



Great Swamp Baptist Church

April 3, 2016

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April 3, 2016
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn #516 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

The Welcome

Announcements

Invocation

Fred Stanley

Selections of Praise and Worship

"Mighty To Save"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr

Demonstration of Stewardship

Offertory

Special Music

Easter Cantata Choir

"Jesus, Only Jesus"

Message

Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.

Benediction



Today:
 Cassandra Bradley
 Krey Lowther
Next Week:
 Dorthie Armstrong
 Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
 Diane Thames
 Chesney
Next Week:
 Vanessa Smoak
 Jason Smoak



Toll Committee

For
April
 Helen Malphrus & Anita Blanton

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



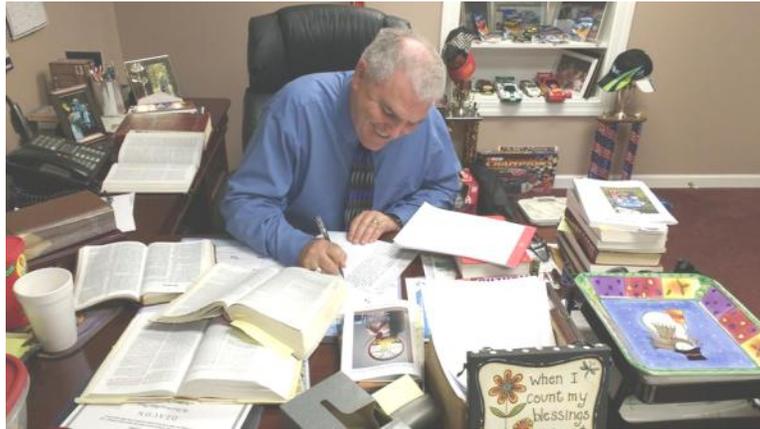
Today:
 Fred Stanley
 843-226-5641



Next Week:
 Robert O'Dell
 843-422-9521



**IF YOUR DEACONS
 CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,
 CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631**



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:
The Story of the Church (Part III)

Colossians 1: 15-20 (vs 18)

Intro: So far, as we've examined from these verses, particularly verse eighteen, the story of the church, we've discovered that the story of the church is a story of designation, a story of description and a story of dominion. The designation given to us is, "the church" and we've examined just who the church is. The description is that the church is described as the body. We dealt what it means to be described as a body. The dominion which we looked at was the crowning part of the body. Of course, the crowning part of the body is the head, and the head of this body is none other than Jesus Christ.

Now this brings us back to the whole focus of all of these verses. As a matter of fact, the whole of Scripture is a focus on Jesus Christ. However, these verses go out of the way to make sure that you have no misunderstanding that both the story of creation and the story of the church is none other than the story of Christ Jesus our Lord, and the message of today once again supports the same truth. It is amazing that God so worked today's aspect of the church on the very day that we have set aside to celebrate this absolutely most important doctrine of the Christian faith, the glorious resurrection of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. So,

let us see how our Savior's resurrection fits into the story of the church.

IV. Fourth, the story of the church is the story of defeat. *I am sure that immediately this raises all kinds of questions in our mind. Questions such as what battle are we refereeing to? Who are the participants in this battle? Who won the victory in this battle? Well, the answers to these questions are all found in a phrase discovered in verse eighteen, "the firstborn from among the dead..." So just who is this person who is the firstborn from among the dead? Well, you already know the answer to this question but just in case you don't, one look at the text will let you know that it is referring to the Lord Jesus Christ. You see, praise God, the battle was the fight against the most ferocious of all enemies. These enemies were sin, death, hell, the grave and worst of all the devil. The battle took place from the cross all the way to the grave, but on that third day following His crucifixion. Just when it looked like the enemies had won, Jesus on the great glad gettin' up morning comes out of the grave and defeated the whole combined forces of His enemies and ours. Oh, blessed be His holy name.*

So, let us look closely at this defeat and what it means and how it plays an all important role in the story of the church.

