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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church

Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

APRIL 2026

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**APRIL 2026
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Just as I Am

by Charlotte Elliot (1789 – 1871)

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, tho' tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings within and fears without
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just As I Am



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

April is the season of time where the last gasp of winter is still lingering. The dark days of winter are receding and the extended evening daylight is a welcomed sight. Daffodils that bloomed in March are slowly fading. Dogwoods are beginning to flower and after Easter, the red berries will appear. Of course, Spring would not be complete without pollen covering everything in its path.

This season of the year also brings back many memories of Easters long ago. Easter Egg hunts, family visits, new clothes, spring cleaning of the house, Spring Revivals, Palm Sunday celebrations, Sunrise services and various Easter Cantata's by the choir.

On April 2, 1971, I went forward to receive Jesus as my Savior during the last night of the revival on the last verse of the hymn, "Just As I Am." My grandmother later presented me with a Bible when she came and witnessed my baptism on May 16th.

Those six verses have stayed with me over the past 55 years. This hymn, written in 1822, has touched thousands of people over the years. The following hymn history of this song is written in the book, *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan.

Charlotte Elliott was an embittered woman from Brighton, England. Her health was broken, and her disability had hardened her. "If God loved me." she muttered, "He would not have treated me this way!"

Hoping to help her, a Swiss minister, Dr. Cesar Malan, visited the Elliotts on May 9, 1822. Over dinner, Charlotte lost her temper and railed against God and family in a violent outburst. Her embarrassed family left the room, and Dr. Malan was left alone with her.

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Join us at 9:15 each Sunday Morning

**APRIL THEME:
GOOD QUESTIONS**

**MARCH 29TH
THE LAST DAYS OF THE OLD LIFE
Matthew 26:26-30, 36-46**

**APRIL 5TH
LIVING THE NEW WAY
Matthew 28:1-10; Colossians 3:1-4, 12-15**

**APRIL 12TH
NEW BIRTH AND LIVING HOPE
1 Peter 1:3-16**

**APRIL 19TH
BUILT OF LIVING STONES
1 Peter 1:17-25; 2:1-5, 9-10**

**APRIL 26TH
LIFE OF FREEDOM AND SERVICE
1 Peter 2:11-25**



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 be studying I Thessalonians in April. 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.

Just As I Am (Continued)

"You are tired of yourself, aren't you?" he asked. "You are holding to your hate and anger because you have nothing else in the world to cling to. Consequently, you have become sour, bitter, and resentful." "What is your cure?" asked Charlotte.

"The faith you are trying to despise." As they talked, Charlotte softened. "If I wanted to become a Christian and to share the peace and joy you possess," she finally asked, "What would I do?"

"You would give yourself to God just as you are now, with your fightings and fears, hates and loves, pride and shame." "I would come to God just as I am? Is that right?"

Charlotte did come just as she was, and her heart was changed that day. As time passed, she found and claimed John 6:37 as a special verse for her: "He who comes to Me I will by no means cast out."

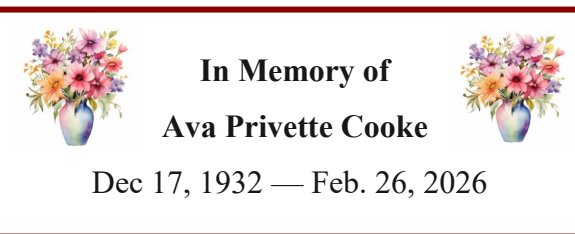
Years later, her brother, Rev. Henry Elliott, was raising funds for a school for the children of poor clergymen. Charlotte wrote a poem, and it was printed and sold across England. The leaflet said: *Sold for the Benefit of St. Margaret's Hall, Brighton: Him That Cometh to Me I Will in No Wise Cast Out.* Underneath was Charlotte's poem-which has since become the most famous invitational hymn in history.

Charlotte lived to be 82 and wrote about 150 hymns, though she never enjoyed good health. As her loved ones sifted through her papers after her death, they found over a thousand letters she had kept in which people expressed their gratitude for the way this hymn had touched their lives.

Isn't it amazing that God loves us and He will accept us, just as we are! He will not cast us out!



BETH CRISP 4-2
DANNY RICE 4-6
LARRY WILLIAMS 4-30



2026 Holy Week Services
Kinston, NC

Sponsored by
Kinston/Lenoir Association of Congregations

Services begin at Noon each day, followed by a soup/sandwich meal provided by the Kinston/Lenoir Association of Congregations.

Monday, March 30th **Location:** Gordon Street Christian Church
118 E. Gordon Street
Speaker: Rev. Jimmy Lewis
Grove Park Christian Church

Tuesday, March 31st **Location:** St. Mary's Episcopal Church
800 Roundtree Street
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Laura Wood
Gordon Street Christian Church

Wednesday, April 1st **Location:** St. John Free Will Baptist Church
405 E. Blount Street
Speaker: John Robert Harris
Faith Fellowship Church

Thursday, April 2nd **Location:** 902 Church
2009 Carey Road
Speaker: Dr. Pamela Boyd
St. John Free Will Baptist Church

Holy Week offerings will go to support
Backpack Buddies and the Lenoir County
High Schools Bible History Classes



Join us Wed. April 8th at 5:00 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. Please make your reservations by April 5th.



APRIL 2026

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

NOON

APR 1 (WED) MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR 2:30 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM

APR 5 (SUN) SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD'S SUPPER 10:30 AM
IF THE TOMB COULD TALK
John 20:1-10

APR 6 (MON) OFFICE CLOSED—EASTER MONDAY

APR 8 (WED) MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR 2:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP MEAL—SMITHFIELD 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM

APR 12 (SUN) SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM
GONE FISHING—John 21

APR 14 (TUE) LEADERSHIP MEETING 3:00 PM

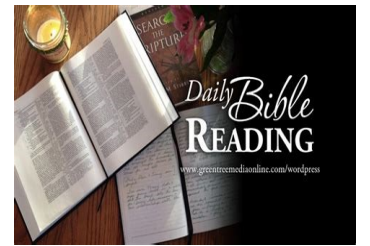
APR 15 (WED) MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR 2:30 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM

APR 19 (SUN) SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM
THE WATER AND THE WOMAN
John 4:4-29

APR 22 (WED) MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR 2:30 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM

APR 26 (SUN) SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 AM
WHO WAS THIS MAN?
John 5:19-30

APR 29 (WED) MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:00 AM
SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR 2:30 PM
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 4:00 PM



APRIL 2026 BIBLE READING PLAN

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