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SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 FALL EDITION

THE STURBIVANT

"We Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." - Lamentations 3:22-23

As the seasons turn and the leaves begin to fall, we are reminded that change is a constant part of life. The air grows cooler, the days shorter, and yet the same God who set the seasons in motion is the One who holds us steady through all life's transitions.

This past year has not been without its challenges—both in the world around us and in our personal journeys. We've witnessed uncertainty, division, and loss. And yet, Springfield, the Word of God assures us that His mercies are new every morning. While the ground beneath us may feel unsteady, the love of our God never wavers.

Fall invites us into a posture of gratitude. It is the season of harvest, a time when we reflect on God's provision and care. Look around: for every prayer He has answered, for every tear He has dried, for every storm He has carried you through—there is evidence of His faithfulness. And when we are tempted to fear what lies ahead, we can rest in the truth that His compassions never fail.

So let's walk into this new season with thanksgiving in our hearts. Let's trust that the God who carried us yesterday, is the same God who sustains us today, and the same God who will guide us tomorrow.

May we be a church that lives out these words—not anxious, but anchored; not defeated, but determined; not weary, but renewed in the joy of the Lord.

His faithfulness remains. His mercies are new. His love endures forever.

God Bless,
Pastor Sturdivant



MEET THE **DEACON** DEACON FRED CLARKE Edition 1: Fall 2025

THE SPRINGFIELD CHRONICLES IS PLEASED TO SHARE WITH OUR READERS A NEW SEGMENT "MEET THE DEACON"

We hope to accomplish our purpose to minister, inform, inspire, and engage the Springfield Baptist Church members, guests, and community through outreach and distribution of the Springfield Chronicles

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to thine own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path. Proverbs 3:5-6 It has been a bedrock for me, a constant reminder to trust in the Lord wholeheartedly rather than relying on my own limited understanding.





Pictured above (left to right): Sis. Sharon Clarke and Deacon Fred Clarke

How many years have you served as a Deacon at Springfield?

I was ordained in 2007, so I have served for 18 years.

What does "servant" mean to you? To me, a servant is someone who intentionally prioritizes the needs of others. It's not about self-neglect, but about being aware of your surroundings and ensuring those in need are seen, heard, and resourced.

What other ministries are you assigned to? I currently serve as the liaison to The Athletic, Flossy & Jessie Avery, and Food ministries. Each plays a vital role, and it's a pleasure to support their leaders and future initiatives.

Who is your spouse? My spouse is Sharon Marie Clarke, my wife of 32 years.

YOUR FAVORITES

What is your favorite saying of Pastor's? I appreciate when he says, "I'm going to let you behind the curtain." It means he's been in prayer and is about to share a vision that needs our collective prayer and support to implement.

Who is your favorite character in the Bible and why? David. Beyond his victories, I'm drawn to his profound humility, faithful heart, and willingness to repent. Those qualities are why he was called a man after God's own heart.

Deacon Clarke said of the I-L family group that he serves:

I've had the joy of serving them since my ordination and cherish the deep relationships we've built."



July 2025

Millicent-Elles Green
Daveyon Montague
Nikki Hinnant
Khara Sturdivant
Kevin Thomas
Natasha Jackson
Cornelius Jackson
Lenard Moore
Aubrey Eatmon
Cimeone Reeves

Ladeana Thigpen Ranyia Thigpen Marvin Nurse Tabu Medju Paul Medju Beverly McGahee Erin Lewis











"Names of GDD" By Johnny Ray Moore

There are some names that give us hope, As we look to the hills. We should acknowledge what is found, Be faithful and be still. Those mighty names are full of grace, Of this we can be sure. Let's look to Him in all we do, He'll help us to endure. Creator, Savior, Yahweh, too, All names of GDD, we've heard. Such sacred names refer to Him, The proof is in His Word. It's good to know such precious names, There's power in each one. And in the end, we pray to hear Our Eavior say, "WELL DONE!"

The Scholarship Ministry and the Newsletter Ministry are super-intentional in making sure all graduates are recognized and honored for their accomplishment during the graduation season.

We want the congregation to be able to celebrate and recognize those that were missed in the 2025 Graduate Edition.

So read below to see the remaining 2025 High School graduates

Trust the Process Proverby 3:5-7



ZACCHAEUS EVANS

Zacchaeus graduated from Clayton High School in Clayton, NC on May 23rd. Currently, he owns a sport's organization, Ballers Unite.

Parent: Tausanna Evans Grandparents: Bro. Dennis & Sis. Peggy Dunston



SHAMIK FOGG



RANYAI THIGPEN

College

GRADUATES



JAHNERA HARRINGTON



ESTHER AGUILAR





Hi, please allow me to introduce myself, my name is **Helen Cobbin.** I have been a member of Springfield Baptist Church for twenty years. I joined Springfield on a Sunday when thirty worshipers decided to accept our Lord and Savior.





