

Spilman Memorial Baptist Church
601 Madison Avenue
Kinston, NC 28501

JANAUARY 2026

TIE NEWSLETTER



Join us at 9:15 each Sunday Morning
JANAUARY THEME:
THUS SAYS THE LORD

JANAUARY 4TH
PRAISE AT THE RETURN
Jeremiah 31:7-14

JANAUARY 11TH
PRAISE FOR THE SERVANT
Isaiah 42:1-9

JANAUARY 18TH
PRAISE OF THE CHOSEN
Isaiah 49:1-11

JANAUARY 25TH
PRAISE THE PROMISED ONE
Isaiah 9:1-12

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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



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

Three Christmas Eve Services and a Funeral

This Christmas Eve, I set an ambitious goal of attending three Christmas Eve services. Sharon was fully on board with this goal; except her mom ended up in the hospital and she needed to be with her that day. The first service was at Opendoor Church in Winterville where my daughter Amber attends and volunteers. The church had scheduled three services to accommodate the estimated crowd of people. I was advised to arrive at 12:15 pm for the first service at 1:00 pm. The auditorium was filled with young families with children. The music was contemporary and uplifting. The sermon was based on John 14:27, *"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."* We shared the bread and the cup and held our candles high as we acknowledged the light of the world had come.

The second service was in Kinston at the Collective Church at 4:00 pm. This church was planted three years ago. Their first year was planning, the second year was in a local movie theatre, and last year, Spilman Memorial

Baptist Church opened its doors and created a space for the Collective to grow and thrive. Over the past year, they have grown rapidly through intentional ministry and life-changing outreach. In August the Collective launched a school, the Collective Leadership Academy, and they continue to transform adult's and children's lives. The Christmas Eve service included contemporary music, children engaged in singing, reciting poems, and reading scripture. The message was based on "Hope" citing several scripture passages. After the encouraging message, the bread and the cup were shared, and the congregation sang, "Silent Night" as they held lit candles.

Blessed Be the Tie

By John Fawcett (1740-1817)

Blessed be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and
our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet
again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way;
While each in expectation lives and waits to see the day.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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Wednesday Bible Study

A Backwards Study of the New Testament

Last year we began working our way backwards through the New Testament. We have worked through the Book of Revelation and are currently in 1st and 2nd Timothy. Some of these smaller books rarely get looked at in a systematic way. If you are looking for a "verse by verse" study of the Bible, please join us on Wednesday as we walk *backwards* in scripture together!



Join us Wed. Jan. 14th at 4:00 p.m. for a **Fellowship Meal**. Smithfield Chicken 'N BBQ will be furnishing the meal.

The meal will consist of BBQ, or chicken (white or dark meat), potato salad, coleslaw, and hush puppies. The cost is \$10.00/person. Call the church office by Jan. 12th, to reserve your meal.

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The theme of "Come Home" was emphasized this Christmas Eve for so many that may have been away and unengaged over the past year. Following the message, the congregation came forward and shared the bread and cup followed by singing "Silent Night" with candles held high.

Each of these worship services were unique to their ministry setting, with many members participating, and meeting the needs of their congregation. Each service reminded me that in the fullness of time, God sent His Son, to a woman named Mary, engaged to a man named Joseph, born in the City of David called Bethlehem. Jesus came so that we might have peace in our lives, hope for our present circumstances, and a common bond among our brothers and sisters in Christ centered around Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. This common bond was demonstrated in each congregation's service as we shared the bread and cup together and sang "Silent Night."

I believe the Lord had one more lesson for me this Christmas. It was to attend the funeral of my 98-year-old friend, Charlotte Acock in Fremont, the day after Christmas. I was privileged to serve as her Pastor for 16 years at Fremont Missionary Baptist Church. She was on the Pastor Search Committee that called me there in 2001. She offered advice and encouragement over the years, always gracious and kind in every conversation I had with her. She always sought reconciliation and encouraged me often with the phrase, "Throw a little love over the fence."

I heard she was at Kitty Askins in Goldsboro and I went to see her a few weeks ago. Even though her body was weak, Charlotte's mind was as clear as ever. We talked about many things, including my sudden departure from Fremont in 2017. After some time, she said to me, "I feel like the chain that was broken, has now been mended."

My heart melted as she so eloquently spoke the words I needed to hear. That afternoon, the sanctuary was filled with family and friends that had come to celebrate and remember Charlotte's life. The space was still filled with Christmas decorations and music that brought back thousands of memories all at once. The message of salvation was shared, the word of hope was given, a life well lived – anchored and centered in Jesus Christ – was celebrated.

Jesus came into the world to restore what was broken by sin. His death, burial, and resurrection is the only cure to mend our broken relationship with God and others. Receiving God's gift of His Son will allow what was broken to be mended and allow us to enter into eternal life with God once our earthly life is over.

May God's Spirit work in your heart this year to identify the broken chains in your life, and allow God to mend what was once broken.

Selah



Doug Blizzard	1-5
Jeremy Crisp	1-12
Shirley Overton	1-14
Betty Jean Carlyle	1-19
Amy Pearce	1-22
Nan Blehi	1-23
Reid Lovick	1-24
Ray Dail	1-26
Dr. H. Powell Dew, Jr.	1-27
Danielle Jones	1-29
Betsy Miller	1-30



Deacon of the Month
Jerry Crisp
January 2026

Jerry grew up in the Hudson/Lenoir area of Western NC. He is a proud fan and graduate of NCSU. Jerry and Beth have been married for over 40 years. Beth and Jerry are the proud parents of Shelly and Jeremy and the grandparents of two wonderful girls. Madeline and Lilly.

Jerry is currently the deacon chair and a member of several Church Committees. He's one of several individuals that keep the media booth running on Sunday mornings. Jerry can also be spotted in the evenings checking the church, making sure the property is secure.

JANAURY 2026

JAN 1 (THU) OFFICE CLOSED—NEW YEAR'S DAY

JAN 4 (SUN) DEACONS' MEETING
SUNDAY SCHOOL
8:00 AM
9:15 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD'S SUPPER
PUTTING GOD FIRST IN OUR LIVES
Deuteronomy 26:1-4, 10b;
1 Kings 14:1-17

JAN 7 (WED) MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING
SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
8:00 AM
11:00 AM
1:30 PM
3:00 PM

JAN 11 (SUN) SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP SERVICE
GIVING YOURSELF FIRST TO GOD
2 Corinthians 8:1-5
9:15 AM
10:30 AM

JAN 13 (TUE) LEADERSHIP MEETING
3:00 PM

JAN 14 (WED) MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR
FELLOWSHIP MEAL—Smithfield BBQ
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
8:00 AM
1:30 PM
4:00 PM
5:00 PM

JAN 18 (SUN) SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP SERVICE
STEPHANIE MOODY SHAFFER
GUEST SPEAKER FROM THRIVEMORE
9:15 AM
10:30 AM

JAN 19 (MON) OFFICE CLOSED
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
9:15 AM

JAN 25 (SUN) SUNDAY SCHOOL
WORSHIP SERVICE
STEWARSHIP IS LORDSHIP
Colossians 1:15-19
10:30 AM

In Memory of

Dr. Michael Glenn Cogdill
Sr. Pastor of Spilman Jan. 1985 – July 1988
March 26, 1949—December 10, 2025

Thomas Edgar Shaver
August 14, 1958 – December 18, 2025



JANUARY 2026 BIBLE READING PLAN

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