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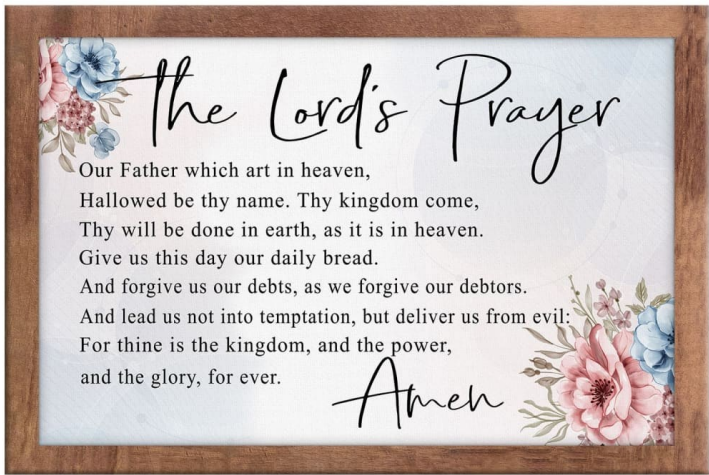
JUNE THEME: WHEN WE NEED HOPE

JUNE 8TH
CONFUSION AND CONFLICT
Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24, 27-32

JUNE 15TH
JOY AND PAIN
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5

JUNE 22ND
MOURNING AND PRAISING
Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 43

JUNE 29TH
TAKEN UP AND LEFT BEHIND
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14



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

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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

There is a God!

I was asleep on the Lord's Day on my recent trip to Turkey. Suddenly I heard in my spirit, **"There is a God!"** I awoke suddenly realizing this was the Lord giving me an answer for the people of Turkey. For generations the people in this place have eagerly sought to find god. Throughout time this land and people have followed Zeus, Apollo, Artimus, as well as Caesar. Great monuments from the past were erected in worship of these various gods.

As we traveled across Turkey, we saw the location of the Seven Churches mentioned in John's letter in the Book of Revelation. For a season, faith in Jesus Christ grew and spread throughout this region once known as Asia. The Seven Churches thrived and grew even though they were persecuted under Roman rule. Those churches mentioned in Revelation were located at Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. We also visited the location of Colossae and Hierapolis.

Over time, each church diminished and died. The dim light of hope was planted in this place for future generations to learn, "There is hope." A hope that answers the question, "Is there a god?"

As I sat looking out over the Aegean Sea that morning, in a land that is searching for hope, God reminded me, **"There is a God!"** There is a God that is the answer to the dissonance in their lives.

The prior day, our group took a boat ride from Izmir to the Isle of Patmos. The three-hour ride to the Island was hard due to the high winds and restless sea. On the way back from the Island, I met a man named "John." For several hours, I heard about a young man that struggled at the University, a man struggling to find peace and purpose in his life.

There is a God ...

Who hears our deepest cry.
Who moves our restless hearts to seek Him.
Who calms our stormy seas.
Who heals our greatest need.
Who gave His life to ransom me.
Who has prepared a place for those who believe.
Respond to Him in faith today,
and turn from death to life everlasting.
Amen!

John knew the stories of the Bible. He once sought to be a tour guide but was now working as a deck hand on this boat, with aspirations of becoming a boat captain one day. I recounted to him how Jesus called many fishermen to come and follow Him. I told him the story of Jesus being asleep underneath in the boat one day in the midst of a severe storm, similar to what we experienced that morning. Jesus stepped out on the deck and said to the winds, *"Peace be still."* I let John know that Jesus still speaks peace in the storms of our lives.

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There is a God! (continued)

When I asked John what he liked, he said it was music that spoke to his soul. The music touched the frequency of his soul and brought calm to him. His choice of rap and hip-hop is what addressed the turmoil in his life. He shared his music with me and I shared mine with him. I told him that it was the hymns of faith that spoke into my life.

I shared photos of the places we had already visited. We discussed the history of them. He shared a few places he had visited in Turkey that were of interest to him. We discussed briefly some of the political and social division that exists in Turkey today.

I discovered in our conversations that for John, the safest place for him religiously was in the camp of atheism. I met many people in my journey to Turkey and they too have turned away from their formerly held faith. Yet those that have turned away from their prior faith, have not found the answer to the question, “Is there a god?”

As our time on the boat was coming to a close, two groups gathered on the upper deck and began to sing Christian songs of faith. The group from Poland, and our group from America, began to sing *Amazing Grace*, *Alleluia*, and *Blessed be the Name* – in one voice, each in our own language. John and I headed up to join this group. He listened and I sang with this impromptu choir.



I told John, *Alleluia* means “Praise God.” In just a moment, I saw joy in John’s eyes. As we began to disembark, I took out a small pocket size Jesus and gave it to him. John said, “I will keep this and remember this day.” Lord, I pray you will send

more people into John’s life to continue to speak to the glimmer of hope in Jesus Christ that I planted that day.

As I am now back home, my heart has been quickened for those in my community that need to hear, “**There is a God!**” May my life and ministry embody Jesus’ call to bring life, hope, joy, peace, safety, and sanctuary. Amen.



LIBBY MITCHELL	2
WILLIAM JONES	4
MARK R. CONWAY	10
JERRY CRISP	10
BARBARA AMAN	11
ELIZABETH HARTFORD	12
MARK I. CONWAY, SR.	15
BONNIE GADDIS	15
DONNA KEITH	15
JUDY HAILEY	19
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Deacon of the Month
Frances Keel
June 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.

JUNE 2025

JUNE 1 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD’S SUPPER <i>HALLOWED BE THY NAME</i> Matthew 6:9-13, Isaiah 6:1-5	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM
JUNE 4 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (Jerry and Beth Crisp Leading)	8:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM
JUNE 8 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>THY KINGDOM COME</i> Luke 4:16-21	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
JUNE 9 (MON)	LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING	11:00 AM
JUNE 10 (TUE)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	4:00 PM
JUNE 11 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 6:00 PM
JUNE 15 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>THY WILL BE DONE</i> Matthew 6:10b, 26:36-44	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
JUNE 18 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
JUNE 22 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD</i> Matthew 14:14-21	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
JUNE 25 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
JUNE 29 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <i>FORGIVE US ... AS WE FORGIVE OTHERS</i> Luke 23:32-45	9:15 AM 10:30 AM



JUNE 2025
BIBLE READING PLAN

- ☐ 1 No Reading
- ☐ 2 2 Chronicles 33-34
- ☐ 3 2 Chronicles 35-36; Ezra 1-2
- ☐ 4 Ezra 3-6
- ☐ 5 Ezra 7-9
- ☐ 6 Ezra 10; Nehemiah 1-2
- ☐ 7 Nehemiah 3-6
- ☐ 8 No Reading
- ☐ 9 Nehemiah 7-8
- ☐ 10 Nehemiah 9-11
- ☐ 11 Nehemiah 12-13; Esther 1
- ☐ 12 Esther 2-6
- ☐ 13 Esther 7-10
- ☐ 14 Job 1-6
- ☐ 15 No Reading
- ☐ 16 Job 7-12
- ☐ 17 Job 13-19
- ☐ 18 Job 20-25
- ☐ 19 Job 26-31
- ☐ 20 Job 32-36
- ☐ 21 Job 37-41
- ☐ 22 No Reading
- ☐ 23 Job 42; Psalm 1-10
- ☐ 24 Psalm 11-19
- ☐ 25 Psalm 20-29
- ☐ 26 Psalm 30-36
- ☐ 27 Psalm 37-43
- ☐ 28 Psalm 44-52
- ☐ 29 No Reading
- ☐ 30 Psalm 53-62