Having no control, the Holy Spirit lifted me from my seat, and I found myself walking towards the altar. After receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship, I immediately felt that this is where I'm supposed to be! Engaging and studying the Book of Romans, it was readily apparent that one of my gifts was "Hospitality." I find that no one is a stranger to me, whether at church or a Walmart parking lot, for I am always showing myself as friendly.

My career of over twenty-two years consisted of various managerial positions with multiple Telecommunication companies. I retired from Ameritech(Dutoit) in 2000 and relocated to North Carolina, eventually settling in Clayton.

I was born and raised in Springfield,
Massachusetts and baptized at Third
Baptist Church; the oldest black church
in Springfield. My travels have taken me
to Africa and from East to West coast.
During the course of my travels, I married
while in Los Angeles, California and is
blessed with one son and a loving
daughter-in-law.

I spend my days
"thrifting" and
gardening. I am
involved with several
ministries at
Springfield, always
demonstrating a
willingness to help
others while being
kind to everyone.

THE CYRUS CREW ... KELVIN, STEPHANIE, MYLES AND KARMEN

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CERTIFIED SAINT INTERROGATOR



Kelvin is a native of Rocky Mount, NC and he and his two younger sisters grew up members of the Pine Chapel Baptist Church in Hollister, NC. Stephanie and her younger sister are "army brats" with family ties in the Wilson and Greene county area. She had an upbringing in a non-denominational church. Both were blessed to grow up in households where we were encouraged to develop a relationship with Christ - and were each baptized during out pre-teen years. Stephanie sang in the children's choir coming up and also served as a 'Young Adult Missionary' and Usher before coming to Springfield. Kelvin spent time as a Junior Deacon in his younger years and more recently taught the Financial Peace University curriculum in small group classes while at Waye Church in Wilson.

The two met at freshman orientation in the summer of 1988 as they were about to head off to NC State; both of them were North Carolina Teaching Fellows so both studied education - Stephanie Science and Kelvin Math. They quickly became the best of friends and later began dating and were married in July 1996. While they were still dating, they began teaching and coaching in Wilson, NC - at rival high schools (Fike and Beddingfield). After some encouragement, both Stephanie and Kelvin decided to leave the classroom and head into administration - and since that time have traveled

across the state working in a variety of administrative roles in Jones, Craven, Beaufort and Lenoir counties before moving 'out west' to work in Asheville, and finally moving back to the Wilson area in 2015.

Along the way, they were blessed with two incredible children - Myles (24, a graduate of Fike High School and Wake Forest University) and Karmen (16, and a junior in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Smithfield Selma High School (SSŠ)). After Kelvin retired in 2022 and as Karmen was about to start her freshman year of high school, we relocated to Śmithfield, NC. After moving we were eager to find, a new church home and a friend/colleague encouraged us to check out Springfield - we knew immediately it was a special place. The family atmosphere drew us in and we loved the various ministry opportunities that were available. We serve in both the food distribution and the scholarship ministries and did so even before officially joining the church, which was about a year ago. We have made new friends heré including our very special pew family - and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and serving alongside so many wonderful people. Since becoming members, Stephanie's mom; Ruby Williams, has also joined the church - and she has loved meeting many other seniors and serving on Fridays helping prepare for the food distribution.

We're glad to have Myles back stateside he lived abroad working in an English
Immersion School for the last two years in
Madrid, Spain and now teaches high
school Science. Both Karmen and Myles
are fully bilingual though neither Kelvin nor
Stephanie speaks Spanish. We absolutely
adore watching Karmen as she performs
with the SSS Marching Band and competes
on school teams (volleyball and soccer)
and with her club travel volleyball team.

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE:
"HIS COMPASSIONS NEVER
FAIL. THEY ARE NEW EVERY
MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR
FAITHFULNESS."
LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23



We are extremely proud of our daughter Jaida! She currently serves as the Public Relations Chairman of the EFF (Esther Funds Foundation) Organization at UNCC. This organization helps foster college dropouts by providing necessary resources such as scholarships, mentorships, bible studies, etc. It provides a safe space community whereby students can talk about God and worship God while in school. Jaida's job is to reach out to students on campus and in the community and bring them to the Organization and share the "Good News of Jesus". She and her leadership team take their focus statement used in Esther serious which states "Made for such a time as this". Please continue to keep her in your prayers! Love,

Your Parents

Her favorite scripture Philippians 4:6-7 brings her peace and a sense of freedom. It reminds her that God not only hears our prayers but also cares for us so deeply that even though He is all-knowing. He still longs to hear from us whether our hearts are full of joy or weighed down with pain. Talking to God builds a genuine, personal relationship with Him. And when we offer praise in advance, it reflects a posture of faith and hope that even before God moves, we trust and believe He has already worked it out.





