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Spilman Memorial Baptist Church
Our Mission is to ...

Worship God, Serve Him, and Serve Others

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THE TIE



What If It Were Today?

There has been a lot of activity recently from individuals on social media talking about the various prophetic events that seem to be eerily similar to what the Bible predicts will occur before the Lord returns to take believers home to be with Him. There is a lot of discussion about rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem. Some have reported that a red heifer has been



DR. H. POWELL DEW, JR.

offered as a sacrifice in preparation of beginning the Priestly duties in the Temple once again. There is discussion of a possible Peace Treaty with the nations around Israel to sign the Abraham Accord. Of course, all of us have heard of wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, diseases, (Matt. 24:6-8) the breakdown of the family, the falling away of believers, and the man of lawlessness who would appear before the Lord returns (2 Thess. 2:1-12).

There have been many Christians speculating and predicting the time-line for the return of the Lord. I have heard of various “Prophets, Priests, and Pastors” jumping on this band wagon many times over my life. During seasons like this, I am reminded of the verse, “*No one knows the day nor the hour*” of the Lord’s return. (Matt. 24:36) There are people claiming to have had a “vision,” “word from the Lord,” or a new calculation for God’s timeline. Many of them point to the season of Rosh Hashanah, (The Feast of Trumpets) as the time when the Lord will return. This year it will fall on Sept. 11th – 13th.

There are some very compelling arguments for this year being the year, just as there have been in past years. Recently, I have thought of Christ’s coming with great expectation. The church has waited almost 2000 years since the Lord ascended back into heaven and promised to return in the same manner in which He left. (Acts 1:11).

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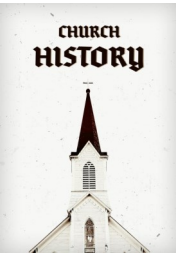
Lelia Naylor Morris (1862-1929)

Jesus is coming to earth again--
What if it were today?
Coming in power and love to reign--
What if it were today?
Coming to claim His chosen Bride,
All the redeemed and purified,
Over this whole earth scattered wide--
What if it were today?
Chorus:
Glory, glory! Joy to my heart 'twill bring;
Glory, glory! When we shall crown Him King.
Glory, glory! Haste to prepare the way;
Glory, glory! Jesus will come someday.

Satan's dominion will then be o'er--
O that it were today!
Sorrow and sighing shall be no more--
O that it were today!
Then shall the dead in Christ arise,
Caught up to meet Him in the skies;
When shall these glories meet our eyes?
What if it were today?
Chorus

Faithful and true would He find us here
If He should come today?
Watching in gladness and not in fear,
If He should come today?
Signs of His coming multiply,
Morning light breaks in eastern sky;
Watch, for the time is drawing nigh--
What if it were today?
Chorus

**Wednesday Study Topic:
Church History**



Over the next several months we will begin examining the history of the Church since the early days of the Apostles. During the month of September, our topics will include:

the early church leaders, the Apostles Creed, Gnosticism, desert fathers, the persecution of the church, various martyrs, the Nicene Creed, as well as the transformation of the church through the actions of Emperor Constantine.

I want to encourage you to set aside time to learn more about these foundational principles on which the church of today has been built upon. Hope to see you then!

9/9 The Gospels and the Apostles	67—177 AD
9/16 Balancing the Past and Present	90—250 AD
9/23 The Church Wins ... and Loses	247—420 AD
9/30 Servant-Leaders OR Leaders of Servants	367—664 AD



Join us at 9:15 each Sunday Morning

**SEPTEMBER THEME:
TOUGH LOVE**

**SEPTEMBER 6TH
LOST AND LOOSED
Matthew 18:7-20**

**SEPTEMBER 13TH
FORGIVE AND RECEIVE
Matthew 18:21-35**

**SEPTEMBER 20TH
WORK AND PAY
Matthew 20:1-19**

**SEPTEMBER 27TH
FAITH AND FRUIT
Matthew 21:15-27**

What If It Were Today? (Continued)

I Thes.4:16-17 reminds us; “For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

If this is the year, then I have been preparing my heart to not hold on to the things of this earth so tightly. I have been looking at people differently in light of how brief life is and how important it is that we are right with the Lord before we take our last breath or the Lord calls us home. I am saddened to think many will be entering into a Christless eternity and how awful the Tribulation will be for those that are “Left Behind” once the restraining influence of the Holy Spirit is removed and believers are taken away.

I have been preaching for over 24 years now. This time last year, I preached a seven-part sermon series on the “Feasts of the Lord” as described in Leviticus 23. We examined the Jewish Spring Feasts which included, *Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, and Pentecost*. All four of these Feasts have already been fulfilled, mirroring Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection – each one on the exact day of the feast, as well as the Holy Spirit arriving on the day of Pentecost. The three remaining Fall Feasts, *Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles* have yet to be fulfilled.

