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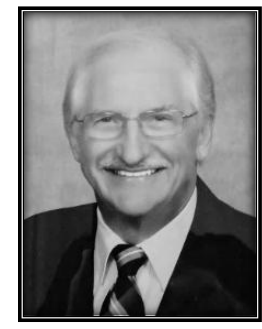
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Rev. Charles Penley

Rev. Charles C. Penley, Jr. has served seven churches in North Carolina including two with the United Methodist Church and here at Spencer Baptist from October 1, 1981 to March 22, 1988. He holds a BA in Religion from Gardner Webb College (now University), a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, with post seminary work at Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, North Carolina. Retired from full-time ministry with the United Methodist Church, Charles enjoys playing golf, walking, reading and preaching when called upon to supply. He and his wife, Sharon, make their home in Greensboro, N.C. and attend Christ United Methodist Church. While serving Spencer Baptist Church, a ramp and a covered walkway was built to give everyone a better access to the sanctuary. During this time, Bruce Caldwell started serving Spencer Baptist as the Minister of Youth and Education (June 15, 1986.) In January 1987, Marlene Coffey became the church secretary, serving the church for 32 years. In 1988, the church voted to move its affiliation from Sandy Run Baptist Association to the Green River Baptist. Rev. Penley will be preaching at Spencer Baptist on March 15, 2026.

The Storyteller

author of all things

Centrikid 2026
Monday, June 29-Friday, July 3
For Children Currently in Grades 3-5
New location for 2026: Gardner Webb University!

Centrikid is for children currently in Grades 3-5. If space permits, a few 2nd graders might be accepted. Join the fun this summer as we learn about "The Storyteller: author of all things!" Space is limited. To save your spot, a nonrefundable deposit of \$60 is due by March 25. The total cost for Centrikid is \$350. Limited financial assistance may be available. See Kelly S. for more details!

Can you Help?
We have several families who need financial assistance to be able to send their kids and youth to camp this summer. If you are willing to help, please see Kelly S. or Colby.



Easter Sunday
April 5th, 2026
Sunrise Service @ 7:00 AM- followed by breakfast.
During morning worship (11 AM service) we will be celebrating Baptism and The Lord's

Supper! We hope you'll join us for a special day at Spencer!

Save the Date:
VBS is June 7-11!
NC Baptists will host a VBS training on Saturday, March 14, in Shelby, NC. This is a great workshop with sessions about teaching, outreach, decorating, and all other things VBS! Kelly serves with the training team and the Shelby session is one of 6 throughout the state. The event is from 8:30-12:30 and you can register through Kelly S. or in the church office if you would like to attend.



Camp Lunch 3/15/26
Following morning worship on Sunday, March 15th, we'll have a Camp Lunch! Menu will be announced soon! Please plan to join us as we enjoy a meal and fellowship. All donations are used to help send our youth and kids to summer camp.



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."



Our Church Staff (828) 286-2355

Pastor	Bruce Caldwell
Minister of Music & Education	Kelly T. Settemyere
Youth Director	Colby Fagan
Administrative Assistant	Kelly Owens
Custodians	Steve & Cheryl Koon
Pianist	Jay Seagrave



Sunday Schedule for March*

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.

Please contact the church office for addresses.



March 1 Dan Kurkendall March 8 Anne Robbins

March 15 Eugene Hardin March 22 Curtis Rice

March 29 Nell Brooks

Caring Hearts Sewing Group

The Caring Hearts Sewing Group will meet Monday, March 2nd in the sewing room at 10:00 a.m.

Stewardship Meeting:

The Stewardship Committee will meet Tuesday, March 10th at 6pm

Deacon's Meeting

Spencer Deacons will meet on Tuesday, March 10th at 7pm

Circle of Sisters

The Circle of Sisters will meet Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 in the Family Life Center.

Spencer Senior Adults

Tuesday, March 10th @ 10:00 AM A Day In The Country

We will leave the church at 10:00 AM and go to A Day In The Country in Hendersonville. This unique restaurant has a gift shop as well. For your convenience, there will be menus available in the church office.

Thursday, March 28th @ 5:00 PM- Bridges BBQ

Join us for a good meal and time with great friends as we head to Bridges BBQ in Shelby! We will leave the church at 5:00 PM.