I am looking forward to what is ahead this year, as a senior Computer Engineering student, President of Aggies for Engineering and Community Enrichment, and an undergraduate researcher, and beyond!



As summer wraps up, I am excited to share highlights from my virtual Summer Software Engineering Internship with

For my project, I worked on efficiently collecting, organizing, and analyzing vehicle VIN data for new pending subscription activations, using APIs (PROMAN & Salesforce), Python, and Excel.

Through this experience, I had the opportunity to:

Stellantis!

- * Break ground on a real-world benefitting solution
- * Strengthen my global communication skills while collaborating with colleagues in France, Italy, India, and beyond
- * Gain hands-on experience extracting data through APIs
- * Explore how AI tools can enhance the coding process

AND Jessica took time
to reach back to those
coming behind her: she
created a video to
share with the campers
at the Springfield
STREAM Camp...she
covered what computer
engineering is, how she
knew she wanted to be
a computer engineer,
and how math plays
into her major.





ISAAC JENKINS

Over the past two summers, I had the opportunity to be part of the Strength and Conditioning staff at Coastal Carolina. That experience solidified my decision to pursue this field as a career. One of the most valuable lessons I learned was how to truly step into the role of a coach. Having played sports throughout high school, I was used to being on the receiving end of instruction—not giving it. Learning to communicate effectively, motivate athletes, and take command in a coaching environment was a major growth area for me.

Beyond developing my coaching presence, I gained deeper insight into strength programming, athlete relationships, and the behind-the-scenes operations of a football team. I built strong connections with the players, coaches, and fellow interns, and I'm looking forward to returning soon.









keeping our college students lifted in prayer as they navigate their transition into

disdo h Kaiya had a very successful first year at Hampton University. She maintained a strong GPA and in the spring semester successfully applied to the Freddye T. Davy Honors College. Her honors college induction ceremony took place in April and Kaiya finished her first year at Hampton University with a 3.98 GPA.

Over the summer Kaiya interned with the State of NC Department of Information Technology in Raleigh. She was hired as a budget analyst and said she's very grateful she was able to gain hands-on experience contributing to a real project that helped her team uncover cost inefficiencies in the state's IT department. She's also incredibly grateful to everyone at NCDIT for trusting her with meaningful work and encouraging her career growth.

Kaiya began her second year at Hampton University on August 27. This academic year she will volunteer with the Office of Admission by serving on the Student Recruitment Team and continue volunteering with Hampton University Athletics as a Sports Marketing and Fan Engagement intern.

To God be The Glory! 911 NMAC Network Monitoring & Assistance Cente 1-855-662-292

Kaiya's parents, Janelle and

college student. The Harris Family is thankful to Pastor Sturdivant and the entire church congregation for

Davon Harris are Godly proud of her success and

continued growth as a

adulthood and self-

sufficiency!

BET BELIEVER ENTERING TRAINING

WHO AM I

WHERE DO YOU
ATTEND SCHOOL?
Thales Academy
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
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WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE OTHER YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

You can do this keep on going!!

PARENTS

Bro. Rodney & Sis. Angela McCoy

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

THERE IS MORE

WHAT ACTIVITIES, CLUBS
OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
ARE YOU A PARTICIPANT IN?

Choir

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST?

Knowing that God always got me





And a child Shall lead them





Small But Mighty

Who is God to you?

- Leilani: He is strong and mighty! He can do anything! He watches over me!
- Maleia: My life is being held by God. He watches over me!

Why is having a relationship with God important?

- Leilani: Because He is the one who sacrificed His Son so our sins can be forgiven.
- Maleia: So my sins can be forgiven and I can have a second chance

How do you show others your love for God

- Leilani: I care about people...a girl in my class could not hear so I learned to sign so I could talk to her.
- Maleia: I care about my friends and I want them to be happy.





Leilani Nicole Sweeney



by Angela C. Phillips

As there becomes a change in the weather.

We begin to unpack our coats, scarves, and sweaters.

Our children start their return to school.

As the days begin to turn crisp and cool.

A change has begun across the landscape.

As trees develop a beautiful cape.

Just take a stroll, jog, or just drive around.

And you will see the change along our cities and towns.

Pumpkins appear in bins and ceramic ones on store shelves.
Which will later be replaced by turkeys and little red elves.
Doughnuts and pumpkin spice coffee began to appear.
Signaling the beginning of fall is here.

Colorful leaves of orange, red, gold, and brown.

Fall from the trees to scatter upon the ground.

It is Gods' creation that comes from his hand.

That causes the colorful trees placed upon the land.

Sit back with your coffee,

hot chocolate, or tea and enjoy the reason.

That God has allowed us to live and see another fall season.

"ANGER"

a poem about grief

This poem was submitted by a grieving heart to express the various emotions that can occur during the grieving process. It is the poem, Anger, written by Joanetta Hendel, is reprinted with permission from Bereavement Publishing, Inc. The letter was written by Dr. Linda E. Jordan and is used with her permission by Transitions LifeCare.