A. First this defeat was a defeat that was bodily. *When the phrase says that He was the firstborn from the dead, it just means that no one has ever risen from the dead in the manner that Jesus had. He was the first to do so in the way that He did. So, what was this way? For others had been resurrected from the dead. There was Lazarus for one. On another occasion, Hesus brings a daughter back to life, the daughter of a synagogue ruler named Jarius. She was twelve years old. One another occasion, Jesus came upon a funeral procession. It was the only son of a widow that was dead and Jesus was*

moved by this widow and raised her son up. Also, when Jesus uttered His last words on the cross, "It is finished." The curtain in the temple rent in two and dead bodies of the saints came out of the grave. So, how was Jesus' different? Why was He the firstborn when others already had? Well, the answer is that He was the first to resurrect in a glorified body that would never die again. All the others resurrected, resurrected back to their mortal bodies but Jesus was the first to resurrect into an immortal body. This is the same kind of body He will give us when He resurrects our bodies. Phil. 3:20-21, "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body." His resurrection was a bodily resurrection. A glorified, bodily resurrection and so will our be.

B. Second, this defeat was a defeat that was absolutely bold. *Yes, His defeat was not only bodily but boy was it also absolutely and completely bold. You see Jesus was not only the first to resurrect with a glorified body, but unlike all the others who were resurrected, He was the first and will be the only who will ever resurrect themselves by their own power. All others were raised by His power.*

You say wait a minute preacher. I thought the Bible said that the Father raised Him and then others of you say I though the Bible said that the Holy Spirit raised Him and you say the Jesus raised Himself. So, which is it preacher? My answer is all of the above. Jesus said while He was still alive, "I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." John 10:17-18. There

is no contradiction in any of these statements for you see Jesus Christ is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. All the fullness of the Father, the Son and the Spirit indwells Jesus. Therefore that is how all yet one that made it possible for Jesus by His power bring Himself up from the grave. Oh, thank God for this same power that will also raise us. Blessed be His name. Oh, how bold was and is His power that raised Him from the dead and will us.

C. Third, this defeat was a defeat that brought about a birth. *Just before the phrase, “The firstborn from the dead,” We are told that Jesus is, “the beginning.” What this is pointing out is that Jesus’ resurrection from the dead was a new beginning. A birth if you would. This beginning and birth was the fact that He had accomplished our salvation and would never have to ever suffer again and this was the start and birth of the church. His resurrection made it possible for us to experience salvation and enter into His family, His kingdom, His church and His body. Oh, thank the Lord for His beginning that birthed the life of the church. Also, it is with this resurrection power that not only did the church birth into existence but it also sustains the life of the church. Listen again to Ephesians 1:18-25, “ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”*

All of our praise belongs to Him.

D. Fourth, this defeat was a defeat that brought about the greatest of all benefits. *This benefit I am referring to belongs to Jesus Christ, exclusively. He had to be the firstborn from the dead so that it would be demonstrated that He is absolutely Supreme. This resurrection declared that He was not just supreme over a few things or over a lot of things or for a fleeting moment. No, it declared He is supreme over all things for all times. Once again let us be reminded of Phil. 2:5-11,*

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.”

So, since God through the resurrection has made Him supreme over all, I wonder, do you see Him that way over your life?

*Jesus Love You,
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



My Dear Friends,

I have been so greatly blessed by your outpouring of love and support during these most difficult of times. Many of you "lit a candle" on the funeral home web page to honor the memory of my Darling P. .A. I want you to know that the authentic candle of Hope that you have lit for me will continue to burn with its warmth and encouragement long after the virtual candles of the funeral home web page are taken down. So many of you travelled the second mile as you came to minister to us. The journey to the Veteran's Hospital and the Sandpiper Rehabilitation Center required precious gifts of your time and resources. I thank with all of my heart for the delicious food, thoughtful telephone calls, kind visits and inspiring sympathy cards. Your generous gifts to church building funds, Gideon's International and Wounded Warriors are sure to impact the lives of many for years to come. Your kindness will stand as a living tribute to the wonderful man of God that I was privileged to know and love for more than 62 years!

