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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

MARCH 2025

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TIE NEWSLETTER



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Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Probably the most beloved hymn writer of the 19th century was Fanny Crosby. She was blinded at a young age when a doctor applied a compress over her eyes that resulted in her losing her eyesight. This didn't dampen her love for God nor did it hinder her ability to "see" the handwork of God around her.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

In 1869, Fanny Crosby was given a tune by William Doane. She composed the text and it was first published shortly thereafter. The refrain reminds us as Christians to stay "near the cross" where Christ's redeeming work was done. The first verse reminds us of the blood of Christ poured out for us at Calvary. The second, reminds us of our need for salvation. The next verse reminds us to pray and focus our attention on the amazing love God demonstrated there at the cross. The last verse reminds us to look upward towards our eternal home in heaven.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

By Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find, rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star, shed His beams around me.

Refrain

Near the cross! O lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day, with its shadow o'er me.

Refrain

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river.

Refrain

A few weeks ago, I was speaking with someone and the topic of Lent was mentioned. They had never heard of it and didn't know what it was. Growing up as a Baptist, I rarely heard of Lent and we didn't practice the season of Lent in the churches we attended. When I first became a pastor in 2001, I was not very well versed in the liturgical history of Lent. While this has often been seen as a Catholic ritual, many other denominations have seen the value gained by denying ourselves, taking up the cross, and following Jesus more nearly.

Lent is the 40-day period before Easter (not counting Sundays). Since Easter Sunday changes each year, the beginning of Lent also changes. This year Lent will begin on Wed, March 5th. The service reminds us of our need to come humbly before God and to recognize the sacrifice God has done on our behalf so that we might be saved. **(Continued)**



Join us at 9:15 each Sunday Morning

MARCH THEME:
WE SHALL BE CHANGED

MARCH 2ND
REFLECTING GOD'S GLORY
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Psalm 99

MARCH 9TH
CALLING GOD'S NAME
Romans 10:8b-13; Psalm 91

MARCH 16TH
STANDING FIRM
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Psalm 27

MARCH 23RD
WANDERING AND WAITING
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Psalm 63:1-8

MARCH 30TH
BEING MADE NEW
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Psalm 32

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. During March we will look at II & III John and I & II Peter.

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 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.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (continued)

The Lenten service also involves the “imposition of ashes.” A small amount of ash is placed on each person’s forehead in the shape of a cross to remind us of the cross of Calvary. The ashes used each year come from the burned palm branches of the previous year.

Over the next 40 days, we are to use this time to reflect on how closely we are walking with God. Some use this time to fast and pray more. Others may give something up during this time (sweets, soft drinks, or some other worldly pleasure). Some may use this as a time to add something special (helping others, giving additional offerings etc.). It is an individuals decision how they will draw closer to God during this time of reflection and dedication.

As we enter the season of Lent in March, and move towards our celebration of Jesus Christ’s victory over death, hell, and the grave in April; may we be found ever closer to the cross. For it is in the cross, we watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever. May we linger there everyday, until God has called us to join Him, just beyond the river.



MELISSA HERRING	3-2
JONATHAN RICE	3-3
SHIRLENE KOONCE	3-5
SYLVIA WILLIAMS	3-7
NANCY JUSTICE	3-10
BRENDA BARLOW	3-13
BOB GADDIS	3-19
JOSH LARKINS	3-21
LINDA JONES	3-22
BENJAMIN A. OVERTON	3-24
J.E. BLIZZARD	3-24
MELONY RASBERRY-COBB	3-30
LANDON WHALEY	3-31

Some things to give up for Lent:	Some things to take up for Lent:
Anger	Happiness
Bitterness	Joy
Conceit	Humility
Despair	Hope
Estrangement	Closeness
Falseness	Truth
Guilt	Grace
Hatred	Love
Insincerity	Honesty
Jealousy	Trust

What Are You Giving Up?

coffee	complaining
chocolate	ice cream
meat	movies
internet	smoking
shopping	social media
caffeine	television
soft drinks	sweets
elevators	junk food

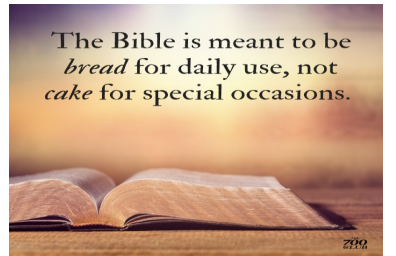
Deacon of the Month Doug Blizzard March 2025



Doug has been a member of Spilman for 50 plus years. This is his fourth term serving on the diaconate. He has also served as a Spilman trustee twice. Doug has worked with the NC Baptist Men’s Disaster Relief for several years as a communication specialist. This has included trips to Texas and New Jersey. Forty-six years ago, Doug married his high school sweetheart, Kay Allen. They have one daughter, Sarah Beth who lives in Vermont.

MARCH 2025

MAR 2 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD’S SUPPER CHARACTER TRAITS OF A CHRISTIAN-3 Matthew 5:1-12	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM
MAR 5 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	8:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:30 PM 6:00 PM
MAR 9 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE SALT WITHOUT SAVOR IS WORTHLESS Matthew 5:13-16	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
MAR 10 (MON)	LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING	11:00 AM
MAR 11 (TUE)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
MAR 12 (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
MAR 16 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE REFLECTING THE LIGHT Matthew 5:13-16	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
MAR 19 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
MAR 23 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE A CALL TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE Matthew 5:17-30	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
MAR 26 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
MAR 30 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE PROPHECY FULFILLED THE HOUR HAS COME— JOHN 12:23-36	9:15 AM 10:30 AM



MARCH 2025 BIBLE READING PLAN

- 1 Deuteronomy 4-6
- 2 No Reading
- 3 Deuteronomy 7-10
- 4 Deuteronomy 11-14
- 5 Deuteronomy 15-18
- 6 Deuteronomy 19-22
- 7 Deuteronomy 23-25
- 8 Deuteronomy 26-28
- 9 No Reading
- 10 Deuteronomy 29-30
- 11 Deuteronomy 31-32
- 12 Deuteronomy 33-34
Joshua 1-3
- 13 Joshua 4-6
- 14 Joshua 7-9
- 15 Joshua 10-12
- 16 No Reading
- 17 Joshua 13-16
- 18 Joshua 17-19
- 19 Joshua 20-22
- 20 Joshua 23-24
Judges 1
- 21 Judges 2-4
- 22 Judges 5-7
- 23 No Reading
- 24 Judges 8-9
- 25 Judges 10-12
- 26 Judges 13-15
- 27 Judges 16-18
- 28 Judges 19-21
- 29 Ruth 1-4
- 30 No Reading
- 31 1 Samuel 1-3