Grief is a price you pay for loving someone...

My Dear Friend,

I have a problem. Part of me wants to tell you about it. Part of me is screaming to be heard because my pain is great. But another part of me would rather keep it to myself. I don't want to share my grief with you because I am afraid of what you will say or how you will act.

I am afraid you will feel sorry for me, and treat me, like some "poor thing." That response makes me feel pathetic. I am not weak and useless; I have experienced a very significant loss, and I am bruised and hurting.

I am afraid you will try and cheer me up. You will tell me in some subtle way to stop feeling bad, and I will hide behind my smile. But inwardly, I will feel worse and regret even trying to explain how I feel.

I am afraid you will give me an answer, quote some text or scripture or make some pronouncement that belittles the depth of my struggles and pain.

I am afraid you will not hear me. You will change the subject, talk about your own problems, tell me how bad someone else has it, or make some excuse and leave.

What I would like is for you to listen to me as I begin blundering through my kaleidoscope of feelings—my memories, my regrets, my anger, my gratitude, my loneliness, and my confusion. I need you to be patient. I may need to tell my story over and over again so that I can hear it and begin believing it.

What I would really like is for you to say a word or make a motion that says, "I am with you." I don't need you to "fix" me or "change" me; I need you to make it safe for me to grieve. Maybe this little poem I found will help you walk with me:

Don't tell me that you understand
Don't tell me that you know.
Don't tell me that I will survive,
How I will surely grow.
Don't tell me this is just a test,
That I am truly blessed,
That I am chosen for this task,
Apart from the rest.
Don't come at me with answers,
That can only come from me.
Don't tell me how my grief will pass,
That I will soon be free.

Don't stand in pious judgement,
Of bonds I must untie,
Don't tell me how to suffer,
Don't tell me how to cry.
My life is filled with selfishness,
My pain is all I see,
But I need you, I need your love,
Unconditionally.
Accept me in my ups and downs,
I need someone to share,
Just hold my hand and let me cry,
And say, 'My friend, I care.'

Lovingly, Your Grieving Friend

DEAR

Springfield Family. Members & Friends.

To my church family, members, and friends at Springfield Baptist Church,

My name is Sandra Garris, a longtime SBC member. I am the daughter of the late Deacon Samuel and Annie B. Garris. Many members know me and my attendance at SBC, where I learned to put my trust in God. I love the Lord and I share your love for Him.

My youth was spent at SBC Sunday School, Bible School, BTU, youth choirs, revivals, and conventions. I was the chairman of the SBC Newsletter Committee for many years and enjoyed doing it. I was also a member of the SBC Voices. Currently, my health prevents me from being as active as I once was before,

Years ago, I had one of my kidneys removed. I have been through many illnesses within the last 5 years, and I know your prayers have helped me through to this point. I am currently experiencing end-stage renal disease and I need a kidney transplant for continuance of life.

My appeal to you today is to ask if one of my SBC family might be willing to donate a kidney to me. I would have the highest of THANK YOUS to any one who will consider accepting this challenge.

I can be reached at 984-302-4051 or samgarris@hotmail.com. Thank you for your attention, consideration, and help. May God continue to bless you and please continue to trust in God.

Sincerely, Sister Sandra Garris and family

()NGRATS WARRIE EVANS III



In 2020, Warrie was introduced to L'Arche North Carolina—a place where he could develop friendships beyond his family. The L'Arche community has visited art museums, cooked together, crafted, played music, and more. There are virtual events with other L'Arche chapters, including group prayers, bingo nights, and an inclusive book club. With his gregarious personality, Warrie quickly became an integral part of L'Arche

This summer, he attended the L'Arche Southeast Regional Gathering at Davidson College, where he met fellow community members. It was his first trip without family—a wonderful milestone for Warrie.





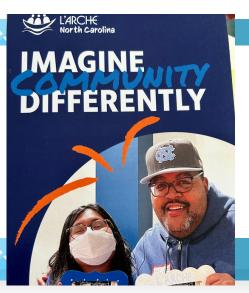
Spirit of Belonging Award

Excited to share that *Warrie was awarded L'Arche North Carolina's inaugural Spirit of Belonging Award* where He was recognized among his friends in the L'arche community for creating an environment belonging. Warrie did a great acceptance speech.

L'Arche North Carolina builds inclusive communities where people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities flourish together. L'Arche envisions a just society where all thrive. Thank you, L'Arche, for emphasizing belonging and equality.



Warrie was also the face of the L'Arche brochure





The Dawes family is elated to share that our daughter and sister,
Jessica Dawes, has been elected as the President for Aggies for
Engineering and Community
Enrichment(AECE) for the 2025-26 school year.



