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Pianist	Jay Seagrave



Sunday Schedule for January*

9:00 – Bells of Praise
10:00 – Life Groups for all ages
11:00 – Morning Worship
5:30 – Activities for Children & Youth

*Schedule is subject to change.

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Rev. Charles C. Penley

The month's Pastor spotlight is Reverend Charles C. Penley. **Rev. Penley** started serving as Pastor of Spencer Baptist on October 1, 1981. In 1982, the church built a ramp and a covered walkway to access the sanctuary. On June 15, 1986, Bruce Caldwell began serving as Minister of Youth and Education. In January 1987, Marlene Coffey became the church secretary. In 1988, the church voted to move its affiliation from Sandy Run Baptist Association to the Green River Baptist Association. Rev. Penley resigned on March 22, 1988.



THANK YOU SPENCER CHURCH!

I would like to give a great big "Thank You" for all you have done to make the Christmas season so special. Your generosity and kindness have made a difference in a lot of lives. Your gifts helped around 40 children have a great Christmas. You blessed numerous families in Kentucky with your gifts. You helped share the Gospel around the world through your gifts to Lottie Moon. I could go on and on with thanks for personal gifts and little things you do. Just know you are appreciated and I am grateful to be able to be a part of Spencer Church! Thank you again, Bruce



Join us as we continue our study of the Faithful Heroes of the Old Testament on Thursday mornings in January.

Mid-Week Bible Study Returns
Thursday, January 15
10:30-12:00



Music Notes

It's a new year, and that means new beginnings! It is a great time to join one of our music groups at Spencer.

The **Adult Choir** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 7th at 7:30 PM. No experience is required! The Bells of Praise (Adult Handbells) will be back together beginning Sunday, January 11 at 9:00 AM. New ringers are welcome, but a basic understanding of music reading is required.

A new music opportunity is coming in January for youth – it's a youth handbell choir! This group will be for beginners, so no prior musical experience is required. Youth who participate will learn the very basics of reading music and ringing handbells. More information will be given directly to our young people, but encourage your teens to consider joining our new ensemble!



Night to Shine – An Enchanted Evening
Event: Friday, February 13, 2026

Registration for our special guests AND volunteers will open on January 5! Volunteers must be age 14 and older, and all volunteers **MUST** sign up to help so that our headcount is accurate. Training will be provided for all volunteers.

Several people have asked about the financial side of this event. If you wish to help with the expenses of Night to Shine, we welcome your donations. Please mark your check or envelope clearly so your donation is credited to this event.

Planning Meeting: Monday, January 12 at 6:00PM

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Our Church Goal: **\$10,000.00**
Amount Raised to Date: \$9,660.00*
*monies will be collected through the 31st of December.

Thank You!


	
Jan 4 Joan McKeithan Fairhaven 830 Bethany Church Rd Forest City, NC 28043	Jan. 11 Eugene Hardin 146 Brookstone Dr Bermuda Run, 27006
Jan. 18 Anne Robbins 250 Commerce Centre Dr Huntersville, NC 28078	Jan. 25 Maye Pruett Fairhaven 149 Fairhaven Dr Bostic, NC 28018

Caring Hearts Sewing Group
Caring Hearts Sewing Group will meet Monday, January 5, 2026 in the sewing room at 10:00 a.m. Start the New Year off right by joining this group of ladies doing hands on missions. Hope to see you there.

Stewardship Meeting:
The Stewardship Committee will meet Tuesday, Jan. 13th in the Family Life Center at 6pm

Deacon's Meeting
Spencer Deacons will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 13th in the Family Life Center at 7pm

Circle of Sisters
Circle of Sisters will meet Tuesday, Jan 20th at 6:30 in the Family Life Center.



With Heartfelt
Sympathy

Spencer Church offers Deepest Christian condolences to the family of:

Kenneth Franklin Head

Dear Church Family,
Our family greatly appreciates all the love, prayers, support, cards and food that we received during the loss of our loved one. A special thank you to Bruce and Kelly for all that they have done for our family during this difficult time. Kenneth loved his church family very much and it was a blessing to him to be a part of a caring church family at Spencer Baptist Church. Love & Prayers, *Betty Head & Family*

Welcome To The World
Welcome Leilani Sharee Shade! Leilani daughter of Haley Wilson. Leilani's Gigi is Shasta and Papaw is Chad; Leilani's uncles are Micheal and Carson. Born Thursday, Nov. 27th. Leilani weighed 7 pounds, 2 oz. and was 21" long.

