4
- 19 - Song 5-8
- 20 - Isaiah 1-3
- 21 - Isaiah 4-6
- 22 - Isaiah 7-10
- 23 - Isaiah 11-14 **24 - No Reading**
- 25 - Isaiah 15-18
- 26 - Isaiah 19-22
- 27 - Isaiah 23-26
- 28 - Isaiah 27-30
- 29 - Isaiah 31-34
- 30 - Isaiah 35-38 **31 - No Reading**