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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

JANUARY 2025

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The Love of God Beckons Us to Come

We have just completed a careful study of the *Book of Revelation* during our Wednesday Bible Study. I have several observations that I would like to share with you today.

This is my third time with a group of people carefully studying this important book. My first time was with a group of deaf people at First Baptist Church, Kinston that wanted an in-depth Bible Study of this book. The second time was while I was at Fremont Missionary Baptist Church. Last year, several people at Spilman asked that we depart from our weekly Lectionary study and study the *Book of Revelation*.

This 66th Book in the Bible promises a blessing for those that read, hear, and keep the words written in this prophetic book. I can say I have been blessed immensely.

The letters written to the seven churches in Asia are just as applicable today as they were when they were first written (chapters 2-3). The vision of the throne room of heaven, with the rainbow encircling it, causes me to look forward to seeing this place for myself. The saints and living creatures singing “Holy, Holy, Holy” leads me to worship the One seated upon the throne (ch. 4).

The unrolling of the scroll of judgement could only be opened by the Lamb of God, the Lion of Judah, the Root of David – Jesus Christ. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain! (chapter 5).

As the various seals are broken, and judgement falls upon the world, death and destruction falls upon a judged world and a judged people. We do see glimpses of people not bowing their knee to Satan. They willingly give up their lives instead of yielding to the oppressive economic, political, and spiritual pressure to conform.

We see glimpses of heavenly worship and praise to God by great multitudes that could not be numbered. (chapter 7) The great war against Satan, the Antichrist, and the false prophet ends with them being banished to the Lake of Fire. Even Death and Hades are banished to the Lake of fire forever. (chapter 20)

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JANUARY THEME: ONE CHURCH UNDER GOD

JANUARY 5TH
ONE WORD—JOHN 1:1-18

JANUARY 12TH
ONE BAPTISM—ACTS 8:9-25

JANUARY 19TH
ONE SPIRIT
1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-19; 12:1-13

JANUARY 26TH
ONE BODY
1 CORINTHIANS 12:14-31

Wednesday Bible Study



**A Backwards Study of
the New Testament**



During 2024, we completed the careful study of the Book of Revelation. Starting on January 8th, we will begin marching backwards through the New Testament. These smaller books of the New Testament rarely get looked at in a systematic way. We will begin with the Book of Jude. Because there are so many Old Testament cross references in these smaller books, we will carefully spend time tying God’s story together from end to beginning. Please join us on Wednesday nights as we walk *backwards* in scripture together!



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.

The Love of God Beckons Us to Come (continued)

We can praise God because He is holy, just, compassionate, forgiving, and seeks reconciliation with mankind. He loves us so much that He sent His son, Jesus Christ to pay the sin debt on our behalf. He loves us so much that He continues to pursue each one of us seeking to heal and forgive our sin sick soul.

God has prepared the New Jerusalem for believers to live eternally with God in His presence, in peace, harmony, and joy. (chapter 21)

Yes, the Book of Revelation is a book of final judgement against all evil. God will be victorious over death, hell, and the grave! We know how this will end! In our reading of the last chapter of this blessed book, we see God lets us know He is coming again quickly. He is calling us to return to Him before it's too late!

Revelation 22:7 says, *“And the Spirit and the Bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”*

May this be our prayer this year: “Lord, inspire us to catch a vision of Your glory and Your love for us. May our love for You stir our hearts to share Your love with others and find ways to help bring more people into the Kingdom of God before You come again. Amen.”

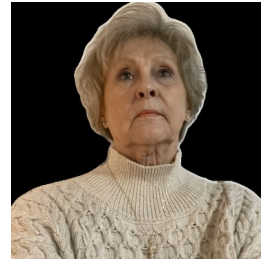


Doug Blizzard	1-5
Jeremy Crisp	1-12
Tom Chaney	1-13
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Danielle Jones	1-29
Jennie Bannister	1-30
Betsy Miller	1-30



**In Memory of
Cecil C. Conner**

Aug. 7, 1938— Nov. 30, 2024



**Deacon of the Month
Frances Keel
January 2025**

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, and sang in the choir.



Join us Wed. January 8th 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 Monday, January 6th, to reserve your meal.

JANUARY 2025

JAN 1 (WED)

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
NEW YEAR'S EVE**

JAN 5 (SUN)

DEACONS MEETING 8:00 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD'S SUPPER 10:30 AM
MATTHEW—THE LIFE OF THE KING
 Matthew 1:1-7

JAN 8 (WED)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING 11:00 AM
SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR 2:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP MEAL—Smithfield BBQ 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM

JAN 12 (SUN)

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM
THE KING IN EXILE
 Matthew 2:12-23

JAN 13 (MON)

LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING 11:00 AM

JAN 14 (TUE)

LEADERSHIP MEETING 4:00 PM

JAN 15 (WED)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR 2:30 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM

JAN 19 (SUN)

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM
BAPTIST MEN'S SUNDAY

JAN 20 (MON)

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY**

JAN 22 (WED)

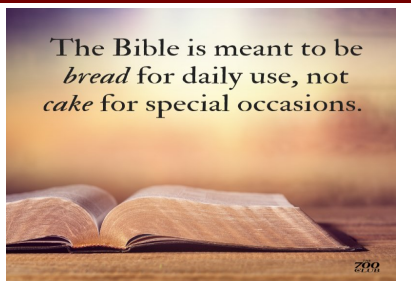
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR 2:30 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM

JAN 26 (SUN)

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM
FORERUNNER OF THE KING — JOHN THE BAPTIST
 Matthew 3:1-12

JAN 29 (WED)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR 2:30 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM



**JANUARY 2025
BIBLE READING PLAN**

- 1 Genesis 1-4
- 2 Genesis 5-8
- 3 Genesis 9-13
- 4 Genesis 14-17
- 5 No Reading
- 6 Genesis 18-21
- 7 Genesis 22-24
- 8 Genesis 25-26
- 9 Genesis 27-29
- 10 Genesis 30-32
- 11 Genesis 33-35
- 12 No Reading
- 13 Genesis 36-38
- 14 Genesis 39-41
- 15 Genesis 42-44
- 16 Genesis 45-47
- 17 Genesis 48-50; Exodus 1
- 18 Exodus 2-5
- 19 No Reading
- 20 Exodus 6-8
- 21 Exodus 9-11
- 22 Exodus 12-15
- 23 Exodus 16-19
- 24 Exodus 20-23
- 25 Exodus 24-26
- 26 No Reading
- 27 Exodus 27-29
- 28 Exodus 30-33
- 29 Exodus 34-35
- 30 Exodus 36-37
- 31 Exodus 38-40