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# THE TIE

**Spilman Memorial Baptist Church**

*Our Mission is to ...*

*Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others*

## AUGUST 2024

### CHURCH STAFF

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



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### Following the Crucified Jesus

Peter Scazzero identifies key concepts for Christians to consider in his book, *The Seven Marks of Healthy Discipleship*. Last month we explored the first mark of a healthy disciple as someone that focuses on the idea of *Being a Disciple* before *Doing the work of a Disciple*. The second mark of a disciple of Jesus Christ is making sure they are *Following the Crucified Jesus instead of the Americanized Jesus*.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

What Peter Scazzero has identified in the American Church is that we value popularity, greatness, success, and avoid suffering and failure at all costs. These temptations are the same ones that Jesus faced while He was in the desert for 40 days. Pastors and church members strive to make their ministries the best in the eyes of their community. We are validated when our numbers are growing, our ministries are making significant impact, and we are invited to participate and lead in our area. We feel dejected and rejected when our congregation is shrinking, the finances are dwindling, and our name and reputation is in decline.

Yet Jesus is calling His disciples to have a different focus in their lives. Jesus is calling us to reject public popularity and focus exclusively on Jesus. Jesus is calling us to reject “greatness” and “success” in the eyes of the world and to be great and successful in the eyes of Jesus. While the world abhors suffering and failure, Jesus embraced the way of the cross, endured the shame, and was faithful to the Father. Jesus is calling us to be faithful to Him. We are challenged to “*deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him.*” (Luke 9:23)

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, we face two paths to choose from. We can embrace the measure of success by the world’s standards, OR we can measure our success by focusing on Jesus, His call for our lives, and our faithfulness in walking the path laid for us by Jesus. The seduction is strong to walk according to the ways of the world. Yet, Jesus is calling us to walk with Him, trust Him, be led by Him, and to be encouraged and loved by Him.

How can we practically follow the *Crucified Jesus* instead of the *Americanized Jesus*?

Our first work of faith to **believe in Jesus** whom God has sent. (John 6:28-29) We need to rest in the truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God that has come into the world to redeem sinners. Believing in Jesus alone is our first work of faith.

Secondly, as we walk in harmony with the Lord, we need to **become more detached** from the things that we seek to control and allow the Lord to have full control over our possessions and our will. We need to be open to the events and circumstances of our life and allow God to mold them for His purpose and His glory. We need to be careful not to manipulate events around us to justify our will instead of seeking to do God’s will. We need to prayerfully consider and intentionally surrender our will to God’s will.

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**AUGUST THEME:  
A WORD FOR THE CHURCH**

**AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>  
KNITTING GIFTS TOGETHER  
EPHESIANS 4:1-16**

**AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>  
IMITATING CHRIST  
EPHESIANS 4:17-5:2**

**AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>  
SEEING THE LIGHT  
PROVERBS 9:1-6; EPHESIANS 5:6-21**

**AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>  
STANDING FIRM  
EPHESIANS 6:10-20**

### Wednesday Bible Study

We began a new Bible Study Series covering the Book of Revelation. We will take a careful walk through the only prophetic book of the New Testament. Please plan to attend this special study. “*Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it: for the time is near..*” (Revelation 1:3)



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 us on Facebook Live.

## Following the Crucified Jesus (continued)

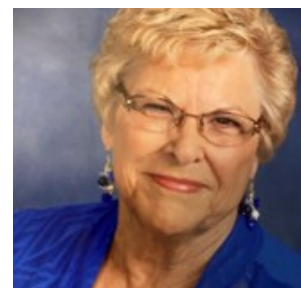
Lastly, we need to take time to **Listen to Jesus**. The Americanized view of Jesus has deceived believers to see Jesus as the great vending machine in the sky. We have spent our time in prayer asking the Lord for what we want, when we want it, and how we want it. Yet, Jesus is calling us into a deeper relationship with Him that allows God's direction and guidance in our life. This waiting on the Lord has been described as discernment. It is the practice of waiting with prayerful expectation to see what unfolds. This gives us time and space to allow us to discern and know what the Lord's will is in a matter. This practice allows us to exercise self-control and to wait. As a church, maybe the most important thing Spilman Memorial Baptist Church can do is to listen and wait upon the Lord.