Through the centuries, the church has anxiously been waiting for the Lord’s return to take His Bride (the Church) to be with Him for all time and eternity. I honestly do not know if this will be the year ... but if it is, I want to be found ready with my lamps filled with oil, my wicks trimmed and burning bright (Matt. 25:1-13), waiting for His return!

Are you ready if the Lord returns this year?



Susan Conway	1
Ella Wade	13
Jimmy Powers	28
Lewis Barwick	30
Sandra Drum	30

Does your church office receive calls from people in Kinston and Lenoir County who are seeking help? People often turn to churches when they need assistance with food, utilities, or rent. While we all want to keep our neighbors fed, sheltered, and safe, we don't always know *how* to help.

If we've just described you or your church, then put our September gathering on your calendar. The presentation will equip you with knowledge about the resources available in our community and empower you to respond effectively when someone asks for assistance.

Sponsored by the Association of Congregations
Date: September 9th
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Location: Neuse Regional Library

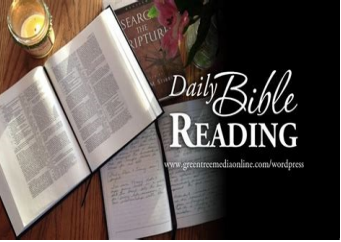
**Deacon
of the Month
Jerry Crisp
September 2026**

Jerry grew up in the Hudson/Lenoir area of Western NC. He is a proud fan and graduate of NCSU. Jerry and Beth have been married for over 40 years. Beth and Jerry are the proud parents of Shelly and Jeremy and the grandparents of two wonderful girls, Madeline and Lilly. Jerry is currently the deacon chair and a member of several Church Committees. He’s one of several individuals that keep the media booth running on Sunday mornings. Jerry can also be spotted in the evenings checking the church, making sure the property is secure.

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SEPT2 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Eph. 6	8:00 AM 11:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
SEPT 6 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE-LORD’S SUPPER GLOOM! DESPAIR! AND AGONY ON ME! Part 1—1 Kings 19:1-10; Psalm 42:1-11	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
SEPT 7 (MON)	OFFICE CLOSED—LABOR DAY	
SEPT 9 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR FELLOWSHIP MEAL—NANA’S CHURCH HISTORY STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM
SEPT 13 (SUN)	DEACONS MEETING SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE GLOOM! DESPAIR! AND AGONY ON ME! Part 2—1 Kings 9:4-13	8:00 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM
SEPT 15 (TUES)	LEADERSHIP MEETING	3:00 PM
SEPT 16 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR CHURCH HISTORY STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
SEPT 20 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE GLOOM! DESPAIR! AND AGONY ON ME! Part 3—1 Kings 19:11-21	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
SEPT 23 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR CHURCH HISTORY STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM
SEPT 27 (SUN)	SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP SERVICE WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? Luke 10:25-37	9:15 AM 10:30 AM
SEPT 30 (WED)	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST SS CLASS AT SPRING ARBOR CHURCH HISTORY STUDY	8:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:00 PM

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BIBLE READING PLAN

- ☐ 1 Ezekiel 3-6
- ☐ 2 Ezekiel 7-10
- ☐ 3 Ezekiel 11-13
- ☐ 4 Ezekiel 14-16
- ☐ 5 Ezekiel 17-19
- ☐ 6 Sunday—No Reading
- ☐ 7 Ezekiel 20-21
- ☐ 8 Ezekiel 22-24
- ☐ 9 Ezekiel 25-27
- ☐ 10 Ezekiel 28-31
- ☐ 11 Ezekiel 32-33
- ☐ 12 Ezekiel 34-36
- ☐ 13 Sunday—No Reading
- ☐ 14 Ezekiel 37-39
- ☐ 15 Ezekiel 40-41
- ☐ 16 Ezekiel 42-44
- ☐ 17 Ezekiel 45-47
- ☐ 18 Ezekiel 48; Daniel 1-2
- ☐ 19 Daniel 3-4
- ☐ 20 Sunday—No Reading
- ☐ 21 Daniel 5-6
- ☐ 22 Daniel 7-9
- ☐ 23 Daniel 10-11
- ☐ 24 Daniel 12; Hosea 1-6
- ☐ 25 Hosea 7-12
- ☐ 26 Hosea 13-14; Joel 1-3
- ☐ 27 Sunday—No Reading
- ☐ 28 Amos 1-6
- ☐ 29 Amos 7-9; Obadiah 1; Jonah 1
- ☐ 30 Jonah 2-4; Micah 1-4



Join us Wed. Sept. 9th at 5:00 p.m. for a **Fellowship Meal**, followed by Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. The meal will be catered by Nana’s Catering.

The meal will consist of meatloaf, cream potatoes, cabbage, garden salad, rolls, tea, and banana pudding for dessert.

The cost is \$12.00/person. Please call the church office by noon on Monday, Sept. 7th, to reserve your meal.