Jessica Dawes

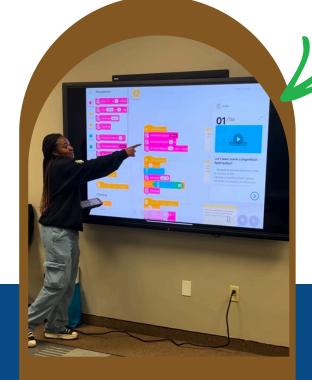
AGGIES DO!

AECE is a student-led organization on North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's campus.

Their mission is to encourage college students to develop and grow their knowledge and technical skills while also having a positive impact on the community around them with an overall focus on STEM.

They have done this by mentoring elementary kids in Spike Prime Robotics, teaching STEM lessons to Girls Scouts, and cleaning the community's environment through Adopt-A-Stream endeavors.

Jessica is honored and can't wait to serve and continue the mission of AECE during her Senior year of college!





Moses Fabulous Cakes, Jams, Crafts

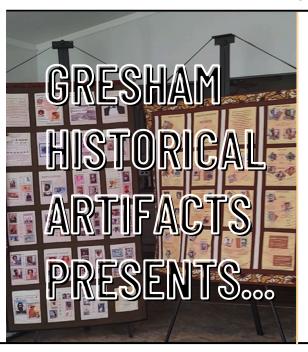
will be heading to the GHOE (Greatest Homecoming On Earth) at NC A&T State University, as a vendor for the 2025 Aggie Fest.



The dates are
October 10, (4pm to 8pm)
October 11, (8am to 8pm)
October 12, (8am to 12 pm)



Come do your Christmas shopping, sample great new exciting tastes of fresh products with no chemicals or preservatives. Old recipes that date back to my ancestors days of cooking. Look for the Aggie Man flapping in the wind.



Come and take a stroll through the journey of our rich past with my

16 Quilt Collection
of Biblical Coins and African Americans
Heritage Depicted on Stamps, Coins,
Medals, and U.S. Currency

Garner Performing Arts Center (GPAC) 742 W. Garner Rd. Garner, NC December 2, 2025 - Mid-January 2026

PLEASE JOIN ME, SHERROD GRESHAM, AT GPAC FOR A RECEPTION

DECEMBER 14, 2025 TIME: 2:00 - 4:00





SAVE THE DATE economic empowerment ministry | EEM

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Gather your loved ones for a joyful journey through our Christmas Destination Business Fair—a festive celebration filled with gifts, music, and meaningful connections. Whether you're sipping cocoa, watching your kids make crafts, or discovering new vendors that empower your spirit and future—this is your stop for joy, togetherness, and growth.

This business fair showcases black owned entrepreneurs and community leaders in a marketplace wrapped in warmth, inspiration, and the wonder of the season.

Experience:

- · Christmas-themed booths & décor
- · Unique holiday gifts & handcrafted goods
- · Faith-based resources for spiritual renewal
- · Financial empowerment tools for the new year
- · Door Prizes
- · Food Trucks
- · Fun & fellowship for the whole family

Get ready to spread some cheer and show off your creativity in our exciting contests!

- Cookie Bake-Off Contest: Bring your best recipes and baking skills to the table!
 Whether it's a classic sugar cookie or a unique holiday twist, we're ready to taste the joy.
- Gift Wrapping Contest: Turn ordinary presents into works of art! Show off your wrapping flair with ribbons, paper, and a touch of Christmas spirit.

To participate or learn more, email <u>eem@springfieldbaptistchurch.com</u> or speak with any member of the EEM ministry team.

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Sunday School Classroom Locations

Senior Class - Fellowship Hall Teachers: Sis Bowden, Dec Cooper Dr. Hawkins, Min Wilmore

Adult Class - DSMB, Room 182 Teachers: Sis Aguilar, Rev Farmer, Dec Gibson, Bro Hinton, Bro Marshall

Young Adult Class - DSMB, Room 238
Teachers: Rev Davis, Sis Hinton,
Rev Turner

Youth Class - DSMB, Room 234 Teachers: Bro Davis, Sis Dobbin, Sis. Emerson, Sis Evans

Children Class - DSMB, Room 242 Teachers: Bro Dobbin, Sis Nalls, Sis Stokes, Sis Twitty

Economic Empowerment Class - DSMB, Room 248
Teachers: Sis Dawkins, Sis Holloway,
Dec Jenkins

OCTOBER SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS Jeremiah & the Promise of Renewal

October 5 Who, Me?