May the Lord give Spilman and its members His best as we wait upon Him.



Vance Aldridge	3
Carol Stevens	3
Lisa Cromer	4
Cecil Conner	7
Kristin Burks	9
Nola Tyndall	9
Tom Shaver	14
Rosa Ann Chaney	16
Betty Tabb	18
Brooks Bennett	22
Shag Carlyle	28
Jay Koonce	28

### Deacon of the Month



**Laverne Burks**  
August 2024

Laverne has been a member of Spilman since 1956. She was married to Joe Burks for almost 69 years. She has one daughter, Debra, two sons, Brian and Alan, six grandchildren, seven great-grand children, and two great-great-grand children. Her family is her pride and joy! She especially loves getting together for special occasions. Over the years, she has served on many committees, including kitchen, co-chaired benevolence as well as decorating and banner committee. Her church is very important to her. She continues to serve as a deacon.

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<b>AUG 4 (SUN)</b>	<b>DEACONS MEETING</b> <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD'S SUPPER</b> <b>WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?</b> Psalm 25:1-10, Luke 10:25-37 <b>DEACON NOMINATION BALLOTS</b> <b>DISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>AUG 7 (WED)</b>	<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST</b> <b>MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING</b> <b>SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR</b> <b>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>AUG 11 (SUN)</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>THE PREMINENCE OF JESUS CHRIST</b> Colossians 1:15-20	<b>9:15 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>AUG 12 (MON)</b>	<b>LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>AUG 14 (WED)</b>	<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST</b> <b>SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR</b> <b>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>AUG 18 (SUN)</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>GOD'S GIFT TO HIS CHILDREN: PRAYER</b> Luke 11:1-13 <b>DEACON NOMINATION BALLOTS</b> <b>COLLECTED</b> <b>CHURCH CONFERENCE</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>AUG 21 (WED)</b>	<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST</b> <b>SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR</b> <b>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>AUG 25 (SUN)</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>THE POTTER AND THE CLAY</b> Jeremiah 18:1-11 <b>DEACON ELECTION BALLOTS</b> <b>DISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>AUG 28 (WED)</b>	<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST</b> <b>SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR</b> <b>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>2:30 PM</b> <b>4:00 PM</b>



### AUGUST 2024 BIBLE READING PLAN

- 1 Isaiah 37-40
- 2 Isaiah 41-43
- 3 Isaiah 44-47
- 4 Catch Up
- 5 Isaiah 48-51
- 6 Isaiah 52-57
- 7 Isaiah 58-62
- 8 Isaiah 63-66
- 9 Jeremiah 1-3
- 10 Jeremiah 4-6
- 11 Catch Up
- 12 Jeremiah 7-9
- 13 Jeremiah 10-13
- 14 Jeremiah 14-16
- 15 Jeremiah 17-20
- 16 Jeremiah 21-23
- 17 Jeremiah 24-26
- 18 Catch Up
- 19 Jeremiah 27-30
- 20 Jeremiah 31-32
- 21 Jeremiah 33-34
- 22 Jeremiah 35-37
- 23 Jeremiah 38-41
- 24 Jeremiah 42-44
- 25 Catch Up
- 26 Jeremiah 45-48
- 27 Jeremiah 49-50
- 28 Jeremiah 51-52
- 29 Lamentations 1-2
- 30 Lamentations 3-5; Ezekiel 1-2
- 31 Ezekiel 3-6



August 26, 2024

### Legacy Awards

July 21, 2024



Last month we marked the third of several Legacy Awards being presented to individuals and couples that have served an average of 51 years as members of Spilman. It is my desire to take a few moments to acknowledge their contribution to Spilman Memorial Baptist Church. I believe it is biblical and needful for the body of Christ to say "Thank You" to those that have given selflessly to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through their service to His church. The impact they have made in the lives of others that have come through Spilman may never be fully known. Many people are now serving in various places in the world and they remember you and your contribution to their lives.

As your Pastor, I would like to say, "Thank you for a life well lived. We Love and Appreciate You!"

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.

In Honor of: Bess Hooks  
Jimmie and Shirley Overton  
Jimmy Powers  
Larry and Sylvia Williams