<u>College Student of the Week</u>	
Jan. 4 Alex Beavers 252 Pleasant St. Spindale, NC 28160 South College	Jan. 11 Drew Brooks 448 Big Gum Ct. Rutherfordton, NC 28139 App State
Jan 18 Scarlett Hooper 181 Fairview Dr. Rutherfordton, NC 28139 ICC	Jan. 25 Michael Lowdermilk 154 Highland Ave. Mooresboro, NC 28114 ICC


Camp Lunch
Sunday, January 11th.
Join us after morning worship for fellowship and a meal. Your donations will help Spencer Youth & Children attend summer camps.



Quarterly Conference
January 21st
Join us after our Wednesday Night meal for our quarterly church conference. Please plan to attend.


Spencer Senior Adults
Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 10:30am – Ken & Mary's
We will leave the church at 10:30am to go eat at Ken & Mary's in Shelby. We will go to Goodwill following our meal. Join us for some good home-cooking!

Thursday, Jan 22nd at 5:00pm – Countryside BBQ
Join us as we go to Countryside BBQ in Marion for a great meal. (We have to go a week early because Bruce will be gone on the 29th) See you on the 22nd!




January's item of the month is Personal Care Items. Personal care items include but are not limited to the following: Nail clippers, hair combs/brushes, hair ties and other accessories, wash cloths, Band-Aids (fun colors and designs), blunt utensils, toothbrush and covers, (NO toothpaste) ... If you have other items you would like to donate that do not fall into the category of "personal care" you are still more than welcome to bring those things in. The big red bin will be located outside of the office! If you are out shopping, don't forget to check the clearance aisles for potentially great deals! As always, please let me know if you have any questions! Thank you - Kelly Owens

Spencer Youth Winter Retreat
January 23-25
Mountain Air Cabin, Boone, NC




Spencer Youth, recharge your spiritual batteries, and discover new thoughts yourselves and your relationship with God. The cost is \$150; there are multi-child discounts available. A \$50 deposit is required to secure your spot. Please see Colby if cost is an issue and for more information about the Retreat.


**New Beginnings Soup Kitchen**
Thursday Jan. 15th 1:00 – 6:00pm

We could use your help preparing and packing meals at the Green River Baptist Association on Jan. 15th. We will start cooking at 1pm and we finish up around 6pm. Any help you can give during these times will be greatly appreciated.

Welcome New Members
Andrea & Robert “Bo” Elliott, joined on Dec. 7th; joining by transfer of letter. Stuart Huntsinger is their Deacon.



Jase Guffey joined Dec. 7 by Baptism. John Stevens is Jase's Deacon.




Thank you for the food and all the prayers - I really do appreciate it. I love my church family and miss seeing everyone! *Love, Nell Brooks*

Thank you so much for prayers, we could not have gone through so much without your prayers and kind words. *The Cortez Family*

Dear Spencer Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the prayers, kind words, and support as I navigate my final semester of college! I am incredibly thankful and blessed to be part of such a wonderful church. -*Kelly Owens*

Dear Spencer Church, Thank you all for the guidance, trust, and opportunities you all have given me these past 6+ years. I will always be grateful for the supportive environment, the inspiring kind church members, and especially the Spencer Staff. Thank you again for believing in me and for making my time here truly rewarding. I will carry the lessons and memories from Spencer Church with me always, and I know our paths will cross again in the future. While I am excited about the next chapter in my journey, please know my decision was not made lightly and is bittersweet.

With sincere love and gratitude, *Linda Tribou*



Serving will begin at 5:30pm in the FLC

Please reserve your meals before noon on Tuesdays.

*We need to know how many meals to prepare. Please call the church office or reserve your meals on our website or FB page. *Menu subject to change*

Jan. 7: Sloppy Joes, Potato Chips, Fruit
Prepared by: Susan Shehan, Betty Head, Judy Huntsinger, Barbara Callahan

Jan. 14: Meatball Subs, Chips, Fruit
Prepared by: “Come As You Are Class”

Jan. 21: Loaded Nachos,
Prepared by: Spencer Deacons

Jan 28: Homemade Lasagna, Salad, Bread
Prepared by: Adult Choir



Safety & Security

Jan. 4: Jeff Murray, Billy Waters

Jan. 11: Greg Settlemyre, Garry Ankrom

Jan. 18: Scott Sims, Glen Harmon

Jan. 25: Billy Conner, Doug Bright

Nursery

Jan. 4: Stuart & Judy Huntsinger

Jan. 11: Connie Hunt, Donna Robbins, Victoria Jenkins


Jan. 18: Jennifer Spearman, Mary Kathryn Taylor

Jan. 25: Lisa Harmon, Tyler Sims, Patty Luckadoo

Welcome & Bulletins

This Month: Patricia Price, Judy Waters

**If you cannot volunteer on your scheduled day, please arrange a substitute or call the church office.*



SAVE THE DATE!

Feb 28th – Save the Date!
Chicken Pie & Country Ham Dinner!