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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

SEPTEMBER 2024

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Remembering the Limits of our Work—Mark #3

Peter Scazzro in his book *Emotionally Healthy Discipleship* has identified seven key concepts that help us mature as healthy disciples of Jesus Christ. In July we examined the first mark which was to “*Be before you Do.*” Our formation as a child of God (Being) is critically important before we become swept away in the demands (doing) of ministry for God. Last month we examined the idea of following the “*Crucified Jesus instead of the Americanized version of Jesus.*” This month we are focusing on the third mark of a disciple, “*Remembering the Limits of our Work.*”



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

There are so many things that limit our ability to accomplish all we want to do. In the Bible we see there were limits in the Garden of Eden, limits on John the Baptist’s ministry, and even Jesus had limits during His earthly ministry. We too have limits in our personality and temperament. Limits due to our current season in life. We may be limited emotionally and physically. We are all subject to the limits of time. Yet acknowledging our limits can actually free us to see how God is working around us in spite of what we are not able to do.

As a church, we too have limits and cannot do all the things we once did. The number of deacons has decreased due to the dwindling number able to serve like they once did. We are not able to do the thriving ministries Spilman once had. Many members are dealing with physical limitations and cannot participate like they once did. During our Long-Range planning meetings, we have acknowledged these limits and lamented our current situation.

It has been my prayer that the Lord would send laborers into the harvest to help accomplish His mission, in His city, in His community, through Spilman. I am very hopeful that our new partnership with the Collective Church, a new church plant in Kinston, will be able to accomplish the needed work of teaching others to obey what Jesus has taught, making disciples, and ministering to the Kinston community. Starting in September, we will begin opening some of our space to this church for ministry to children and ministry outreaches to our neighboring community. As the Collective Church and Spilman get to know each other over time, more opportunities for joint ventures will develop.

Peter Scazzro, in his book summarizes the short story, *Leaf by Niggle* which was written by J. R. R. Tolkien. He wrote this book at a time when he was coming to grips with his limits and the incompleteness of his work as a writer.

The story is about a man named Niggle, an artist, who has a passion to paint a beautiful landscape, a huge detailed scene centered around a magnificent tree. He spent a great deal of time focusing on the leaves on the tree and getting them “just right” that he never finished the tree before he died.

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**SEPTEMBER THEME:
JESUS TEACHES HIS WAY**

**SEPTEMBER 1ST
COMMANDMENTS AND TRADITIONS
MARK 7:-1-8, 14-23**

**SEPTEMBER 8TH
CRUMBS AND CROWDS
MARK 7:24-37**

**SEPTEMBER 15TH
QUESTIONS AND DIRECTIONS
MARK 8:27-38**

**SEPTEMBER 22ND
FIRST AND LAST
MARK 9:30-37, JAMES 3:13-18**

**SEPTEMBER 29TH
FOR US AND AGAINST US
MARK 9:38-50, JAMES 5:13-16**

Wednesday Bible Study

We began a new Bible Study Series covering the Book of Revelation. 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.



Join us Wed. Sept. 11th at 5:00 p.m. for a **Fellowship Meal**, followed by Bible Study. Nana’s Catering will be furnishing the meal. The menu will be: pork chops, creamed potatoes, string beans, salad, rolls, peach cobbler and tea. The cost is \$12.00/person. Please call the church office by noon on Monday, Sept. 9th, to reserve your meal.

The Limits of Our Work—Mark #3 (continued)

After his death, he arrived in an unfamiliar place. As he was traveling, he found an incredibly beautiful tree – the one he never finished in his lifetime. Yet the tree was not just a painting, it was a living tree, ever changing, ever growing. Upon seeing this tree, he exclaimed, “It’s a gift!” He realized his work on earth was a gift. It was only a partial reflection of a greater work that would only find completion in the life to come.

So, it is with us. We are living within our limits but God is still doing a great work around us. Our limits may cause us to grieve for the undone things in our life, the unmet expectations, the unfulfilled tasks, or the incomplete mission.

God is taking all of that, and making something beautiful. Only on the other side of eternity will we understand more completely.

“Lord, help us come to terms with our earthly limits. Seeing them as a gift from you, instead of a disappointment. Guide us to love, give, and share, in an imperfect world. Until the Perfect comes, and makes all things new!” Amen.

Legacy Awards

August 18, 2024



Last month we marked the fourth of several Legacy Awards being presented to individuals and couples that have served an average of 42 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: J. E. and Marie Blizzard
Laverne Burks
Don Lockamy
Ella Wade



Susan Conway	1
Leon Deans	2
John Wilkins	10
Gerald Aman	11
Ella Wade	13
Jimmy Barlow	14
Jeff Ellis	14
Aveeno Grant	20
Faye Sullivan	23
Sheryl Ellis	27
Jimmy Powers	28
Lewis Barwick	30
Sandra Drum	30



Deacon of the Month Pat Moore September 2024

Pat Moore became a member of Spilman Memorial Baptist Church in 2016. She has been an active member serving as a member of the Kitchen Committee, Nominating Committee, Teller Committee, Co-Chair of the Finance Committee, and Chairperson of the Bereavement Committee. She is serving her second term as a Spilman Deaconess and is Secretary of the Diaconate. She also helps in the Sound Room each Sunday morning. Pat enjoys being a part of the Wednesday afternoon Bible Study. She has two children, Shane and Tara, and one granddaughter, Alayna.

SEPTEMBER 2024

SEPT 1 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD’S SUPPER <i>LOST AND FOUND</i> —Luke 15:1-10	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
SEPT 2 (MON)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
SEPT 4 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
SEPT 8 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>ONLY ONE GAVE THANKS</i> —Luke 19:11-19 TRUSTEE ELECTION BALLOTS COLLECTED	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM
SEPT 9 (MON)	LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING	11:00 AM
SEPT 10 (TUE)	CHURCH LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
SEPT 11 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR FELLOWSHIP MEAL WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM
SEPT 15 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>JESUS WILL GET YOU IN TROUBLE</i> Luke 21:5-19	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
SEPT 18 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
SEPT 22 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>THE CALL OF DISCIPLESHIP</i> Mark 8:34-38	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
SEPT 25 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
SEPT 29 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>SPECIAL GUEST—CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL STUDENT</i>	9:15 AM 10:30 AM



SEPTEMBER 2024 BIBLE READING PLAN

- 1 Catch Up
- 2 Ezekiel 7-10
- 3 Ezekiel 11-13
- 4 Ezekiel 14-16
- 5 Ezekiel 17-19
- 6 Ezekiel 20-21
- 7 Ezekiel 22-24
- 8 Catch Up
- 9 Ezekiel 25-27
- 10 Ezekiel 28-31
- 11 Ezekiel 32-33
- 12 Ezekiel 34-36
- 13 Ezekiel 37-39
- 14 Ezekiel 40-41
- 15 Catch Up
- 16 Ezekiel 42-44
- 17 Ezekiel 45-47
- 18 Ezekiel 48;
Daniel 1-2
- 19 Daniel 3-4
- 20 Daniel 5-6
- 21 Daniel 7-9
- 22 Catch Up
- 23 Daniel 10-11
- 24 Daniel 12;
Hosea 1-6
- 25 Hosea 7-12
- 26 Hosea 13-14;
Joel 1-3
- 27 Amos 1-6
- 28 Amos 7-9;
Obadiah 1;
Jonah 1
- 29 Catch Up
- 30 Jonah 2-4;
Micah 1-4