(Jeremiah 1:6-10, 26:8,9, 12-16)

October 12 Walk the Talk

(Jeremiah 7:1-11, 21-23)

October 19 Promises, Promises

(Jeremiah 35:5-11)

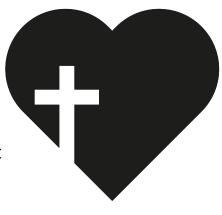
October 26 The Heart Wants What the Heart

Wants

(Jeremiah 31:31:29-34; John 1:17)

November 2 Well, That's a Deep Subject

(Jeremiah 38:7-13)



NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Ezekiel & the Exile of Judah November 9 We've Fallen & We Can't Get Up

(2 Kings 24:18-20, 25:1-9)

November 16 The Medium Is the Medium

(Ezekiel 3:10,11; 24:15-24, 27)

November 23 To Everything Turn, Turn, Turn

(Ezekiel 33:7-16a)

November 30 Hope Floats

(Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12)



ARE YOU READY TO SERVE



THE WALKING TRACK, EXERCISE AND GAME ROOM ARE ACCESSIBLE DURING ALL SCHEDULED ACTIVITY TIME SLOTS.
PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL CHILDREN AGED 10 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
ADDITIONALLY, INDIVIDUALS MUST SIGN IN FOR ALL ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATE AT THEIR OWN RISK.

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REV. DR. KEVIN D. STURDIVANT, SENIOR PASTOR



Your passion for service makes our church a better place, and we couldn't do it without you.

Join us in making a difference in our community and church by serving in the WINGS (Workers in God's Service) Ministry. You can make a real difference in the lives of others by volunteering for our weekly activities in the multipurpose building.

Our volunteers help welcome visitors who come to participate in a variety of physical activities. This includes our Walking Track, Exercise Room, Game Room, Zumba, Line Dancing and Tone & Fit classes.

If you are passionate, reliable, a team player, patient, energetic and willing to help, you will be an asset to our team.

For more information email wings@springfieldbaptistchurch.com or text Martha Hardy at 919-332-3703 or Shelby Harwell at 919-264-6937









Thank you Tanisha Woods



Thank you to all the participants





And God gets all the glory for what we learned

Economic Empowerment Ministry News

STEADY PLODDING

Proverbs 21:5 reads

Steady Plodding brings prosperity, hasty speculation brings poverty. If you want to learn to invest wisely, you can join Steady Plodding and learn how to make wise investments. There are several people willing to teach you if you are ready to learn. If interested contact us at

steadyploddingsbc@gmail.com



BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Business Directory Review & Correction Notice

Economic Empowerment Ministry has completed a comprehensive review of our online business directory to ensure all listings are accurate, up-to-date, and reflective of the vibrant community we serve. If you notice any outdated information, missing details, or inaccuracies in your business listing, we invite you to submit corrections.

SPRINGFIELD BUSINESS DIRECTORY

 You can download the directory from the SBC website.

How to Submit Corrections:

- 1. Visit the directory page and locate your business listing.
- 2. Email us directly at

eem@springfieldbaptistchurch.com

3. Include your business name, corrected information, and any relevant updates (e.g., hours, contact info, website, services).

Your input helps us maintain a reliable resource for customers and community members.

Thank you for helping us keep the directory current and useful!



On Saturday, June 28th the Economic Empowerment Ministry at Springfield Baptist

Church in Raleigh hosted a dynamic Homeownership Workshop that brought together a community passionate about building legacy through real estate.

31 attendees gained invaluable insights from a distinguished panel of experts:

- Al Bonner (Retired, Self-Help)
- Shondra Tanner (Self-Help)
- Jackie Moore (Moore's Realty)
- Tia Evans (Evans Legacy Group)
- Jackie Newkirk (State Farm)
- Keyshen Hinton (Hintonaires)

The day was filled with powerful discussions—from tips for first-time buyers to strategies for seasoned investors and current homeowners looking to enhance their property's value. The overarching message: real estate is a pathway to creating Generational Wealth.

EEM@SPRINGFIELDBAPTISTCHURCH.COM

Economic Empowerment Ministry News

During the month of June, EEM provided a home buying workshop that was phenomenal and covered a variety of topics. The seminar covered a wide range of topics related to real estate investments and homeownership. The topics discussed were for both future home buyers as well as current homeowners.

Here are the key areas discussed:

1. YOU vs YOU: How to Prepare and Keep Your Real Estate Investments

- Mindset Matters in Everything You Do
 - Understanding the importance of a positive mindset
 - Strategies for cultivating a growth mindset
- What Does the Bible Say About Wealth - How to Apply It
 - Biblical principles on wealth and stewardship
 - Practical applications for real estate investments
- · Financial Stewardship
 - o Managing finances wisely
 - Budgeting and saving for investments
- Financial Coaching/Budget-Saving and Investing
 - Benefits of financial coaching
 - Budgeting, saving, and investment strategies
 - Understanding the 5C's of credit and their impact
- Net Worth/Wealth Creation
 - Building and increasing net worth through real estate
 - Long-term wealth creation strategies

2. What You Need to Know BEFORE You Purchase a Home

- Using Homeownership to Build Wealth and the Importance of Understanding the Steps
 - The financial benefits of homeownership
 - Key steps in the home-buying process