Please continue to pray for me as God continues to provide His perfect Peace for each day.

Most Sincerely,

Rosa Lee Sauls

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TEAM ROCK is a ministry of New Mission Systems International

Andi Woods
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Team Rock Ministry (TRM) has served our Lord in ministry since 2009, proclaiming Jesus Christ to people around the globe.

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Team Leader: michelle@teamrockministry.com
Call 563-920-4794 • www.nmsi.org • teamrockministry.com

Team Rock Ministry

Andi Woods is going to be doing a mission-type job for 6 months and is looking for sponsors.

Information about the trip is out in the vestibule.

Anyone who would like to help sponsor her should contact Michelle Waitt for more info.

Youth Yard Sale

Saturday, May 7th

8:00am until

Items are needed for the annual yard sale.



Furniture

Kitchen Items

Appliances

Electronics

Decorative Items

Children'

S Toys

Etc.

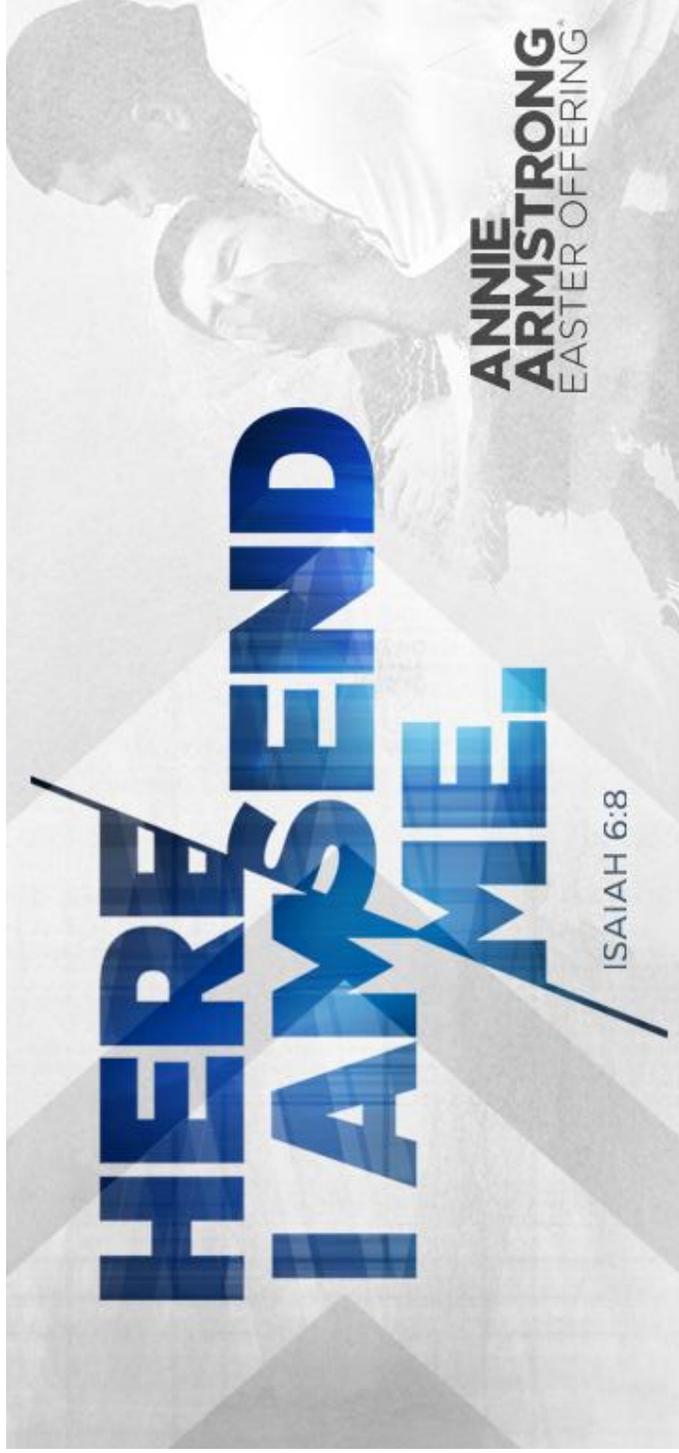
NO Clothes, Please!

