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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

OCTOBER 2023

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr., Senior Pastor
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Michelle Sutton, Finance Assistant



**OCTOBER 2023
TIE NEWSLETTER**

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There is Change in the Air

Everyday as I drive into Kinston, I have the opportunity to ride through the countryside and see the various crops the farmers have planted. In January and February, I get to smell the sweet aroma of the ground being prepared to receive their spring crops. Over the months of March and April, the tractors are out early preparing the rows and planting their crops. As the spring and summer arrive, you begin to see the stalks of corn growing, the soybeans bushing out, and the maze of workers planting tobacco plants.

Over the past few weeks, the cotton has begun to show forth its white fiber. I have seen dozens of farm hands busy collecting sweet potatoes and cucumbers. Last week, farmers began turning the soil to expose the peanuts to the air before harvesting them. You can open your windows and smell “Change is in the air.”

Change is always a close companion in life. Genesis 8:22 reminds us, *“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.”* We may not want things to change around us, but change is imprinted into this world by Almighty God.

There are changes that occur in our life that we do not want to occur. We do not want our loved ones to leave this side of heaven. We want them to stay with us forever – but they don’t. We do not want our children to grow up and move out of the house. We love having them near – but they grow up! We do not want our bodies to begin to show signs of “wear and tear,” but they do. We do not want our grocery store to discontinue our “favorite” item – but they do. We do not want our church or denomination to change anything – but those changes happen.

How can we respond – positively – about the changes around us? The farmer does not lament the end of tobacco season – he plans for his next year. The family doesn’t stop living when our family situation changes – we adapt and move forward. When our body doesn’t go like it use to – we make positive steps to help us live with our imperfections. When the SBC made changes to how they relate with other churches, Spilman took the courageous step to make positive changes.

Psalm 96:1 calls everyone to: *“Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!”* In the midst of change, we need to learn a new song. In the midst of an everchanging world, Lord, help us find a new way of adapting and relating to those changes.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2023

INVITATION TO THE KINGDOM

**OCTOBER 1ST
THE GUEST LIST
MATTHEW 21:23-32**

**OCTOBER 8TH
NO REGRETS
MATTHEW 21:33-46**

**OCTOBER 15TH
RSVP
MATTHEW 22:1-14**

**OCTOBER 22ND
COST OF ADMISSION
MATTHEW 22:15-22; ISAIAH 45:1-7**

**OCTOBER 29TH
RULES OF THE HOUSE
Matthew 22:34-46; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**

Sunday Mornings
in the Sanctuary
10:25 am

Call to Prayer

OCTOBER
Pastor
Appreciation
MONTH

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There is Change in the Air (Continued)

Remembering the past is helpful if it helps us live better in the present. Holding on to the past and not preparing for the future is crippling.

This October, Spilman is celebrating 70 years of mission and ministry. On October 1st, we will have over 100 people come to “Remember” all the good things that have happened in this church. We will see friends we haven’t seen in years. We will laugh, smile, and hug one another. It is tempting in times like this to lament what is “missing.” If we dwell there too long, it can bring about unnecessary heartache and fear for our future.

God knows the beginning and end of everything and everyone! He knows our story and its impact. He knows our frame and remembers we are dust. We serve a GOOD – GOOD GOD! He provides mercy in abundance for those that love Him.

Lamentations 3:22-23 says, “Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

May we not lose sight of the faithfulness of God as the seasons of the earth ...and our lives change.



OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

Week of Prayer for International Missions
October 15 - 20, 2023

Equipping... with Every Good Thing

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Collection Week is November 13-20 2023

There are 2 ways you can help!

1. You can pick up a box in the back of the sanctuary, pack it and enclose \$10.00 for each box for shipping.
2. You can build a box online for \$25.00 using the link below, or you can make a check out to Spilman and we will purchase the box for you.



<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

October 2023



Audrey Tyson	2
Jennifer Bennett	4
Frances Keel	8
Carol Larkins	11
Berry Ann Pittman	11
Leslie Jones	14
Dolores Kelly	16
Tiwana Grant	17
Jimmie Overton	17
Kay Blizzard	20
Mike Hartford	21
Sarah Beth Blizzard	22
Kim Harper	25
Margaret Moore	29



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



Deacon of the Month Beth Crisp October 2023

Beth McPhail Crisp has been a member of Spilman for approximately 40 years.

Beth and Jerry are the proud parents of Shelly and Jeremy and the grandparents of two wonderful girls, Madeline and Lilly. Beth is an avid reader. She also loves gardening and usually has a variety of tomatoes and other vegetables each summer. Beth and Jerry have been married for 40+ years.

Beth serves Spilman as our Deacon Chairperson, Chairperson of the Missions Committee, Nominating Committee, Operation Christmas Child, and in many other volunteer positions.

OCTOBER 2023

OCT 1 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE/HOMECOMING	10:30 AM
	“REMEMBERING....”	
	NUMBERS 33:50-53	
	GUEST SPEAKER REV. GREG POE	
	THE LORD’S SUPPER	
	FELLOWSHIP MEAL FOLLOWING	
OCT 2 (MON)	PERSONNEL MEETING	3:15 PM
OCT 4 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
	MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING	11:00 AM
	SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR	2:00 PM
	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	4:00 PM
OCT 8 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING	8:00 AM
	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	THE BE ATTITUDES—PART 1	
	MATTHEW 5:1-16	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM
	SUBMIT RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL	12 NOON
OCT 10 (TUE)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
OCT 11 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
	SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR	2:00 PM
	WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL	5:00 PM
	BIBLE STUDY	6:00 PM
OCT 15 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	THE BE ATTITUDES—PART 2	
	MATTHEW 5:7-16	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM
OCT 18 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	OCTOBER
	(CANCELED—DR. DEW IN ISRAEL)	18th to 28th
OCT 22 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	GUEST SPEAKER—REV. FAITHE BEAM	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM
	NBA ANNUAL MEETING—SNOW HILL	6:00 PM
OCT 25 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
OCT 29 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	GUEST SPEAKER— TAYLOR EDWARDS	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM



2023 BIBLE READING PLAN OCTOBER

- 1 No Reading
- 2 Mic 3-7; Nah 1
- 3 Nah 2-3; Hab 1-3
- 4 Zep 1-3; Hag 1-2
- 5 Zec 1-7
- 6 Zec 8-12
- 7 Zec 13-14; Mal 1-3
- 8 No Reading
- 9 Mal 4; Mat 1-4
- 10 Mat 5-7
- 11 Mat 8-10
- 12 Mat 11-13
- 13 Mat 14-16
- 14 Mat 17-19
- 15 No Reading
- 16 Mat 20-22
- 17 Mat 23-25 18 Mat 26
- 19 Mat 27-28; Mark 1
- 20 Mark 2-5
- 21 Mark 6-7
- 22 No Reading
- 23 Mark 8-10
- 24 Mark 11-12
- 25 Mark 13-14
- 26 Mark 15-16; Luke 1
- 27 Luke 2-3
- 28 Luke 4-6
- 29 No Reading
- 30 Luke 7-8
- 31 Luke 9-10