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**Spilman Memorial Baptist Church**

*Our Mission is to ...*

*Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others*

**SEPTEMBER 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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**CHARTING A NEW COURSE**

Spilman met for our regularly scheduled Church Conference on August 27, 2023. During the meeting the church voted unanimously to withdraw from the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The following is a copy of the letter that I submitted on behalf of the church to the Executive Committees of both the SBC and BSCNC. This decision was not made lightly or quickly. I believe the best days of ministry and outreach can be in front of us as we intentionally seek the Lord's will for Spilman. Please continue to pray for Spilman Memorial Baptist Church as we seek new ways to fulfill the Great Commission given to us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to be witnesses in our local community, our state, our nation, and around the world.



**DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.**

August 28, 2023

Southern Baptist Convention  
Executive Committee  
901 Commerce St  
Nashville, TN 37203

Baptist State Convention of North Carolina  
Executive Committee  
PO Box 1107  
Cary, NC 27512

Executive Committees of SBC and BSCNC:

We would like to thank the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for the privilege of partnering with you in missions and ministry for nearly 70 years. This church was named in honor of B. W. Spilman who was instrumental in establishing Sunday schools throughout Southern Baptist Churches.

This letter is to inform you that Spilman Memorial Baptist Church met on August 27, 2023 and the members have voted unanimously to withdraw itself from the fellowship with both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Spilman Memorial Baptist Church continues to adhere to the statement of beliefs as outlined in *The Baptist Faith and Message* (1963 version). Over the years, Spilman has remained faithful to its founding statement of beliefs and practices.

When *The Baptist Faith and Message* (2000 version) was adopted by the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, this revised document was used as an instrument of division and forced many long-term missionaries to resign because they could not agree to some of the changes.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**SEPTEMBER 2023**

**TURNING AND RETURNING**

**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**TURN TOWARD HEALING**  
**JEREMIAH 15:11-21**

**SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**TURN FROM WICKED WAYS**  
**EZEKIEL 33:7-12, 17-20**

**SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**TURN TO COMPASSION**  
**PSALM 103:1-18**

**SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**TURN AND LIVE**  
**JONAH 3:10-4:11**



**SPILMAN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**10:30 AM**

**GUEST SPEAKER REV. GREG POE**

**CATERED MEAL TO FOLLOW**

**PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

## CHARTING A NEW COURSE (Continued)

Spilman Memorial Baptist Church has always held the opinion that women can and should be allowed to serve the church in their area of giftedness and calling. In the most recent actions of the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans, we see *The Baptist Faith and Message* (2000 version) was used again as an instrument of division to expel several churches that have women serving as a pastor. The cumulative actions over the years have caused the members of Spilman to realize our faith and practice no longer aligns with the current direction and actions of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Please know that Spilman's withdrawal from affiliation in no way means that we will withdraw from praying for you and the ministries and mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

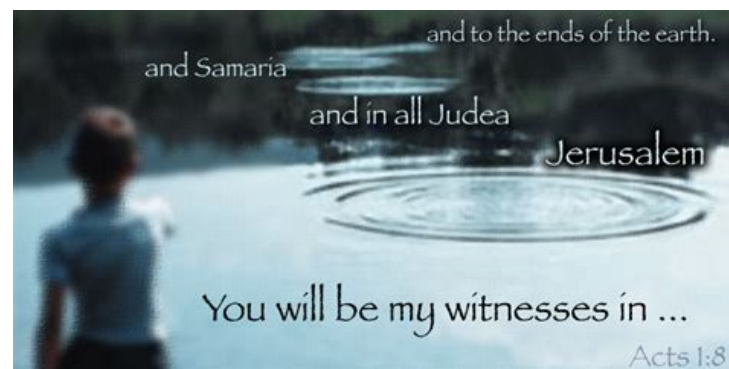
Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr. – Senior Pastor  
Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

## Ministries Spilman Supports Through Our Budget

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	Kinston Homeless Shelter
Baptist State Convention of NC	Neuse Baptist Association
Boys and Girls Club	Kinston ICOR
Hope Restoration	Mary's Kitchen
High School Bible Teacher	The Refuge
SAFE of Lenoir County	Spilman on Missions
The GATE	

## Ministries also Supported by Special Gifts

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Baptist Children's Homes	Baptist Hospital
NC Retirement Homes	NC Missions Offering
World Hunger	Women's Missionary Union
NC Baptist Men	Dominey Ministries
Samaritan's Purse	Blessing Box Donations



## SEPTEMBER

2023



Susan Conway	1
Leon Deans	2
Mary Ellen Collins	6
Kimberly C. Wade	6
Brooks Owens	8
John Wilkins	10
Gerald Aman	11
Ella Wade	13
Jimmy Barlow	14
Jeff Ellis	14
Aveeno Grant	20
Faye Sullivan	23
Berry Pittman	26
Sheryl Ellis	27
Jimmy Powers	28
Lewis Barwick	30
Sandra Drum	30



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.

If you would like to see our worship bulletin and Dr. Dew's sermon go to [www.spilmanbaptist.org](http://www.spilmanbaptist.org)



## Deacon of the Month Donna Keith September 2023

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, Personnel, and the Spilman on MissionS committee. She has also served on numerous other committees over the years.

## SEPTEMBER 2023

SEP 3 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE 10 STEPS TO SPIRITUAL RENEWAL "GIVING THANKS TO GOD" STEP 8 NEHEMIAH 12:1-47 THE LORD'S SUPPER CHOIR PRACTICE LABOR DAY	9:15 AM 10:30 AM     1:30 PM
SEP 4 (MON)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
SEP 6 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM
SEP 10 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE 10 STEPS TO SPIRITUAL RENEWAL "PUTTING AWAY COMPROMISE" STEP 9 NEHEMIAH 13:1-13 CHOIR PRACTICE	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM  1:30 PM
SEP 12 (TUE)	SUBMIT RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL LEADERSHIP MEETING	12 NOON 4:00 PM
SEP 15 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM
SEP 17 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE 10 STEPS TO SPIRITUAL RENEWAL "BECOMING SEPARATED UNTO THE LORD" STEP 10 NEHEMIAH 5:14-19 CHOIR PRACTICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM   1:30 PM
SEP 20 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM
SEP 24 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE "SEVEN THINGS GOD HATES" PROVERBS 6:16-19 CHOIR PRACTICE LONG RANGE PLANNING WITH KEITH HUDSON	9:15 AM 10:30 AM   1:30 PM 11:00 AM
SEP 25 (MON)		
SEP 27 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM



## 2023 BIBLE READING PLAN

### SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1 Eze 1-4
- 2 Eze 5-9
- 3 No Reading
- 4 Eze 10-12
- 5 Eze 13-16
- 6 Eze 17-18
- 7 Eze 19-21
- 8 Eze 22-23
- 9 Eze 24-26
- 10 No Reading
- 11 Eze 27-30
- 12 Eze 31-32
- 13 Eze 33-35
- 14 Eze 36-38
- 15 Eze 39-40
- 16 Eze 41-43
- 17 No Reading
- 18 Eze 44-46
- 19 Eze 47-48; Dan 1
- 20 Dan 2-3
- 21 Dan 4-5
- 22 Dan 6-8
- 23 Dan 9-11
- 24 No Reading
- 25 Dan 12; Hos 1-4
- 26 Hos 5-10
- 27 Hos 11-14; Joe 1-2
- 28 Joe 3; Amos 1-4
- 29 Amos 5-9
- 30 Oba; Jon 1-4; Mic 1-2