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## Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

### DECEMBER 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



### Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus

There is a longing in the hearts of men and women today that causes us to be restless. We move from interest to interest, project to project, and place to place. We get bored with the first item, move to another, and we are still not satisfied. The technology today helps us endlessly pursue the next story, the next game, the next video, or just one more Facebook feed. It is an appetite that cannot be satisfied, and addiction that cannot be broken, and we are hopelessly lost in the search for rest and satisfaction.

In St. Augustine's book *Confessions*, he states, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." This one quote identifies the source of our



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problem. We can only find peace, rest, and satisfaction in the Lord.

#### Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus

Words by Charles Wesley  
Tune Hyfrydo (8.7.8.7.D.)

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set Thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth Thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by Thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Malachi is the last book in the Old Testament. The people of Israel waited expectantly for the fulfilling of God's word. The last chapter of Malachi (4:5) says this, "*Behold, I will send you Elijah (literally special treasure) the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.*" For almost 400 years after these words were penned, the Lord was silent and God's people waited.

There was a longing in the people's heart's then, and there is a longing in people's heart's now. Today, we realize this prophecy was fulfilled through Jesus' coming as a baby born in Bethlehem. We know His story as recorded in the New Testament gospels. We recognize Jesus as the One that fulfills every prophecy related to the much-anticipated Messiah of the Old Testament. We understand more completely why He came. He came to redeem sinners and to restore us back into fellowship with the Lord.

The hymn, "*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,*" was written almost 300 years ago. This hymn by Charles Wesley, articulates this longing we need to recapture. We need to turn our hearts and minds towards the Lord and know, He is coming again one day, to take His Bride, the church to be with Him eternally.

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#### DECEMBER THEME: PREPARING THE WAY

DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
THE PRACTICE OF WAITING  
PSALM 25:1-12; THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
THE MESSENGER'S CALL  
LUKE 1:68-79; 3:1-6

DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
REJOICE IN THE LORD  
ISAIAH 12; PHILIPPIANS 4:1, 4-7

DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>  
SEEKING SALVATION  
PSALM 80:1-7; MICAH 5:2-5a;  
HEBREWS 10:5-10

DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>  
IN WISDOM AND STATURE  
1 SAMUEL 2:18-20; 26; LUKE 2:41-52



#### Offering Envelopes



2025 Offering Envelopes will be ready for pick up after Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will be on the table at the back of the church.



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.

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (continued)

During this Christmas season, may we renew our anticipation. The Lord has come the first time. We celebrate this during the season of Advent. As we celebrate this month the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as we give gifts to those we know and love, as we sit around the table with family and friends, as we join in the activities of the season, may we not lose sight of Jesus Christ's purpose. He came to redeem us and set us free!

I want to encourage you to begin to cultivate a new longing in your heart. A longing once again for the Lord's second coming. The world that we live in seems to be slipping further away from the Lord and evil seems to be tolerated and celebrated. As we have been studying the Apostle John's Book of Revelation on Wednesday nights, we know the Lord will return one day as the victorious KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS.

The Apostle John, reminds us in the last chapter of the New Testament what the Lord said. "Surely, I am coming quickly." May we join in with all the saints saying, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"



Meredith Baker	12-3
Bess Hooks	12-14
Alan Conner	12-16
Alan Burks	12-16
Ava Cooke	12-17
Libby Shaw	12-17
Sharon Dew	12-21
Zac Larkins	12-21
Lorraine Carraway	12-25



### Deacon of the Month Beth Crisp December 2024

Beth McPhail Crisp has been a member of Spilman for 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.

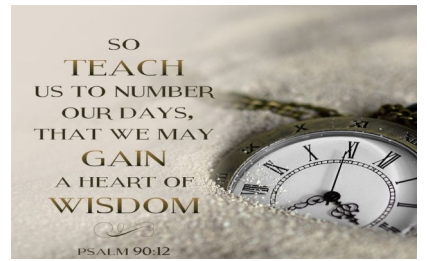


December 30<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to receive 2024 tithes and offerings.

Please write a separate check for each designated gift.

## DECEMBER 2024

DEC 1 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL	9:15 AM
1st Sunday in Advent	WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD'S SUPPER <i>MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB</i> Matthew 1:18-25	10:30 AM
DEC 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
DEC 7 (SAT)	CHRISTMAS WITH THE FAMILY	5:00 PM
DEC 9 (MON)	LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING	CANCELED
DEC 10 (TUE)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	CANCELED
DEC 8 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>WHEN THE TIME WAS RIPE</i> GALATIANS 4:1-7	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM
2nd Sunday in Advent		
DEC 11 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
DEC 15 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>A BABY CHANGES EVERYTHING</i> Luke 2:8-14	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
3rd Sunday in Advent		
DEC 18 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
DEC 22 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?</i> Matthew 1:18-25	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
4th Sunday in Advent		
DEC 24 & 25 (TUE & WED)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
DEC 25 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	CANCELED CANCELED CANCELED
DEC 29 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>SOME REAL REASONS FOR CHRISTMAS</i> Luke 2:8-14	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
JAN 1 (WED)	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	CANCELED CANCELED CANCELED



### DECEMBER 2024 BIBLE READING PLAN

- 1 Catch Up
- 2 1 Corinthians 4-7
- 3 1 Corinthians 8-11
- 4 1 Corinthians 12-15
- 5 1 Corinthians 16;  
2 Corinthians 1-4
- 6 2 Corinthians 5-9
- 7 2 Corinthians 10-13;  
Galatians 1
- 8 Catch Up
- 9 Galatians 2-5
- 10 Galatians 6;  
Ephesians 1-4
- 11 Ephesians 5-6;  
Philippians 1-3
- 12 Philippians 4;  
Colossians 1-3
- 13 Colossians 4;  
1 Thessalonians 1-5;  
2 Thessalonians 1
- 14 2 Thessalonians 2-3;  
1 Timothy 1-5
- 15 Catch Up
- 16 1 Timothy 6;  
2 Timothy 1-4
- 17 Titus 2-3; Philemon 1;  
Hebrews 1-4
- 18 Hebrews 5-9
- 19 Hebrews 10-13
- 20 James 1-5
- 21 1 Peter 1-5
- 22 Catch Up
- 23 2 Peter 1-3; 1 John 1
- 24 1 John 2-5; 2 John 1;  
3 John 1
- 25 Jude 1; Revelation 1-3
- 26 Revelation 4-8
- 27 Revelation 9-13
- 28 Revelation 14-18
- 29 Catch Up
- 30 Revelation 19-22
- 31 Catch Up

Join Us for An Evening  
of  
*Christmas With the Family*  
Saturday, December 7, 2024  
5:00 p.m.  
Spilman Memorial Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall  
Meal catered by Nana's Catering  
with lots of  
Fun and Fellowship  
Tickets \$20.00/Person  
Children under 12 are \$10/Person  
Baked turkey with gravy, baked pork  
loin with gravy, green beans,  
cheesy potatoes, sweet potato casserole,  
rolls, cheese cake with cherries, and tea