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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

FEBRUARY 2025

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The Love of God

Many individuals view God as unloving or uncaring. The scientist Isaac Newton thought that when God created the universe, He simply wound it up like a manual clock and then sat back and watched as the laws of nature unfolded and guided creation. If this is true, then God would appear to be unconcerned about our life's circumstances.

The Bible speaks of God as being outside of His creation, but is intimately involved in His creation. John 1:1,14 speaks of our God as one that is with us. *"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, and the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."* God came in the flesh to dwell among us. He now dwells among us through the Holy Spirit.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

The purpose of Christ's coming was to reconcile us back to God. It is the gracious action of a loving God. Because of our sin, we were estranged from God. As we turned from our sin, repented, and accepted Christ as our Savior, the Bible describes us now as "being in Christ." The wrath of God is no longer an issue because we have been forgiven and adopted into the family of God.

"The Love of God."

The love of God is greater far, than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Chorus:
O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forever more endure the saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall.
When men who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure shall still endure, all measureless and strong:
Redeeming grace to Adam's race, the saints and angels' song.

Chorus:
Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, would drain the oceans dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Tho' stretched from sky to sky.

Chorus:

Romans 8:35 asks the question, *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"* The answer is found in verses 38-39. *"(Nothing) shall be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

The vastness of God's love is often hard for us to comprehend. We once were condemned because of our sin, now we are forgiven because of faith in Jesus Christ. We once were on the outside, now we are welcomed.

F. M. Lehman expresses it best in the 1917 hymn, "The Love of God."

If you have not experienced the vastness of God's love in your life, maybe it is time you surrendered to God and let Him become the Master. In our own strength we will fail. But with God, we can join with the saints and sing of "The Love of God."



Join us at 9:15 each Sunday Morning

FEBRUARY THEME:
BLESSED... OR CRUED

FEBRUARY 2ND
TO BE A PROFIT—LUKE 4:16-30

FEBRUARY 9TH
TO WALK IN TROUBLES
PSALM 138; ISAIAH 6:8-13

FEBRUARY 16TH
TO PUT DOWN ROOTS
JEREMIAH 17:1-10; PSALM 1

FEBRUARY 23RD
TO TURN YOUR CHEEK—LUKE 6:20b-38

Wednesday Bible Study



A Backwards Study of
the New Testament



During 2024, we completed the careful study of the Book of Revelation. We are now marching backwards through the New Testament. These smaller books of the New Testament rarely get looked at in a systematic way. We began with the Book of Jude and are now in I John. 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.

Update from the Collective Church

By Cory Pileggi, Lead Pastor

Since moving from the UEC movie theatre to Spilman in December, the Collective Church has had a lot to celebrate! Over the past year, we have handed out free snow cones, hosted outreach events, and served at local ministries. We have ministered to moms, kids, teens, recovering addicts, and many people searching for hope.

In December, we celebrated our first baptism at Spilman. This was our 16th as a church since our inception in January 2024. We also held our very first candlelit Christmas Eve service.

In January we celebrated the churches first birthday. The church also ordained Nate Duncan, our worship leader, as a pastor.

Seeing where God has taken Collective since our beginning as a church to now is a testament to His goodness. We have seen God move in 2024 and are looking forward to 2025 with excitement!



Loretta Skeens	2-1
Earl Kelly	2-5
Isabelle Jones	2-11
Carson Rice	2-17
Richard Moore	2-27
Marsha C. Hudson	2-28



We have a powerful team that Reaches, Rescues, and Restores Survivors of Human Trafficking. Through jail and hotel outreaches, and partnerships with law enforcement, Cry Freedom Missions locates survivors and helps them find safety at the Cry Freedom Missions Freedom Home which includes an emergency shelter, long term care program, and a transitional home. Beverly Weeks, founder of Cry Freedom Ministries, will be our guest speaker on February 9th for Baptist Women's Day.



Deacon of the Month Pat Moore February 2025

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 third 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.

*JOIN US FOR A
VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER*

Friday, February 14, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Tickets—\$10.00 / person

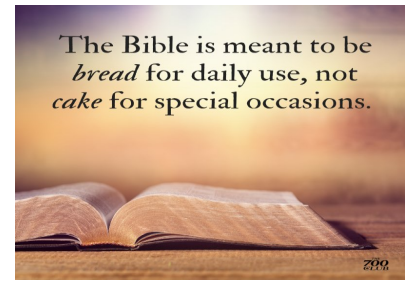
Meal furnished by Nana's Catering
(Beef Brisket, Twice Baked Potato,
Green Beans, Salad, and Red Velvet Cake)

Bring a Picture of your Wedding Day

Come Join the Fun!

FEBRUARY 2025

FEB 2 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD'S SUPPER <i>JESUS OVERCOMES TEMPTATION</i> Matthew 4:1-11	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM
FEB 5 (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
FEB 9 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>BAPTIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY</i> GUEST SPEAKER: Beverly Weeks Cry Freedom Missions	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
FEB 12 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
FEB 14 (FRI)	VALENTINES DINNER	6:00 PM
FEB 16 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>CHARACTER TRAITS OF A CHRISTIAN-1</i> Matthew 5:1-12 CHURCH CONFERENCE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 PM
FEB 19 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
FEB 23 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>CHARACTER TRAITS OF A CHRISTIAN-2</i> Matthew 5:1-12	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
FEB 26 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM



FEBRUARY 2025 BIBLE READING PLAN

- 1 Leviticus 1-3
- 2 No Reading
- 3 Leviticus 4-6
- 4 Leviticus 7-9
- 5 Leviticus 10-12
- 6 Leviticus 13-14
- 7 Leviticus 15-16
- 8 Leviticus 17-19
- 9 No Reading
- 10 Leviticus 20-22
- 11 Leviticus 23-25
- 12 Leviticus 26-27
- 13 Numbers 1-2
- 14 Numbers 3-4
- 15 Numbers 5-7
- 16 No Reading
- 17 Numbers 8-9
- 18 Numbers 10-13
- 19 Numbers 14-15
- 20 Numbers 16-15
- 21 Numbers 19-21
- 22 Numbers 22-24
- 23 No Reading
- 24 Numbers 25-27
- 25 Numbers 28-30
- 26 Numbers 31-33
- 27 Numbers 34-36
- 28 Deuteronomy 1-3