*Small items will be stored in the
youth house.*

Larger items can be picked up prior to the sale.

**Call or e-mail Michelle Waitt
for more info.**

843-597-1322



GSBC Goal:

\$800.00

GSBC Prayer Pages April 3, 2016

Church Needs

Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons
Child Dev. Ministries

Sunday School
Small Groups
SFCA-Donna Carter

Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Nominating Committee

Leadership

President Barack Obama
United States of America

Unspoken

Jonathan Malphrus-Job Search
Ann Malphrus
Max Cole

Bereavement

Family
Of
Mellie Mae Myrick Zorn
Julia Wilson Britton
(cousin of Mary Cope)

Hospitals

Jeffrey Stanley-Sav. Memorial
Phyllis Sutler-BFT. Memorial
Teddy (Car Accident)

Nursing Centers

Elaine Degler-RNC

Surgery / Recovery

Bonnie Pope (3/4)
Brandi Freeman (3/10)
Saylor Moser (3/4)
Roy Williams (3/4)
Wanda Davis (3/9)
Alicia Holland(3/31)

Cancer / Treatments

Barry Jones (3/24)
Lane Malphrus (3/24)
Daisy Johnson (3/3)
Nicole Cole (3/24)

Other Health Needs

Mike Hodge (3/24)
Mary Cope (3/4)
Judy Smith (3/4)
Brice Rupert (3/10)
Wilma McGill (3/10)
April Malphrus (3/10)
Ellen Langford (3/24)
Patricia Malphrus (3/31)

Barbara Mills (3/17)
Connie Way (3/24)
Carol Tally (3/4)
Grace Boyles (3/10)
Geneva Smith (3/10)
Jack Nettles (3/10)
Tom Everly (3/24)
Kistler Malphrus (3/24)
Joyce Sutler (3/31)

Expecting / Births

Beth Reynolds Cabiness—July
N/A

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family
Robin Gray-Central Asia

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Home

If you have someone who needs listing, call either the church office @ 726-3631 or E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479.

Thank You

Please Continue To Remember

*Ricky Cleland
Mike Hodge
Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Myia Angala Ellis
Susan L. Vaigneur
Lula Floyd
Mary Cope*

*Dot Nettles
Jimmie Mills
Betty Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Joyce Sutler
Kevin Roach
Wofford Malphrus
Lois Bootle*

*Myrtle Rowell Smith
Billie Langford
Lisa Koon
Mitzi Cramer
Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley
Leonard Steedly*



Many Christians give their spirit and heart to the Lord and they keep their head to themselves. Our intellect must be satisfied by being slain and replaced by the mind of Christ. Prayer subjects us to God's mind and will.

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group I

**Patricia Malphrus- Leader
Truett Vaigneur
Shirley Malphrus**

**Watchman Prayer Service
Saturdays @ 8:00am**

Prayer Note

*For emergencies
a prayer chain
is available for needs.*

*You may access
by calling the
church @ 726-3631*

Or

E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479



April 4th

Nancy Rivera

April 5th

Gracie Lang

Sid Broschard

April 6th

Scott Boyles



April 4th

David & Cassandra Bradley

April 6th

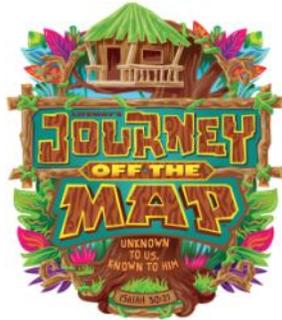
Charles & Bernice Malphrus



*The Grandmother's Group will meet on
Tuesday, April 5th in the MPB at 11:30am.
Please bring finger foods.*

Patricia Malphrus

Announcements



*VBS Meeting
TODAY @ 4:00 pm in MPB*



*Quilting Club
The Quilting Club is moving to the Old Parsonage
Thursday, April 7th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, April 9th @ 8:00 am*

Please Pray for our
Southern Baptist Convention
Chaplains of the Week



CHAPLAINCY
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Chaplain (Captain) Michael Dawson
U.S. Army
PSC 3 Box 316 | APO AP 96266
mrmbdawson@gmail.com
Based: Suwon Air Base, Republic of Korea
Wife: Laura

Pray with us that God will use Laura and me to minister to Soldiers and their family members here in South Korea and that we all will experience a great awakening and revival.