Programs Available and Qualification (with Lending Rep)

- Overview of available homeownership programs
- Qualification criteria and application process

The Cost, Value Appreciation, and Ownership

- Understanding the costs of homeownership
- Factors influencing property value appreciation
- Responsibilities of homeownership
- Insurance and Taxes

• Applying for a Mortgage

- The mortgage application process
- Key factors lenders consider

• How to Build Your Credit

- Strategies to improve and maintain a good credit score
- Importance of credit in real estate investments

3. What You Need to Know AFTER You Purchase a Home

- What is Legacy and Why Legacy is Important Through Homeownership
 - The significance of creating a legacy

• Equity and Value Appreciation

- Building equity in your home
- Understanding property value appreciation over time

Maintain and Invest in Your Property/Additional Principal Payments

- Tips for property maintenance and improvement
- Benefits of making additional principal payments
- Programs, vendors, inspections, and repairs



Understanding the Programs Requirements to Keep Your Home (with Lending Reps)

- Key program requirements and how to comply
- Resources and support for homeowners

4. What You Need to Know to KEEP Your Home

- Budgeting/Financing Avoid Being House Poor (with Lending Reps)
 - Effective budgeting and financial planning
 - Strategies to avoid financial strain

Estate Planning

- Importance of estate planning
- Steps to create a comprehensive estate plan

• The Role of the Loan Servicer

- Understanding the functions of a loan servicer
- How to effectively communicate with your loan servicer

Loan Modification and Foreclosure Prevention

- Options for loan modification
- Strategies to prevent foreclosure

Pear In Review

MISSIONARIES ON A MISSION

Missions Ministry is blessed with a dedicated team of volunteers, the dedicated team of our administrative steadfast support of our administrative staff, and the guiding vision of staff, and the guiding vision of staff, and the guiding D. Sturdivant. Our Shepard, Dr. Kevin D. Sturdivant. To God be the Glory for all of his great acts!

The Mission Ministry at Springfield Baptist Church is...

The Mission Ministry at Springfield Baptist Church is actively serving our community through three major efforts each year: Food Distribution; The Back to School Project, and the Angel Tree Program.

Our Food Distribution Ministry has been faithfully serving families for the past five years, addressing food insecurity in our community. This outreach effort began in March 2020 as part of Pastor Sturdivant's vision during the coronavirus pandemic. At that time, quarterly "Corona Care Packages" filled with food and essential supplies were distributed to families in need. This effort had a tremendous impact during a season when many households were struggling.

The Food Distribution greatly impacted our community, during a period where families were struggling with food insecurity.

In December 2022, Springfield Baptist Church became an official partner with the **Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.**

This partnership allows us to receive donated food items as well as purchased bulk items at wholesale cost. Each week more than 50 to 75 faithful Springfield Volunteers work behind the scenes picking up food items from the Food Bank and Retail Donors, sort items, stock the food pantry preparing grocery bags for distribution on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of the Food Bank and for our Retail partners including Food Lion, BJ's, Bread from Heaven (Heavenly Caroway) and the Produce Box. We are also thankful for our own church family's support. Looking ahead we are excited to welcome Publix as a new retail donor partner in September 2025.

In addition to food outreach, our ministry supports families through two seasonal projects. Just before the school year began, we distributed 115 backpacks filled with school supplies to children in the community through our Backto-School Project. Later this Fall our Angel Tree Program will launch in November, providing gifts supporting local elementary schools before their Christmas break.

"What began as a vision during the pandemic has grown into a ministry feeding thousands."









PARTNER AGENCY APPRECIATION MONTH

2025

The Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina would like to thank

Springfield Baptist Church

for your support and effort in distributing

91,957 76,631

POUNDS OF FOOD

equal to

MEALS

The above quantities represent items received from the Food Bank and/or Food Bank enabled programs and distributed by your agency to our neighbors facing food insecurity during the 2024 calendar year.



LIBRARY NEWS

The library is getting copies of the **General Baptist State Convention** Newsletter. We invite you to come by the library to read about what the General Baptist State Convention is doing.





ARE YOU AN
AUTHOR??
The Library Ministry
wants to hear from
you. Please send an
e-mail to
please include cell
phone & e-mail.
we look forward to
hearing from you!



Shop?

Gifts For All Occasions, Springfield Gear & so much MORE!!! Come by every 2nd & 4th Sunday after service. There is tons of Springfield gear, including, hats, tumblers, shirts, car sticker, totes, and more!! You can also find gifts for all occasions!!

Making Our Gateway To Springfield Cleaner

Each fourth Saturday at 9:00am Springfield has a very organized litter pickup effort. **This is a CHURCHWIDE event so everyone is welcome** to join in this effort to keep our roadway pristine.

What Do I Wear?

When you come out, please wear long pants and closed toe shoes.

Why Participate?

