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Join us at 9:15 each Sunday Morning

AUGUST THEME:
DISCIPLES AND CROWDS

AUGUST 2ND
HUNGRY FOR COMPASSION
Matthew 14:1-2, 6-21

AUGUST 9TH
BIG AND LITTLE FAITH
Matthew 14:22-33; 15:1-9

AUGUST 16TH
WHAT WE THINK IS CLEAN
Matthew 15:10-28

AUGUST 23RD
WHAT DO YOU KNOW
Matthew 16:1-2a, 4-20

AUGUST 30TH
THE MEANING OF LIFE
Matthew 16:21-17:8

A New School Year Begins with a Song!
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11. Rock of Ages – *Author: Augustus Toplady (1776)*

12. A Mighty Fortress Is Our God –
Author: Martin Luther (1529)

13. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name –
Author: Edward Perronet (1780)

14. Jesus Paid It All – *Author: Elvina Hall (1865)*

15. Crown Him with Many Crowns –
Author: Matthew Bridges (1851)

Is there a hymn that you would have added to this list?
I would love to hear about it.

If you want the full
Top 100 list, please
let me know. I will be
sure and make it
available to you.



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
Donna Keith—Congregational Nurse
Michelle Sutton, Finance Assistant
Jerry Crisp, Security

A New School Year Begins with a Song!

As Summer begins to fade, and fall is still many months away, the sales flyers from Walmart, Target, Staples, and Office Depot are reminding us that the opening days of school are only a few weeks away. I fondly remember buying all the school specials so I could give them to the children at church the week prior to school starting. I would always cheerfully say, *"It's the most wonderful time of the year!"* Without fail, the children would roll their eyes and groan at the thought of school starting soon.

This year, Meg Pileggi (Head of School at the Collective Leadership Academy) has invited me to lead Wednesday mornings opening assembly by introducing a new hymn to the students each week. Meg has told me many times that the hymns she learned growing up in church were valuable for her faith formation and she wants to instill that same love for the Lord and the music of the church. While the Collective Church may use more contemporary songs in their worship service, the hymns teach us about the care and concern our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has for us.

Spilman is a church that has centered its worship around the great hymns of the faith. I personally find great comfort when an old hymn comes to my mind and I begin to sing the words in personal worship. For me, it's as if the Lord wants to reassure me with the words I am singing at that particular moment. Take a moment and look over the list of the Top 15 Hymns and see how many you know. May all of us have a song in our heart to worship that helps us in our personal daily walk with the Lord.

The Top 100 Old Hymns: A Definitive List (I have only listed the top 15 in this list)

This list of **Old Hymns** has stood the test of time and continues to inspire worshippers around the world. These hymns reflect rich theology, timeless worship, and powerful devotion.

- 1. Amazing Grace** – *Author: John Newton (1779)*
- 2. How Great Thou Art** – *Translated by: Stuart K. Hine (1949)*
- 3. It Is Well with My Soul** – *Author: Horatio Spafford (1873)*
- 4. Holy, Holy, Holy** – *Author: Reginald Heber (1826)*
- 5. Great Is Thy Faithfulness** – *Author: Thomas Chisholm (1923)*
- 6. What a Friend We Have in Jesus** – *Author: Joseph Scriven (1855)*
- 7. Blessed Assurance** – *Author: Fanny J. Crosby (1873)*
- 8. The Old Rugged Cross** – *Author: George Bennard (1913)*
- 9. Be Thou My Vision** – *Translated by: Eleanor Hull (1912)*
- 10. Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** – *Author: Robert Robinson (1757)*

"Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Ephesians 5:19-20



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

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Introducing Spilman’s
Congregational Nurse

During our February Church Conference, we approved adding a Congregational Nurse (8 hours/week) to the staff at Spilman Memorial Baptist Church. Funding for this position has come from a donation made years ago for a New Staff Position. From our discussions, Donna Keith stepped forward as the ideal candidate to assist the members of Spilman with our growing medical concerns and needs.



Donna Keith grew up at Spilman with her family and was baptized in 1968. Over the years she has served on many different committees. She currently serves on Personnel, Spilman on Mission, and the Congregational Nurse Committee. Donna is honored to serve as Spilman’s Congregational Nurse. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from East Carolina University and has been a registered nurse for 48 years. During her nursing career, she has worked in medical-surgical nursing and several other specialties, always striving to provide compassionate, patient-centered care.