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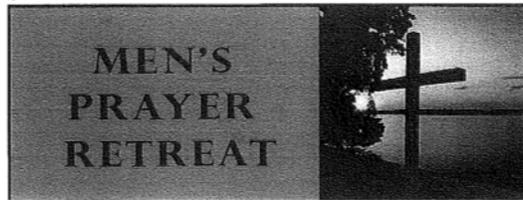
CHAPLAINCY
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Chaplain (Captain) Phillip Fortner
U.S. Army
24875 Prielipp Rd., Apt. 513 | Wildomar, CA 92595
phillipfortner@outlook.com
Based: Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan
Wife: Laurie

Pray for the safety of the 1397th reserve unit out of Vallejo, Calif., and for strengthening of our families during our yearlong deployment as a Transportation Battalion.



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ASSOCIATIONAL MEN'S MINISTRY PRAYER RETREAT

Allendale-Hampton Baptist Association
Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist Association
Savannah River Baptist Association

At

Camp Jackson
748 Camp Jackson Road
Allendale, SC 29810

Friday, April 15, 2016 – Saturday, April 16, 2016

Registration begins @ 6:00pm – Dinner Friday night @ 7:00pm

(Can come early to visit the camp or go fishing)

Followed by Bible Study, Singing, and Worship of the Lord

Stay overnight at Camp

Breakfast around 7:00 am Saturday

Followed by Bible Study, Singing, and Praising God

Fee \$20.00 per person (includes Supper, Breakfast, Camp Fee, and Speaker)

Speaker for Friday and Saturday: Rev. Brandon Corley

Please Register by April 10, 2016



To Register Please Contact
Bernie Richburg - 803-943-8726
or
Lonnie Russell - 803-842-1903



Operation Christmas Child

For the month of April, we are collecting:

Soap

&

Wash Cloths



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 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**Josie6@embarqmail.com

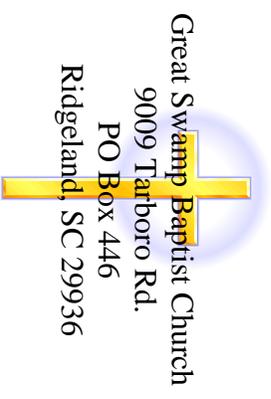
Calendar of Events

For
 March 28th through April 3rd

Sunday Morning Breakfast (September thru May Only)..... 8:30AM
 Sunday School..... 9:45AM
 Morning Worship..... 11:00AM
 Evening Worship..... 6:00PM
 Wednesday Night Supper (September thru May Only)..... 6:00PM
 Wednesday Night Service..... 7:00PM
 Saturday Watchman Prayer..... 8:00AM

Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,751.99	\$ 4,828.76	-\$1,076.77
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
WNS (Youth)	\$196.00	*****	\$1,503.93
SMB	\$109.00	*****	\$469.85
OCC	\$50.00	*****	\$669.55
Annie Armstrong	\$105.00	*****	\$470.00
Easter Lilies	\$90.00	*****	\$0.00
Senior Trip	\$20.00	*****	\$1,357.45
Dot Lee Scholarship	\$50.00	*****	\$985.00
SFCA Electric	\$1,691.50	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Janitorial Supplies	\$500.00	*****	\$947.65
SFCA Security	\$51.90	*****	\$51.90
SFCA Trash Pick Up	\$125.00	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Church Repairs (Grayco)	\$19.94	*****	\$4,655.00
SFCA Office Supplies	\$168.12	*****	\$2,670.66



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