

Spilman Memorial Baptist Church  
601 Madison Avenue  
Kinston, NC 28501

FEBRUARY 2026

## TIE NEWSLETTER



Join us at 9:15 each Sunday Morning  
FEBRUARY THEME:  
OBJECT LESSONS

FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
FISHING AND BLESSING  
Matthew 4:18-25; 5:1-12

FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
SALT AND LIGHT  
Matthew 5:13-24

FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
MERCY AND MOUNTAINS  
Matthew 17:1-4, 14-20

FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>  
STONES, TEMPLES, AND KINGDOMS  
Matthew 4:1-17

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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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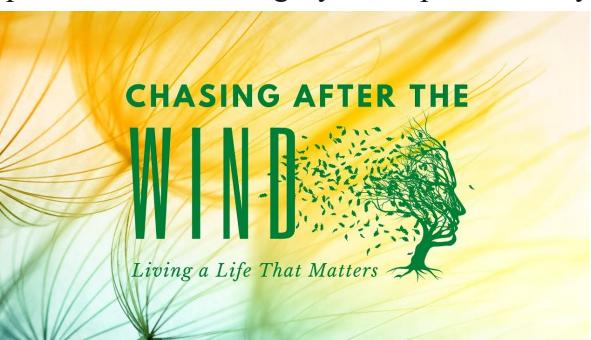
### Chasing After the Wind

Solomon, one of the wisest men that ever lived, used the phrase “*chasing after the wind*” several times in the book of Ecclesiastes. This appears to be the theme of the whole book. The phrase “*chasing after the wind*” is a metaphor for the pursuit of futility. Solomon, the man who had everything at his disposal, found all the things that he pursued, were simply pointless.

Solomon was selected by the Lord to lead the people of Israel after the death of his father, King David. He had everything prepared for him to succeed as the next King. He had power, position, possessions, prosperity, and great wisdom. These gifts were placed into Solomon’s life to allow him to choose well and lead well. Yet over his lifetime, he drifted away from the Lord’s commands and upon his death, the Kingdom was split in two, and Israel never returned to the glory experienced in the days of David and Solomon. Ecclesiastes is the story of a man who had everything and still failed miserably. We too can learn from his mistakes and not repeat them in our lives.

Solomon’s first mistake was thinking he could secure peace by following the pattern of other national leaders by taking many foreign wives for himself. Rather than trust God to provide peace, Solomon sought the same pattern of other neighboring Sultans and Kings. Solomon built a great army with horses and chariots to defend the nation from enemy invasions and defeat his adversaries. Solomon chased after pleasure in many forms. Solomon found satisfaction in large building projects and expansive gardens. He had numerous servants at his every disposal. Solomon learned too late in life that all of this was simply “*chasing after the wind*.”

The key to Solomon’s downfall was he did not live his life in consideration of God’s word and God’s plan for his life. Solomon found out pursuing wisdom and understanding was only madness and folly. It is equally foolish to think that one can completely control the outcome of their life. While Solomon sought to make a name for himself apart from God, his legacy and reputation only crumbled.



The shining spotlight in Solomon’s advice for others can be found in the last chapter. His tone changes as he looks back over his life and sadly acknowledges it was all in vain. His closing words are words to us today. “*Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.*” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

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## Chasing After the Wind (Continued)

Solomon's advice for us is echoed by Jesus in Matthew 6:33. "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

There are many transitions occurring in our world today. Political divisions in the world and in the nations are at an all time high. Economies that were once thriving are now in shambles. Communities that were once safe places for people are becoming unstable. Families that were once tightly knitted together are now crumbling. Inflation is touching every person's budget and difficult decisions are having to be made as to how to use the resources we have. The institutions we once had full faith and trust in are eroding quickly.

It is so easy to get caught up in the avalanche of despair we see daily on the news. Solomon had it right in the end. "Fear God and Keep His commandments." Jesus restated the framework by which we should live out our days – "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." As the whirlwinds encircle our lives, may we find the peace of God that passes all understanding and be found faithful to God in the end!

Selah – Meditate on these things.



## Wednesday FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Join us Wednesday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. for a Fellowship Meal, followed by Bible Study. Chick-Fil-A will be furnishing the meal.

The meal will consist of a Chicken Sandwich, chips, and a cookie.

The cost is \$9.00/person.

Please call the church office by noon on Monday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, to reserve your meal.



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

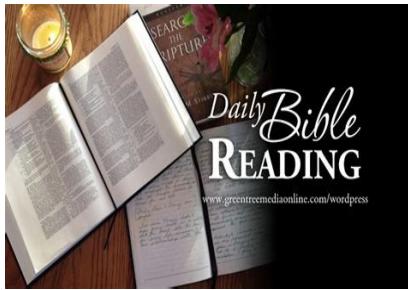


## FEBRUARY 2026

FEB 1 (SUN)	DEACONS' MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL  WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD'S SUPPER <b>STEWARDSHIP IS LORDSHIP</b> Colossians 1:15-19	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM
FEB 4 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING <b>SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR</b> WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:30 PM 3:00 PM
FEB 8 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <b>SOLOMON'S ADVICE ABOUT MONEY</b> Ecclesiastes 2:4-9	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
FEB 11 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST <b>SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR</b> FELLOWSHIP MEAL— WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 1:30 PM 4:00 PM 5:00 PM
FEB 15 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <b>IN THE BEGINNING...</b> John 1:1-18  CHURCH CONFERENCE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 PM
FEB 18 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST <b>SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE</b>	8:00 AM 1:30 PM 6:00 PM
FEB 22 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE <b>JUST OLD WATER POTS</b> John 2:1-11	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
FEB 25 (WED)	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST <b>SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR</b> WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 1:30 PM 3:00 PM



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.



## FEBRUARY 2026 BIBLE READING PLAN

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