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FOR ALL THE SAINTS

NOVEMBER 5TH
WHO WORKED FAITHFULLY
1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-13

NOVEMBER 12TH
WHO GIVE US HOPE
1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-18

NOVEMBER 19TH
WHO KEEP AWAKE
1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11, 14-17

NOVEMBER 26TH
WHO ARE HIS BODY
EPHESIANS 1:15-23; 2:4-10



Christmas with the Family!

Friday, Dec. 15th 5:00 p.m.
Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

More Info to Come

Mark your calendar

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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

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CHURCH STAFF

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

The Road Not Taken

Last month, Sharon and I were planning to go to Israel for ten days. I have had the opportunity to go twice in my lifetime. It was a transformative experience for me and I wanted Sharon to experience it for herself. It was a road I wanted her to see with her own eyes. In the months leading up to our departure, we made sure our luggage was the right size, we had a pet sitter lined up, we ordered the currency for Israel, and dozens of other things we thought we needed for our upcoming pilgrimage.

Weeks before we were to leave, Hamas launched thousands of rockets into Israel and captured and killed hundreds of innocent people. Other nations have begun to position



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

The Road Not Taken

By Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference

themselves on the side of Israel while others steadfastly support the actions of Hamas. The drumbeat of war is growing louder around the world and the hatred towards the Jewish people has begun to boil over into the streets around the world – including here in America.

Sharon and I are thankful the door was closed for us and we did not take the road to Israel this year. We are thankful we were not caught in the crossfire in the land of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Sometimes doors close that we do not want closed. But in this case, we are glad to be home where our friends and family are close.

Like the poem by Robert Frost, there have been many times in my life where two paths appeared before me. At every intersection, I tried to peer down the unseen road and decide which one was the one that was especially chosen for me or my family. Through much prayer a decision was made and the chosen path opened up more surprises and joys. Along this chosen path, there have been times when I doubted my decision and asked, “What if I took the other path?” Yet time has a way of erasing the other option.

I have learned in life, “You Can’t Go Home Again.” (Thomas Wolf) You cannot go back and relive or recapture the moment. You cannot go back to your parents’ home and expect it to be the same. You cannot go back to High School and reclaim the “glory days.” Each moment must be lived in the present to its fullest.

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The Road Not Taken (Continued)

Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 reminds us of what we should do along our journey. *“Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed (hair), or the golden bowl is broken, (heart) or the pitcher shattered at the fountain (bladder), or the wheel broken at the well (hip/knees). Then the dust will return to the earth as it was.”*

Sharon and I were able to visit the mountains of North Carolina during the time we were planning to be in Israel. It was a beautiful road through a patchwork quilt of tree colors and cool breezes. We saw the handiwork of God and remembered Him during our time of rest and renewal. May we learn to live in the moment, enjoy our days, find joy in our work, and enjoy the path set before us by God.

Offering Envelopes 2024 Offering Envelopes will be ready for pick up after Sunday, December 1st. They will be on the table at the back of the church.

f LIVE 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.


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/>




White & Allen

Future Event

Thursday

November 2nd

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm



Wyles Johnson, Jr., MBA, CELA

BOARD CERTIFIED SPECIALIST
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
Elder Law

White & Allen, P.A. attorney, Wyles Johnson, will be discussing the topic of Elder Law. Join us if you have questions about...

- Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, and Last Wills & Testaments
- Special Needs Trusts
- Protecting your Assets
- Medicaid and Special Assistance
- Veterans Benefits for wartime vets and spouses
- Advocacy & Litigation Services for abused, exploited, or neglected elders
- Incompetency and Guardianship

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| Michael Aldridge | 11-2 |
| Wendy Conway Riley | 11-4 |
| Donna Cheek | 11-4 |
| Alena Cromer | 11-5 |
| Brenda Deans | 11-5 |
| Peggy Smith Elmore | 11-8 |
| Tanner E. Hawkins | 11-11 |
| Jessie Scott | 11-14 |
| Johnnee Rice | 11-18 |
| Clennis Tolston | 11-19 |
| Amy Whitfield | 11-19 |
| Dot Bennett | 11-24 |
| Archie Bennett | 11-26 |
| Betsy Shaver | 11-27 |
| Connie Conner | 11-28 |

Deacon of the Month
Frances Keel
November 2023



Frances and her husband Tom, moved from Marietta, GA. to Kinston in 1997. She has a son, Edward and a daughter, Lesley. Tom passed away in Oct. 2009. Frances has actively participated in worship services since 2003, and became a member of Spilman in 2015. She now serves as a Deacon, is a part of the Long Range Planning Committee, the 70th Homecoming planning committee, and sings in the choir.

NOVEMBER 2023		
NOV 1 (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
NOV 4 (SAT) DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS		
NOV 5 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING	8:00 AM
	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP - ALL ST'S DAY SERVICE and THE LORD'S SUPPER	10:30 AM
	A CLOUD OF WITNESSES—HEB 12:1-3	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM
	ELECTION DAY	
NOV 7 (TUE)	SUBMIT RESERVATIONS FOR MEAL	12 NOON
NOV 8 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
	SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR	2:00 PM
	WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL	5:00 PM
	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	6:00 PM
NOV 12 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP MARK 8:34-38	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM
	CHURCH CONFERENCE	3:00 PM
NOV 13-20 SHOE BOX COLLECTION WEEK		
NOV 14 (TUE)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
NOV 15 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
	SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR	2:00 PM
	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	4:00 PM
NOV 19 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	A GLIMPSE OF GLORY—MARK 8:34-38	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM
NOV 22 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	8:00 AM
	SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR	2:00 PM
	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	4:00 PM
NOV 23 (THUR)	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
NOV 26 (SUN)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30 AM
	CHRIST IS KING SUNDAY	
	CHOIR PRACTICE	1:30 PM
NOV 29 (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
NOVEMBER

- ☐ 1 Luke 11-12
- ☐ 2 Luke 13-15
- ☐ 3 Luke 16-18
- ☐ 4 Luke 19-21
- ☐ 5 No Reading
- ☐ 6 Luke 22-23
- ☐ 7 Luke 24; John 1-2
- ☐ 8 John 3-4
- ☐ 9 John 5-6
- ☐ 10 John 7-9
- ☐ 11 John 10-11
- ☐ 12 No Reading
- ☐ 13 John 12-14
- ☐ 14 John 15-18
- ☐ 15 John 19-20
- ☐ 16 John 21; Acts 1-3
- ☐ 17 Acts 4-6
- ☐ 18 Acts 7-8
- ☐ 19 No Reading
- ☐ 20 Acts 9-11
- ☐ 21 Acts 12-14
- ☐ 22 Acts 15-17
- ☐ 23 Acts 18-20
- ☐ 24 Acts 21-23
- ☐ 25 Acts 24-26
- ☐ 26 No Reading
- ☐ 27 Acts 27-28; Rom 1
- ☐ 28 Rom 2-5
- ☐ 29 Rom 6-9
- ☐ 30 Rom 10-14