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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

AUGUST 2023

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr., Senior Pastor
Michell Sutton Eguez, Administrative Assistant
Giles Stroud, Interim Music Director
Melony Rasbury-Cobb, Pianist/Organist
Michael and Vance Aldridge, Custodians
Michelle Sutton, Finance Assistant



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A Future Focused Mindset

What is your mind focused on today? Are you focused on the latest doctor's visit? A repair that is needed in your home? Is it a neighbor or friend that needs help or encouragement? Is it something that has happened in the past that you just cannot let go of? Are you stressed about your family or your finances? Are you thinking about how short life is and how long you may have to live? What is driving you to do the things you do? What are you thinking about today?



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

Hebrews 11 has been called the "Hall of Fame" for the heroes of faith. At the age of 75, Abraham forsook his past and traveled to a place the Lord showed him. Abraham was promised descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky but never saw it come in his lifetime. He was trusting the Lord even when he would not see it. At the age of 80, Moses trusted the Lord and led the people across the wilderness for 40 years. Even though Moses didn't get to experience the Promised Land, he did see it from afar. "These," and many more listed in Hebrews 11, "obtained a good testimony through faith, but did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us."

Trusting Jesus by Edgar Page Stites

Simply trusting ev'ry day, Trusting through the stormy way;
Even when my faith is small, Trusting Jesus that is all.

Brightly does His Spirit shine, Into this poor heart of mine;
While He leads I cannot fall, Trusting Jesus that is all.

Singing if my way is clear, Praying if the path is drear;
If in danger for Him call; Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting Him while life shall last, Trusting Him till earth be past;
Till within the jasper wall, Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Chorus

Trusting as the moments fly, Trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him whate'er befall, Trusting Jesus, that is all.

The walk of faith involves not only living in right relationship with the Lord and your neighbor day by day, but also having a future focused mindset.

Looking backwards to the "good old days" is a tempting place to live in our mind. If we stay there, we will never live in the present and look to the future. When Lot and his family were brought out of Sodom by two angels, they were warned not to look back. Just as the Lord sent fire and brimstone down on the city, Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. (Genesis 19:26)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

AUGUST 2023

PROVISIONS

AUGUST 6
Sustenance
Isaiah 55:1-11

AUGUST 13
Presence
1 Kings 19:9-18

AUGUST 20
Salvation
Isaiah 56:1-8

AUGUST 27
Deliverance
Isaiah 51:1-8



SPILMAN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 1, 2023

10:30 AM

GUEST SPEAKER REV. GREG POE

CATERED MEAL TO FOLLOW

A Future Focused Mindset (continued)

This month, Spilman will take another step forward as we consider our future relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Looking back, our church was one of the first churches to recognize the call of women to serve in ministry leadership. The front cover and an article in the Biblical Recorder dated, Sept. 22, 1979, shows Lucile Reed (First Baptist, Kinston) and Nancy Wilkie (Spilman, Kinston) as the first two first female chairman of the deacons in the Southern Baptist Convention. Looking back can be helpful to see how faithful the Lord has been to Spilman. The past can help us have a future focused mindset if we are listening.



During the month of August, I will be making information available to our members about the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. This information includes, "What is a CBF Church?", the budget for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina, and their annual report. There are a lot of good things happening with and through CBF. Because Spilman has divided our attention between SBC and CBF, over the years, we may not be as informed as to how we can improve our current partnership with CBF. Please take time to read through the information before we have our Quarterly Church Conference meeting on August 27th at 3:00 p.m. Please contact the church office if you were not able to pick up a copy of this information.

May the Lord find us faithful today ... and tomorrow.

AUGUST



Sarah Reese	2
Vance Aldridge	3
Lisa Cromer	4
Cecil Conner	7
Joyce Wetherington	8
Kristin Burks	9
Tom Shaver	14
Rosa Ann Chaney	16
Betty Tabb	18
Brooks Bennett	22
Fran Allison	26
Shag Carlyle	28
Jay Koonce	28

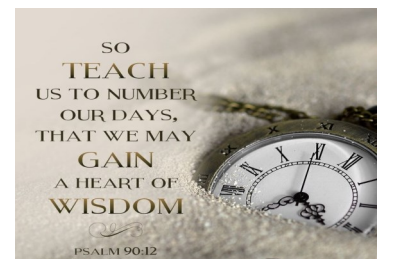


If you are unable to worship with us in person on

Sunday morning then pull Spilman up on your computer or phone. You can still be a part of our worship by joining Facebook Live.

AUGUST 2023

AUG 2 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
	WEDNESDAY PRAYER GATHERING	11:00 AM
	SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR	2:00 PM
	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	4:00 PM
AUG 6 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING	8:00 AM
	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	"DEACONS - A MINISTRY OF SERVICE" 1 TIMOTHY 2:8-13, ROMANS 16:1-2, PHIL. 4:1-4	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM
AUG 8 (TUE)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
AUG 9 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
	SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR	2:00 PM
	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	4:00 PM
AUG 13 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	"BECOMING ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR CONDUCT—PART 5"	
	NEHEMIAH 9:38-10:1, 28-31	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM
	SUBMIT ADDRESSES FOR HOMECOMING TO OFFICE	
AUG 15 (TUE)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
AUG 16 (WED)	SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR	2:00 PM
	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	4:00 PM
AUG 20 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	"PLEDGING TO GIVE—PART 6"	
	NEHEMIAH 10:32-39	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM
AUG 23 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
	SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR	2:00 PM
	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	4:00 PM
AUG 27 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	"WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO DO? PART 7 NEHEMIAH 11:1-2	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM
	CHURCH CONFERENCE	3:00 PM
	LONG RANGE PLANNING WITH KEITH HUDSON	
AUG 28 (MON)		11:00 AM
AUG 30 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
	SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR	2:00 PM
	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	4:00 PM



2023 BIBLE READING PLAN

AUGUST 2023

- 1 Isa 30-34
- 2 Isa 35-38
- 3 Isa 39-42
- 4 Isa 43-45
- 5 Isa 46-49
- 6 No Reading
- 7 Isa 50-54
- 8 Isa 55-59
- 9 Isa 60-65
- 10 Isa 66; Jer 1-2
- 11 Jer 3-5
- 12 Jer 6-8
- 13 No Reading
- 14 Jer 9-11
- 15 Jer 12-15
- 16 Jer 16-18
- 17 Jer 19-22
- 18 Jer 23-25
- 19 Jer 26-29
- 20 No Reading
- 21 Jer 30-31
- 22 Jer 32-33
- 23 Jer 34-36
- 24 Jer 37-40
- 25 Jer 41-43
- 26 Jer 44-47
- 27 No Reading
- 28 Jer 48-49
- 29 Jer 50-51
- 30 Jer 52; Lam 1-2
- 31 Lam 3-5

Deacon of the Month Larry Williams August 2023



Larry is married to Sylvia Williams and has a daughter Lynn, a son, Stanley and a daughter-in-law Betsy.

Larry has been at Spilman since 1963. He is involved with Spilman in many ways. He serves as a Deacon; a teacher of the Travis/Daly Class, on the Long Range Planning Committee and is Chairman of the Finance Committee.

70TH HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 1, 2023

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU WOULD LIKE US TO SEND A HOMECOMING INVITATION TO, PLEASE SEND US THEIR ADDRESS.

PLEASE SUBMIT THESE ADDRESSES TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY— AUGUST 15TH



Sunday, August 27th
at 3:00 PM
Special Topics

1. Nominating Committee Report for 2023-2024
2. Discuss/Vote on our ongoing affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (NCBSC)