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Join us at 9:15 each Sunday Morning  
**MAY THEME:**  
**HOW TO BE DISCIPLES**

**MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FEED THE SHEEP**  
John 21:3-17

**MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BELIEVE THE WORKS**  
John 10:22-42

**MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**  
John 13:21-38

**MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**KEEP HIS WORD**  
John 14:15-31

**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**BE KNOWN, BE LOVED**  
John 17:20-26; 18:1-19

**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 May we will look at II Peter and James. 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.

**THE TIE**



**Spilman Memorial Baptist Church**  
**Our Mission is to ...**

**Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others**

**MAY 2025**

**CHURCH STAFF**

Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr., Senior Pastor  
Carol Stevens, Administrative Assistant  
Melony Rasbury-Cobb, Pianist/Organist  
Michelle Sutton, Finance Assistant  
Jerry Crisp, Security

**Pilgrimage**

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to travel to Israel to see the various historical landmarks that tell the story of Jesus' birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection. As we traveled, I noticed various people from all over the world traveling together to experience Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, and the numerous landmarks in Jerusalem. I saw how this journey to a certain place, to see a certain thing, to experience the sound, sight, touch, taste, and scents of this pilgrimage touched the heart of each person. The joy as fellow pilgrims prayed, talked, lit candles, sang songs, experienced water baptism, and



**DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.**

communion at the Garden Tomb was unparalleled in my life.

**There's a Land that Is Fairer Than Day**  
By Sanford F. Bennett (1836-1889)

There's a land that is fairer than day,  
And by faith we can see it afar,  
For the Father waits over the way  
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

Refrain:  
In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;  
In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore  
The melodious songs of the blest;  
And our spirits shall sorrow no more-  
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.  
(Refrain)

To our bountiful Father above  
We will offer our tribute of praise  
For the glorious gift of His love  
And the blessings that hallow our days.  
(Refrain)

Throughout the years, I have traveled to various places including the mountains, the beach, across America, and various important historical sites. Our family would often make it an annual event to head to those special places. I guess I never really thought of those trips as a "pilgrimage." Something changed within me as I walked where Jesus walked, along the hard packed roads of Israel. I now see my travel through a spiritual lens of pilgrimage.

In May I will be headed to Turkey to see the various places mentioned in the Book of Revelation. I will walk along the path where other Christians have attempted to live out their faith in the face of severe persecution. Our group from Campbell University Divinity School will visit many locations in Turkey, travel thousands of miles, in search of knowledge, understanding, and hopefully find that pilgrimage experience.

Sometimes I feel as if there is a restlessness in my soul searching for that experience or place that will fill the void that is occasionally present and unfulfilled. Maybe a trip here, or an event there, will satisfy the longing of my soul. Each of us seek to fill a perceived void in our life in our own way. I do not believe my trip to Turkey will fill that void or longing. But it just might be a path towards discovering the Lord's presence along the way.

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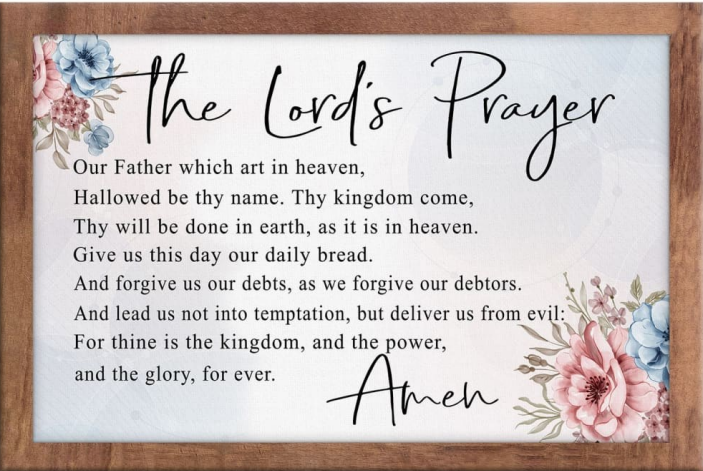


Pilgrimage (continued)

I do believe there is a pilgrimage that eventually will fill that unmet need. It is a place prepared by God for those that love Him. He will meet us there and fill every longing of our heart. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 13:12, “*For now we see through a glass, darkly...*” Paul was acknowledging the life we are now living does not give us a clear understanding today as to what tomorrow will be. Paul continues to remind us that one day, we will see Jesus “*face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*”

The hymn writer, Sanford Bennett paints a picture of what it will be like for us one day. “There’s a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar, for the Father waits over the way, to prepare us a dwelling place there.” That will be the day, when faith becomes sight!

May we enjoy our earthly pilgrimages until we arrive in our final pilgrimage destination!



LAVERNE BURKS	2
JODY HASKINS	4
MACKENZIE HERRING	4
PEGGY HASKINS	12
BONNIE LIGGAN	12
JACKIE CONWAY	13
DONNIE HARPER	15
BIFF BENNETT	17
TONY CANNON	20
BOBBY SHAVER	25
BILLY THAXTON	25
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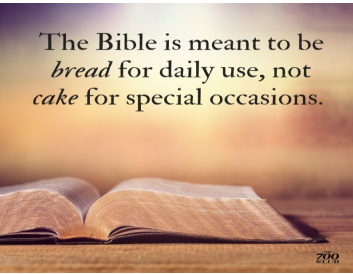


Deacon of the Month  
Beth Crisp  
May 2025

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.

MAY 2025

MAY 4 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL	8:00 AM 9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD’S SUPPER SECRECYP IN THE SECRET Matthew 6:1-7, 16-18	10:30 AM
	CHURCH CONFERENCE	3:00 PM
MAY 5 MON)	LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING	11:00 AM
MAY 7 (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
MAY 10-20	Dr. Dew—Trip to Turkey	
MAY 11 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE GUEST SPEAKER—Taylor Long Campbell University Divinity School	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
MAY 14 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (Jerry & Beth Crisp Leading)	8:00 AM 4:00 PM
MAY 18 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE GUEST SPEAKER—Keith Hudson Neuse Baptist Association	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
MAY 21 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (Jerry & Beth Crisp Leading)	8:00 AM 4:00 PM
MAY 25 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN Matthew 6:9-13	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
MAY 26 (MON)	OFFICE CLOSED—MEMORIAL DAY	
MAY 28 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR FELLOWSHIP MEAL—Nana’s Catering WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM



MAY 2025  
BIBLE READING PLAN

- 1 1 Kings 22; 2 Kings 1
- 2 2 Kings 2-4
- 3 2 Kings 5-6
- 4 No Reading
- 5 2 Kings 7-9
- 6 2 Kings 10-11
- 7 2 Kings 12-14
- 8 2 Kings 15-17
- 9 2 Kings 18-19
- 10 2 Kings 20-22
- 11 No Reading
- 12 2 Kings 23-25
- 13 1 Chronicles 1-4
- 14 1 Chronicles 5-6
- 15 1 Chronicles 7-10
- 16 1 Chronicles 11-13
- 17 1 Chronicles 14-17
- 18 No Reading
- 19 1 Chronicles 18-22
- 20 1 Chronicles 23-26
- 21 1 Chronicles 27-29
- 22 2 Chronicles 1-4
- 23 2 Chronicles 5-7
- 24 2 Chronicles 8-11
- 25 No Reading
- 26 2 Chronicles 12-15
- 27 2 Chronicles 16-19
- 28 2 Chronicles 20-23
- 29 2 Chronicles 24-26
- 30 2 Chronicles 27-29
- 31 2 Chronicles 30-32