- 1. Make a Difference: By picking up litter, you directly contribute to a cleaner environment.
- 2. Connect with other church members: It's a great opportunity to meet fellow members and work together.
- 3. Feel Good: There's something satisfying about transforming a litter-strewn area into a spotless one.
- 4. Students can earn "community service" hours to add to their resume' for college applications and scholarships.



What it looks like?

- 16 people to clean-up
- 1 person to drive the van
- Job completed in 1 hour



Let's maintain a cleaner, more beautiful gateway to Springfield TOGETHER!
Thank you for caring about our community.
See you there!



LINDA'S CHILI

Ingredients

2 pounds ground turkey
129-ounce can tomato sauce
129-ounce can kidney beans (with liquid)
129-ounce can pinto beans (with liquid)
1 cup chopped onion (medium)
½ cup green chili (canned)
3 medium tomatoes, chopped
2 teaspoons cumin powder
3 tablespoons chili powder
2 cups of water (can add more later)
1 teaspoon salt (adjust to your taste)
1 black pepper (adjust to your taste)

Directions

- Cook and crumble the ground turkey in a skillet over medium heat until browned.
- Drain excess grease/liquid.
- In a large pot, combine the turkey and all the remaining ingredients.
- Bring to a boil and let simmer on low for 2 to 3 hours on the stove top.
- Serve hot with your choice of toppings (crackers, chips, sour cream).

I usually freeze the leftovers for a later day

Ingredients
1 (10-ounce) package frozen, chopped
broccoli

1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted

1 medium yellow onion, peeled and chopped

3 large eggs, lightly beaten

1 cup small curd cottage cheese

1 teaspoon salt

1 (8.5 ounce) package jiffy corn muffin mix Directions:

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly spray a 9x9 square baking dish.
- Prepare the broccoli according to the manufacture's direction. Drain and set aside.
- Melt the butter in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the onions and cook until translucent – about 5 minutes.
 Remove from heat and set aside to cool.
- In a large mixing bowl, mix the eggs, cottage cheese and salt until well blended. Stir in the muffin mix, onions, and broccoli. Mix until just combined.
- Spread the batter into the prepared pan, bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until cooked through.
- Remove from oven and let sit for 5 minutes before cutting into squares.
- Serve warm

SUBMITTED BY LINDA GLADNEY



Join us for a day of food and fun!

ост. **25**

Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wake County Commons Building 4011 Carya Drive, Raleigh

- ✓ Free food
- ✓ DJ & dancing
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Basketball shoot
- ✓ Low ropes course
- Cotton candy, popcorn and snow cones
- ✓ Interactive 4-H activity stations
- ✓ Time to relax, recharge and connect





OR SCAN ▼







From a current college student to a new high school grad: these are some songs that got her through, were always on your mind, OR her goto jams

Enjoy

- 1. **JOY-** VÖICES OF FIRE [FT. PHARRELL]
- 2. **NOW I KNOW** TED & SHERI (THE WALLS GROUP)
 - 3. **YOU WILL WIN** *JEKALYN CARR*
- 4. **GREATEST POWER** CREFLO DOLLAR

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

Choir rehearsal for this choir is the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday so you can sing if you are home those weekends

AUBURN-KNIGHTDALE UNIVERSITY AKU

If you are "college-aged" please join us directly after service on the 3rd Sunday of each month

SIGN-UP TODAY!!

High School Graduates do you want to keep up with what's going on at Springfield Baptist Church while you are away at college? Would you like to receive a copy of future newsletters in your email? If you answered yes to these questions, please send us an email so we can capture your email address.



QUICK FOR GRADS

You have graduated - what's next:

We hope these ""Quick Tips" below help you navigate this next phase of your journey

SBC SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY PRESENTS: Scholarship Corner

What you can expect:

We will include scholarships for students to apply.

We also want your help:

ATTENTION Students/Parents: If you would like to receive scholarship notifications, please send an email to scholarship@springfieldbaptistchurch.com with the subject line "Scholarship Notifications".

ATTENTION Congregation: Does your place of work or alma mater sponsor scholarships? If so, please let us know by emailing scholarship@springfieldbaptistchurch.com with the details.

SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY

Degree Chasing Scholarship www.degreechasing.com

- Awarded to different students monthly \$2,500 cash scholarship
- any HS senior or undergrad that has been accepted into or attends a university, college, community college or technical/trade school
- ALL MAJORS, NO ESSAY, NO APP FEE
- Monthly due date of the 1st

Riding Forward Scholarship www.regions.com

- High School Senior through College Junior
- Due Date: 9-30-25 & 12-31-25 (this is quarterly AND annual)
- \$8,000

WE WANT TO KNOW: Did you join an org, get an e-board position, new job, promotion at work, new internship, etc., we'd love to feature your accomplishments in our ""College Life" segment!

NEWSLETTER@SPRINGFIELDBAPTISTCHURCH.COM

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