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## Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

*Our Mission is to ...*

*Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others*

### DECEMBER 2022

#### CHURCH STAFF

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



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### DECEMBER 2022

#### Sunday School Lessons

##### LIVING EXPECTANTLY

DEC 4 — LIVING IN HARMONY  
ROMANS 15:4-13

DEC 11 — HAVING PATIENCE  
JAMES 5:1-12

DEC 18 — PRACTICING FAITH  
ROMANS 1:1-12

DEC 25 — SEEING, TELLING, AND  
PONDERING  
LUKE 2:1-20

### Join Us for An Evening of Christmas with the Family

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. for \$12.50

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, Rolls, Des-  
sert, Tea and Coffee

Entertainment by Allan Ham and Fellowship

See Ella Wade, Pat Moore, Dolores Kelly,  
Dr. Dew or Michell Eguez by  
Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

### Finding Peace in the Eye of the Storm

All of us have experienced a storm in our lives. We have watched as hurricanes blew through our community and left behind flooding and devastation. We have seen tornadoes leave behind so much damage that it's hard to believe. Our church has experienced a great deal of sickness and death over the past year. We can become "shell shocked" and begin to wonder "Where is God?"

When tragedies of this magnitude occur, we are often are puzzled as to where was God when this occurred. King David felt this way when he wrote Psalm 44:23-26.

*"Awake O Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever. Why do you hide your face and forget our misery and oppression? We are brought down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground. Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love."*

When we think that God is distant and unconcerned about our situation, we need to remember Psalm 34:18 which says, *"The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."* When we turn to God, He has promised to hear us.

As difficult as it may be to accept, God is sovereign over all creation. In the midst of life's storms, we can find peace. In the midst of the eye of the hurricane is a calm wind. In the storm of grief and depression, God is with us. Turn to God and you will experience His care.

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us..."* Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11a

Where was God when this happened? He was there WITH US, in the midst of it all. I am so thankful for the Christmas season. It reminds us of God's great love for us. He loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus to be with us. The word "Emmanuel" literally means, "God with us." As difficult as life may be at times, we can always look to Jesus, God in the flesh, as our source of comfort and consolation.

**He is the Bread of Life – He is the Light of the World**

**He is the Good Shepherd.**

Thank God, He has not abandoned us! Let us find ways this Christmas season to share the Good News – *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord."* He is our peace in the eye of the storms.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.



FOR UNTO YOU  
IS BORN THIS DAY  
IN THE CITY OF DAVID  
A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS  
CHRIST THE LORD.

LUKE 2:11







*Nancy Carol Pryor Bennett*  
9-13-1939 — 11-4-2022

*Berry Anne Creech Pittman*  
9-26-1932 — 11-9-2022

*Thelma "Shorty" Hill*  
10-21-1943 — 11-16-2022

*Becky Lee Miller*  
4-30-1946 — 11-17-2022



## My First Christmas In Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below  
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular please wipe away the tear  
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear  
But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir  
up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,  
For it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart.  
But I am not so far away, We really aren't apart.

So be happy for me, dear ones, You know I hold you dear.  
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above.  
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.

After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold.  
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do.  
For I can't count the blessing or love he has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.  
Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

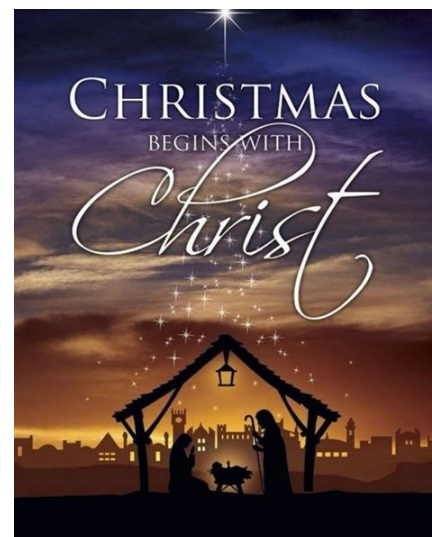
This poem was written by a 13 year old boy who died of a brain tumor that he had battled for four years. He died on December 14, 1997. He gave this to his Mom before he died. His name was Ben.



## Deacon of the Month December 2022 Donna Keith



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 45 years plus. 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
Claudia Dale	12-30

## DECEMBER 2022

DEC 4 (SUN)

DEACONS MEETING  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
WORSHIP SERVICE/  
THE LORD'S SUPPER

8:00AM

9:15 AM

10:30 AM

*"Jesus, The Light of the World"*

John 8:12-30

CHOIR PRACTICE

1:30 PM

DEC 7 (WED)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING  
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

8:00 AM

11:00AM

DEC 9 (FRI)

CHRISTMAS WITH THE FAMILY

5:00 PM

DEC 11 (SUN)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM

*"Jesus is the Good Shephard"*

John 10:11-18

CHOIR PRACTICE

1:30 PM

DEC 13 (TUE)

LEADERSHIP MEETING

4:00 PM

DEC 14 (WED)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST  
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

8:00 AM

6:00 PM

DEC 18 (SUN)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM

*"What Can You Give Jesus This Christmas?" Matthew 2:1-12*

CHOIR PRACTICE

1:30 PM

DEC 21 (WED)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

8:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR  
CHRISTMAS

NO BIBLE STUDY

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

DEC 25 (SUN)

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION SERVICE

10:30 AM

NO CHOIR PRACTICE

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR  
CHRISTMAS

DEC 26 (MON)

DEC 28 (WED)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

8:00 AM

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

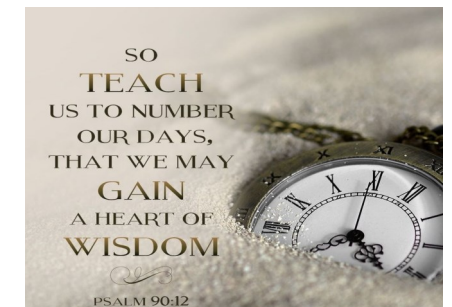
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December 26<sup>th</sup> will be the last deposit day  
for 2022.

There are no exceptions.

Remember to write out a separate check  
for each designated gift.



## DECEMBER

- 1 - Galatians 4-6
- 2 - Ephesians 1-3
- 3 - Ephesians 4-6
- 4 - No Reading
- 5 - Philippians 1-4
- 6 - Colossians 1-4
- 7 - 1 Thessalonians 1-5
- 8 - 2 Thessalonians 1-3
- 9 - 1 Timothy 1-4
- 10 - 2 Timothy 1-4
- 11 - No Reading
- 12 - Titus 1-3
- 13 - Philemon 1
- 14 - Hebrews 1-4
- 15 - Hebrews 5-7
- 16 - Hebrews 8-11
- 17 - Hebrews 12-13
- 18 - No Reading
- 19 - James 1-5
- 20 - 1 Peter 1-5
- 21 - 2 Peter 1-3
- 22 - 1 John 1-5
- 23 - 2 John 1; 3 John 1
- 24 - Jude 1
- 25 - No Reading
- 26 - Revelation 1-4
- 27 - Revelation 5-8
- 28 - Revelation 9-12
- 29 - Revelation 13-15
- 30 - Revelation 16-19
- 31 - Revelation 20-22