Donna is grateful for the opportunity to combine her faith and nursing experience to support the health and well-being of her church family. She lives in Kinston with her two dogs, Gibbs and McGee.

Family is one of Donna’s greatest blessings. She enjoys spending time with her brother and sister-in-law, Earl and Mary Margaret Keith, her four nieces and their husbands, and her five great-nephews. She is excited to welcome a sixth great-nephew in September.

Donna looks forward to serving the congregation with compassion, encouragement, and Christ’s love.

Donna will begin reaching out to church members in August 2026 to see how she can be of service to you. Please take time this week to welcome Donna to this new ministry of service among the members of Spilman.



Carol Stevens	3
Lisa Cromer	4
Nola Tyndall	9
Betty Tabb	18
Brooks Bennett	22
Jay Koonce	28



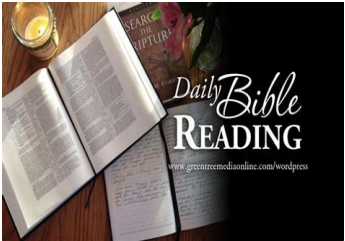
Deacon
of the Month
Doug Blizzard
August 2026

Doug has been a member of Spilman for 50 plus years. This is his fifth term serving on the diaconate. He has also served as a Spilman trustee twice. Doug has worked with the NC Baptist Men’s Disaster Relief for several years as a communication specialist. This has included trips to Texas and New Jersey. Forty-seven years ago, Doug married his high school sweetheart, Kay Allen. They have one daughter, Sarah Beth who lives in Vermont.

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AUG 2 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL	8:00 AM 9:15 AM
	WORSHIP SERVICE—LORD’S SUPPER WHY ARE WE HERE? DISCIPLESHIP—Acts 2:42-47	10:30 AM
AUG 4 (TUE)	TRUSTEE LISTENING SESSION	10:00 AM
AUG 5 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
AUG 9 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE WHY ARE WE HERE? MINISTER—Acts 2:42-47	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
AUG 10 (MON)	TRUSTEE LISTENING SESSION	3:00 PM
AUG 12 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM NO MEETING NO MEETING
AUG 16 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE WHY ARE WE HERE? WORSHIP—Acts 2:42-47	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
AUG 19 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
AUG 20 (THU)	TRUSTEE LISTENING SESSION	10:00 AM
AUG 23 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE WHY ARE WE HERE? COMMUNITY AND FELLOWSHIP Acts 2:42-47 CHURCH CONFERENCE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 3:00 PM
AUG 25 (TUE)	TRUSTEE LISTENING SESSION	7:00 PM
AUG 26 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	8:00 AM NO MEETING NO MEETING
AUG 30 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE	9:15 AM 10:30 AM

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BIBLE READING PLAN

- ☐ 1 Isaiah 37-40
- ☐ 2 Sunday—No Reading
- ☐ 3 Isaiah 41-43
- ☐ 4 Isaiah 44-47
- ☐ 5 Isaiah 48-51
- ☐ 6 Isaiah 52-57
- ☐ 7 Isaiah 58-62
- ☐ 8 Isaiah 63-66
- ☐ 9 Sunday—No Reading
- ☐ 10 Jeremiah 1-3
- ☐ 11 Jeremiah 4-6
- ☐ 12 Jeremiah 7-9
- ☐ 13 Jeremiah 10-13
- ☐ 14 Jeremiah 14-16
- ☐ 15 Jeremiah 17-20
- ☐ 16 Sunday—No Reading
- ☐ 17 Jeremiah 21-23
- ☐ 18 Jeremiah 24-26
- ☐ 19 Jeremiah 27-30
- ☐ 20 Jeremiah 31-32
- ☐ 21 Jeremiah 33-34
- ☐ 22 Jeremiah 35-37
- ☐ 23 Sunday—No Reading
- ☐ 24 Jeremiah 38-41
- ☐ 25 Jeremiah 42-44
- ☐ 26 Jeremiah 45-48
- ☐ 27 Jeremiah 49-50
- ☐ 28 Jeremiah 51-52
- ☐ 29 Lamentations 1-2
- ☐ 30 Sunday—No Reading
- ☐ 31 Lamentations 3-5; Ezekiel 1-2



Lenoir County Schools — August 25th
Collective Leadership Academy—September 2nd