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# THE TIE

**Spilman Memorial Baptist Church**

*Our Mission is to ...*

*Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others*

**JULY 2026**

### 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



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### Celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, The United States of America will be celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This Declaration was signed by 56 individuals from 13 Colonies that pledged their allegiance to the birth of a new nation and set their lives, families, wealth, and security in jeopardy as they separated from the mightiest nation on earth at the time, Great Britain.



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

Thomas Jefferson is cited as the person responsible for drafting the Declaration of Independence with revisions later made by Congress. The first line in the Declaration states: *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."* This one sentence has been quoted by every generation of Americans since it was first inscribed on paper.

Over the years, our nation has experienced many different bloody challenges. The results of the Revolutionary War (1775-1783) gained our nations freedom from Great Britain and was led by George Washington. The American Civil War (1861-1865) brought freedom to all citizens which was formalized by the Emancipation Proclamation signed by Abraham Lincoln. Other wars our nation has fought include: The War of 1812, The Mexican-American War (1846-1848), The Spanish-American War (1898), World War I (1914-1918), World War II (1939-1945), Korean War (1950-1953), and Vietnam War (1961-1973). Even today, our nation is involved in several military actions around the world.

Lee Greenwood wrote a song that I am sure will be sung many times across America during July. One of the lines in the song says, "And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free, and I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me. And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today. 'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land! God bless the U.S.A."

Many people shout, "America is not perfect!" It is a land of imperfect people trying to live out an impossible vision of freedom. Yet, after 250 years, we can point to our constitution that still promotes the Freedom of Speech where Americans can express their views openly without fear of punishment. Freedom of Religion where individuals and groups may practice their faith openly without governmental interference. We strive to maintain a Fair Voting System which allows citizens to elect their leaders through a democratic process.

America has been called a great Melting Pot of cultures: The U.S. has been known for welcoming people from various backgrounds, contributing to a rich cultural tapestry. Americans are also known for their generosity and innovation. The US and many non-profits provide significant aid to other countries during disasters and crisis.

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Join us at 9:15 each Sunday Morning

**JULY THEME:**  
**DEEP THOUGHTS ON FAITH**

**JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**WHAT IS GOOD**  
Romans 7:12-25a; Psalm 145:8-14

**JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SET THE MIND**  
Romans 8:1-11; Psalm 119:105-112

**JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
**WILL AND WAY**  
Romans 8:12-25; Psalm 86:11-15

**JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NEVER SEPARATED**  
Romans 8:26-28, 31-39; Psalm 119:129-135



### 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 Ephesians in July. 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!



## Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary (Cont.)

America has had a strong history of technological advancements and innovations. Collectively these shared experiences and environment of freedom have shaped the culture and our nation.

Intricately woven into the fabric of America, is the providential hand of God in the affairs of our country. May the soul of our America never forget God, who is the molder and shaper of individuals (Psalm 1) and nations (Psalm 2)

As we celebrate this Semiquincentennial (250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), may we turn our hearts and minds back to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us take to heart the word from 2 Chronicles 7:14: *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

**Lord – Hear Our Prayer, Forgive Our Sin, Heal Our Land**



LENNIE PETERSON	6
MICHELE WILLS	6
SHELLY BANKS	8
R.E. CHEEK	9
DON LOCKAMY	21
MARJORIE FIELDS	23
MARIE BLIZZARD	24
MADISON HERRING	29

## 4th of JULY WORD SEARCH

F P Y V B V C O N S T I T U T I O N F H  
 B V K I N A R C F I R E C R A C K E R F  
 B A R B E C U E F R E E D O M J A Q C I  
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BARBECUE	CONSTITUTION	PARADE	HOLIDAY
JULY	RED	CELEBRATION	DECLARATION
PATRIOTIC	EAGLE	FLAG	FREEDOM
INDEPENDENCE	BLUE	FIRECRACKER	PICNIC
GRILL	LIBERTY	HAT	WHITE
FIREWORKS	FOURTH	SPARKLER	SUMMER

### In Memory of

**Pennie Faye Howard**

August 22, 1975 — January 1, 2026

**Rosa Ann Osborne Chaney**

August 16, 1937 — June 25, 2026



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 apart of our worship by joining us on Facebook.



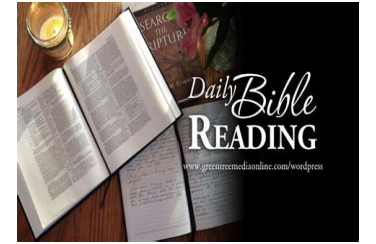
**Deacon  
of the Month  
Pat Moore  
July 2026**

Pat Moore became a member of Spilman Memorial Baptist Church in 2016. She has been an active member serving as a member of the Kitchen Committee, Nominating Committee, Teller Committee, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Chairperson of the Bereavement Committee. She is serving her fourth term as a Spilman Deaconess and is Secretary of the Diaconate. She also helps in the Sound Room each Sunday morning. Pat enjoys being a part of the Wednesday afternoon Bible Study. She has two children, Shane and Tara, and one granddaughter, Alayna.

## JULY 2026

<b>JULY 1 (WED)</b>	<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>8:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM</b>
<b>JULY 5 (SUN)</b>	<b>NO DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD'S SUPPER IF YOU LOVE ME ... John 14:15-21</b>	<b>9:15 AM 10:30 AM</b>
<b>JULY 8 (WED)</b>	<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>8:00 AM NO MEETING NO MEETING</b>
<b>JULY 12 (SUN)</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE GUEST SPEAKER DR. GLENN PHILLIPS RETIRED FBC, GOLDSBORO NC</b>	<b>9:15 AM 10:30 AM</b>
<b>JULY 14 (TUES)</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP MEETING</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>JULY 15 (WED)</b>	<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM</b>
<b>JULY 19 (SUN)</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE WHY ARE WE HERE? Acts 2:42-47</b>	<b>9:15 AM 10:30 AM</b>
<b>JULY 22 (WED)</b>	<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>8:00 AM NO MEETING NO MEETING</b>
<b>JULY 26 (SUN)</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE TO EVANGELIZE Acts 2:42-47</b>	<b>9:15 AM 10:30 AM</b>
<b>JULY 29 (WED)</b>	<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</b>	<b>8:00 AM NO MEETING NO MEETING</b>

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### BIBLE READING PLAN

- 1 Psalm 63-70
- 2 Psalm 71-77
- 3 Psalm 78-84
- 4 Psalm 85-91
- 5 Sunday—No Reading
- 6 Psalm 92-103
- 7 Psalm 104-107
- 8 Psalm 108-118
- 9 Psalm 119
- 10 Psalm 120-137
- 11 Psalm 138-147
- 12 Sunday—No Reading
- 13 Psalm 148-150;  
Proverbs 1-5
- 14 Proverbs 6-10
- 15 Proverbs 11-15
- 16 Proverbs 16-21
- 17 Proverbs 22-25
- 18 Proverbs 26-30
- 19 Sunday—No Reading
- 20 Proverbs 31;  
Ecclesiastes 1-4
- 21 Ecclesiastes 5-9
- 22 Ecclesiastes 10-12;  
Song of Solomon 1-5
- 23 Song of Solomon 6-8;  
Isaiah 1-2
- 24 Isaiah 3-7
- 25 Isaiah 8-11
- 26 Sunday—No Reading
- 27 Isaiah 12-17
- 28 Isaiah 18-22
- 29 Isaiah 23-27
- 30 Isaiah 28-31
- 31 Isaiah 32-36