

# spencer church newsletter

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January 2026 *Celebrating 100 years!*

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**Sunday Schedule for January\***

9:00 - Bells of Praise  
10:00 - Life Groups for all ages  
11:00 - Morning Worship  
12:00 - Activities for Children & Youth  
5:30 - Activities for Children & Youth

\*Schedule is subject to change.

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Join us in person or online. We are broadcasting our worship service live each Sunday at 11 AM on Facebook Live and on local radio WCAB 590 AM or 100.9 FM.

Subscribe to our **YouTube** channel. Go to YouTube.com and search for Spencer Baptist Church. After you click on our church name, please click "subscribe".



**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



## **Mid-Week Bible Study Returns**

**Thursday, January 15**  
**10:30-12:00**

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



## **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> of December.

*Thank You!*



Remember  
Our Homebound Members

**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 Pruitt  
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. 13<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center at 6pm

### Deacon's Meeting

Spencer Deacons will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center at 7pm

### Circle of Sisters

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



With Heartfelt  
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 Shadel! Leilani daughter of Haley Wilson. Leilani's Gigi is Shasta and Papaw is Chad; Leilani's uncles are Micheal and Carson. Born Thursday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Leilani weighed 7 pounds, 2 oz. and was 21" long.

### College Student of the Week

**Jan. 4**

Alex Beavers  
252 Pleasant St.  
Spindale, NC 28160  
South College

**Jan 18**

Scarlett Hooper  
181 Fairview Dr.  
Rutherfordton, NC 28139  
ICC

**Jan. 11**

Drew Brooks  
448 Big Gum Ct.  
Rutherfordton, NC 28139  
App State

**Jan. 25**

Michael Lowdermilk  
154 Highland Ave.  
Mooresboro, NC 28114  
ICC

### 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.



**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 Settlemire, 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



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

**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**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – Save the Date!**  
**Chicken Pie & Country Ham Dinner!**