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# THE TIE

*Spilman Memorial Baptist Church*

*Our Mission is to ...*

*Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others*

**MARCH 2026**

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**MARCH 2026**  
**TIE NEWSLETTER**

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### Living with Unanswered Prayer

Joseph Scriven and his fiancée were out riding horses the night before they were to be married. The horse she was riding caused her to fall into the water and drown. Joseph was in shock as her lifeless body was pulled from the lake. Reeling from the tragedy, he left his home in Dublin Ireland at the age of 25 and migrated to Canada.

Ten years later, he received word that his mother was facing a crisis and he was unable to return home. He wrote her this poem, “**What a friend we have in Jesus.**” He mother gave a copy of this to a friend and the poem was published anonymously. It quickly became a popular hymn, thought at the time, no one knew who wrote it.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

Meanwhile, Joseph fell in love again but tragedy struck once again. His fiancé Eliza Catherine Roche, contracted tuberculosis and pneumonia and died in 1860 before the wedding could take place.

Joseph poured himself into the ministry doing charity work for the Plymouth Brethren and preaching among the Baptists. Joseph was known as the “Good Samaritan of Port Hope.” He cut firewood for widows, and met many other needs in the community for those that could not financially repay him. He was described as “a man of short stature, with iron-gray hair, close-cropped beard, and light blue eyes that sparkled when he talked.”

### What A Friend We Have in Jesus

By Joseph Scriven (1819-1896)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

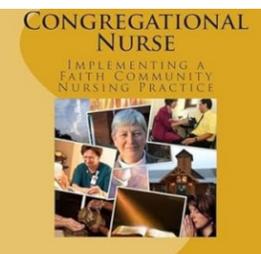
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Ira D. Sankey later wrote about Joseph Scriven. He said a neighbor of Joseph’s was sitting with him when Joseph was sick, he admitted he had written that poem to his mother and did not intend for anyone else to see it. Later another neighbor in Port Hope confirmed from Joseph that “The Lord and I did it between us.”

On October 10, 1896, Joseph became critically ill and, in his delirium, he staggered outside and fell into a small creek and drowned. His grave was arranged so that his feet were opposite of his lost love, Eliza Catherine Roche, that in the resurrection they might arise facing one another. **(Continued)**

### Congregational Nurse Ministry



During our Church Conference in February, the congregation approved beginning a Congregational Nurse Ministry. This individual would be a Registered Nurse that would work part time with

our existing active members to help meet some of their medical needs at home. The tasks they may address could include blood pressure checks, wellness checks, medicine assistance and advice, assessment for any physical aids (grab bars, ramps, etc). Some individuals may need more attention each week than others.

Please begin to pray for the committee as we develop the job description and begin advertising for this part time position. May the Lord send Spilman the right individual to help assist us in this season of great need.



### 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 will begin 2 Thessalonians in March. 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!



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.

### Living with Unanswered Prayer (Continued)

Joseph Scriven's tragic grief story is one that is lived out in the lives of many people today. Lives filled with many different difficult life circumstances and unanswered prayers. The longer you live, the more loss and grief you accumulate. It could be a divorce, a loss of a job, or a failed relationship that meant so much to you. Our griefs and sorrows can include the death of a spouse, parents, child, friend, coworker, or neighbor. We may be stuck in life repeating our prior sins in our mind, to the point we are weighed down by guilt, unable to move. We may be facing one or more physical ailments that is persistently hanging on and will not improve no matter the number of doctors or specialist we visit.

The answer to all these unanswered prayers can be found in this simple declaration: **"Take them to the Lord in prayer."** We never know how the Lord will answer our prayer. Sometimes our prayers are not answered this side of heaven. As we wait, listen, and pray, we are comforted knowing, **"What a friend we have in Jesus!"**

If you are carrying a heavy burden today, **"Take it to the Lord in prayer."**

Philippians 4:6-7 reinforces this truth. *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

### In Memory of

**Dorothy "Dot" Lane Crisp Bennett**

Nov. 24, 1932—Feb. 2, 2026



*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."*  
Psalm 116:15



MELISSA HERRING	3-2
JONATHAN RICE	3-3
SHIRLENE KOONCE	3-5
SYLVIA WILLIAMS	3-7
BOB GADDIS	3-19
JOSH LARKINS	3-21
LIINDA JONES	3-22
BENJAMIN A. OVERTON	3-24
MELONY RASBERRY - COBB	3-30
LANDON WHALEY	3-31

## MARCH 2026

**MAR 1 (SUN)**      **DEACONS' MEETING**      **8:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**      **9:15 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD'S SUPPER**  
**JUST OLD WATER POTS**      **10:30 AM**  
 John 2:1-18

**MAR 4 (WED)**      **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**      **8:00 AM**  
**MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING**      **11:00 AM**  
**SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR**      **1:30 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**      **3:00 PM**

**MAR 8 (SUN)**      **SUNDAY SCHOOL**      **9:15 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**      **10:30 AM**  
**THE SECRET OF SALVATION**  
 John 3:1-21

**MAR 10 (TUE)**      **LEADERSHIP MEETING**      **3:00 PM**

**MAR 11 (WED)**      **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**      **8:00 AM**  
**SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR**      **1:30 PM**  
**FELLOWSHIP MEAL—NANA'S**      **4:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**      **5:00 PM**

**MAR 15(SUN)**      **SUNDAY SCHOOL**      **9:15 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**      **10:30 AM**  
**THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST**  
 John 18:1-9

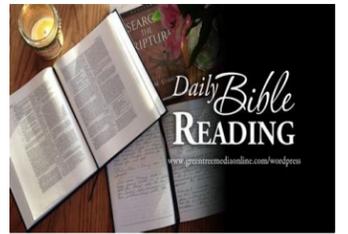
**MAR 18 (WED)**      **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**      **8:00 AM**  
**SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR**      **1:30 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**      **3:00 PM**

**MAR 22 (SUN)**      **SUNDAY SCHOOL**      **9:15 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**      **10:30 AM**  
**REFLECTION ON THE CROSS**  
 John 17:1-26

**MAR 25 (WED)**      **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**      **8:00 AM**  
**SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR**      **1:30 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**      **3:00 PM**

**MAR 29 (SUN)**      **SUNDAY SCHOOL**      **9:15 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**      **10:30 AM**  
**SEVEN WORDS OF THE CROSS**  
 John 19; Psalm 22

**MAR 30-APR 2**      **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**      **12:00 PM**



### MARCH 2026 BIBLE READING PLAN

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

# HOLY WEEK

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**  
 GORDON STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
 118 E GORDON STREET

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**  
 ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
 800 ROUNDTREE STREET

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**  
 ST JOHN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
 405 E BLOUNT STREET

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**  
 902 CHURCH  
 2009 CAREY ROAD

services begin at 12:00 and will be followed by lunch  
 organized by the Kinston-Lenoir Association of Congregations



Join us Wed. March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. for a **Fellowship Meal**, followed by Bible Study at 5:00 p.m. The meal will be catered by Nana's Catering.

The cost is \$12.00/person. Please call the church office by noon on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, to reserve your meal.

