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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

NOVEMBER 2024

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A Healthy Disciple Demonstrates Love

We have officially entered the time of year where there is a frantic frenzy to do all things for all people. We will be collecting Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child for Samaritan's Purse for children to learn about the love of God through Christ Jesus. Additionally, in November we are electing new political leaders. Many people will be rejoicing while others will be upset and angry. We will pause on the fourth Thursday this month for Thanksgiving. Many will head out the day after Thanksgiving to acquire the latest Christmas gifts for friends and family! In December, churches will enter the season known as Advent. Churches will be hosting various programs and outreaches. Schools will be scrambling to complete student projects and assignments, tests and papers while hosting Christmas plays.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

All of these interactions and events will cause us to be heavily involved with meeting fellow students, church members, neighbors, store clerks, AND family. Thanksgiving and Christmas have always been a time for families (near and far) to spend time together. Some family gatherings are filled with joy, while others may be filled with bitterness, anger and resentment. Yet we still gather because "we are family."

I would like to challenge you to focus on a key measure of Christian maturity – love. The Old English word is "charity" which I think may be a better word. Charity is giving something of yourself to another who needs what you are giving. I must admit when I become hurried and have way too much to do in too little time, I become impatient and do not exhibit genuine love or charity to others.

Martin Buber, a well-known German-Jewish theologian wrote a book in 1923 titled, *I and Thou*. Over the years, I have read this book and have been challenged by the assumptions in it. He first explores what he calls an "I – It" relationship. As we move through life, we tend to only see people as useful for what we need and want. We have a tendency to be distracted, goal oriented, see others as objects, act judgmental, and are unwilling to change or learn.

Martin Buber is challenging us to shift to the "I – Thou" relationship. This disposition is focused on loving others and caring for others while inviting God into the relationship. When we do this, we become more fully attentive, listening oriented, treating others as unique and special, not judging, being open and vulnerable with the other person, and exhibiting a willingness to change and learn.

I am sharing all this because in the rush of life – we can look past the people around us and not really see them. We have a unique opportunity as a Christian to share our faith – to live out our faith – among the people around us. As we care about others, love others, are concerned about others – we are demonstrating a key characteristic of showing the Love of God to others.

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Legacy Awards

October 20, 2024



Last month we marked the fifth of several Legacy Awards being presented to individuals and couples that have served an average of 36 years as members of Spilman. It is my desire to take a few moments to acknowledge their contribution to Spilman Memorial Baptist Church. 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: Doug and Kay Blizzard
Mary Cauley
Pat Moore
Danny and Johnnee Rice
Jessie Scott

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)



Join us Wed. November 13th at 5:00 p.m. for a **Fellowship Meal**, followed by Bible Study. Smithfield Chicken 'N BBQ will furnish the meal. The meal will consist of BBQ, or chicken (dark or white meat), potato salad and hush puppies. The cost is \$10.00/person. Please call the church office by noon on Tuesday, November 12th, to reserve your meal.

A Healthy Disciples Demonstrates Love (continued)

Jesus said in John 13:35, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

As we enter the next two months of busyness, may we become acutely aware of our thoughts, words, and actions. May we intentionally exhibit our love for God AND our love for our neighbor!



NOVEMBER THEME: ONCE FOR ALL

NOVEMBER 3—A NEW WORSHIP
HEBREWS 9:1, 6-16

NOVEMBER 10—A NEW SANCTUARY
HEBREWS 9:18-10:1

NOVEMBER 17—A NEW OFFERING
HEBREWS 10:10-25

NOVEMBER 24—HIGH PRIEST AND KING
2 SAMUEL 23:1-7, PSALM 132:1-12



- 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

NOVEMBER 2024

NOV 2 (SAT)	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS (Move Clocks Back One Hour)	
NOV 3 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL	8:00 AM 9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD'S SUPPER ALL SAINTS' DAY REMEMBRANCE A CLOUD OF WITNESSES — Hebrews 12:1-3	10:30 AM
NOV 6 (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
NOV 10 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE ARE YOU READY? — Luke 12:35-44	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
NOV 11 (MON)	LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING	11:00 AM
NOV 13 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR FELLOWSHIP MEAL—SMITHFIELD BBQ WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM
NOV 17 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE A SLICE OF HUMBLE PIE — Luke 14:1-14	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
NOV 18—25	SHOE BOX COLLECTION WEEK	
NOV 20 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
NOV 24 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE CHRIST IS KING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
NOV 27 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	CANCELED CANCELED CANCELED
NOV 27-28	HAPPY THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	



NOVEMBER 2024 BIBLE READING PLAN

- 1 Luke 13-15
- 2 Luke 16-18
- 3 Catch Up
- 4 Luke 19-21
- 5 Luke 22-23
- 6 Luke 24; John 1-2
- 7 John 3-5
- 8 John 6-7
- 9 John 8-9
- 10 Catch Up
- 11 John 10-12
- 12 John 13-15
- 13 John 16-18
- 14 John 19-21
- 15 Acts 1-3
- 16 Acts 4-6
- 17 Catch Up
- 18 Acts 7-9
- 19 Acts 10-12
- 20 Acts 13-14
- 21 Acts 15-17
- 22 Acts 18-20
- 23 Acts 21-23
- 24 Catch Up
- 25 Acts 24-26
- 26 Acts 27-28; Romans 1
- 27 Romans 2-6
- 28 Romans 7-9
- 29 Romans 10-14
- 30 Romans 15-16; 1 Corinthians 1-3



In Memory of

Edna Ruth Haddock Cole
April 11, 1931 — October 4, 2024

Shelby Lou "Shag" Carlyle
August 28, 1937 — October 17, 2024

Offering Envelopes



2025 Offering Envelopes will be ready for pick up after Sunday, December 2nd. They will be on the table at the back of the church.



Deacon of the Month
JERRY CRISP
November 2024

Jerry grew up in the Hudson/Lenoir area of Western NC. He is a proud fan and graduate of NCSU. Jerry and Beth have been married for 40+ years. Beth and Jerry are the proud parents of Shelly and Jeremy and the grandparents of two wonderful girls, Madeline and Lilly.

Jerry has been a deacon chair and a member of several Church Committees. He's one of several individuals that keep the media booth running on Sunday mornings. Jerry can also be spotted in the evenings checking the church to see that all lights are off, thermostats are properly set, and all doors are locked.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



Collection Week is November 18-25, 2024

There are 2 ways you can help!

- You can pick up a box in the back of the sanctuary, pack it and enclose \$10.00 for each box for shipping.
- 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.



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.