Mid-Week Bible Study Thursdays | 10:30-12:00

Join us as we continue our study of the Faithful Heroes of the Old Testament on Thursday mornings in the Adult Choir Room!

College Student of the Week

March 1 Sierra Clark March 8 Stephen Scala

March 15 Meagan Melton March 22 Makayla Yelton

March 29 Kelly Owens

Attention! College Students! Check out these Scholarship opportunities

Each year, Provision (formerly known as the NC Baptist Foundation) provides scholarships to selected students who are members of NC Baptist Churches. These range from \$500 to \$2500 and are renewable. The Luther Butler Scholarship is for students attending one of the NC Baptist Colleges and the Nell Clary Scholarship is for students attending any college. The deadline to apply for these scholarships is May 1. If you would like to apply, please go to www.provision.org/scholarships to learn more, or call the church office for assistance. Both scholarships require recommendation letters from our church staff, so don't delay!



The Green River Baptist Association also awards college scholarships. This is available only to high school seniors, and can be used at the college of your choice. Applications are available at the Associational Office and the deadline to apply is April 30, 2026. Call GRBA to have an application emailed to you.

The Spencer Baptist Church College Scholarship will also be available for those who wish to apply. Information about this scholarship is coming soon as these are not awarded until the beginning of summer



Spencer Baptist Church is turning 100! Join us for a celebration and camp lunch on April 26th!

Save the Date!

Spencer Baptist Church is turning 100! Join us for a



Wedding Shower

Rachael Showfety & Tyler Sims

Sunday, March 8th 1:30-3:00 PM in the FLC.

Tyler and Rachael are remodeling their home, so gift cards to places like Amazon, Lowe's, and Home Depot, or monetary gifts would be greatly appreciated!



Blood Drive - March 5th

Spencer's next American Red Cross Blood Drive: Thursday, March 5th, 2026. The blood drive will be from 1:00-5:30pm in the FLC! Appointments can be made by visiting the American Red Cross website.



Item of the Month- March Plush Animals/Stuffies!

It's the perfect time of year to find lots of cute ones! These are more than just a toy to the kids, they're a tangible representation of hope; something to hold onto, something that comforts them and reminds them that they are loved. Please consider the size of the stuffed animal(s) you choose as it will be in a shoebox packed with many other items. As always, let me know if you have any questions! Thank you for helping support the Shoebox Ministry! -Kelly Owens

Recognition of Linda Tribou

Please join us on Sunday, March 8th during morning worship, as we recognize Linda Tribou for her time and service as the Administrative Assistant at Spencer Baptist Church!

Heck- Jones Offering

Fannie Heck and Sallie Jones are largely responsible for what we know as Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina. Join us the week of March 1-8 as we collect a special offering in their honor. This money will enable WMU NC to continue to teach about and do missions in our state. Won't you give joyfully so that others may know the love of Jesus?



Spencer Baptist Family, Thank you so much for the prayers and phone calls during my mother's illness and passing. Thank you to Bruce and Kelly for your support and for a lovely service. Love, Amy & Lily Taylor



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

March 4: Chicken Strips, Chips, Fruit

Prepared by: Lost & Found Class

March 11: Roast Beef & Pulled Pork BBQ Sliders, Chips, Dessert

Prepared by: Spencer Staff

March 18: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread

Prepared by: Adult Co-Ed Class

March 25: Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy

Prepared By: Ed & Lillian Toro, Jackie Connor, and John Stevens.



Safety & Security

March 1: Greg Settlemire & Garry Ankrom

March 8: Scott Sims & Glen Harmon

March 15: Billy Conner & Doug Bright

March 22: Tyler Sims & Scott Sims

March 29: Brett Hooper & Michael Greene

Nursery

March 1: David & Heidi Odom, Karen LaBreche

March 8: Stuart & Judy Huntsinger, Barbara Callahan

March 15: Connie Hunt, Donna Robbins, Victoria Jenkins

March 22: Jennifer Spearman, Mary Kathryn Taylor, Kathy Carver

March 29: Lisa Harmon, Tyler Sims, Patty Luckadoo

Welcome & Bulletins

This Month: Chad & Shasta Metcalf

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