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Church
August
9
2015**



TOGETHER WE GO. ::

Great Swamp Baptist Church

August 9, 2015
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude *Wayne Cooler*

Call to Worship
“You Are My King”

The Welcome
Announcements

Invocation *Robert O’Dell*

Gideons Speaker *Howard Wright*

Selections of Praise and Worship
Song of Praise
“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

We Pray for Special Needs
Pastoral & Offertory Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee*

A Demonstration of Stewardship
Offertory

Special Music *The Proclaimer’s Gospel Choir*

Message *Pastor Ralph Lee*

A Time to Respond
Invitation

Benediction

Deacon Election Following Morning Worship



Nursery Workers



Today:

*Dorthie Armstrong
Krey Lowther*

Today:

Next Week:

*Latrelle Steedly
Krey Lowther*

Next Week:

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today:
Robert O'Dell
843-422-9521*



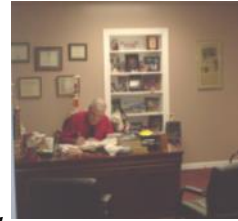
*Next Week:
Duane Armstrong
843-726-6795*



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

From

Pastor Ralph's Desk:
The Thessalonian Road



Intro: In the Book of Romans, there are several verses that you can compile together which can easily be used to share the Gospel with an unsaved person. Well this the Roman Road. Will in the Books of I & II Thessalonians, we also find a road or a pathway. If we travel down this road, we will discover the teachings about the second coming of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul had discovered at some later time after he left the Thessalonians that someone or ones had crept in among them and began trying to steer them off this road leading to the proper understanding of Jesus' second coming. So, Paul's seemingly primary purpose for writing this letter was to steer them back onto the right road helping them once more to recapture the right teaching about Jesus' second coming.

Paul clearly shows that they have detoured off the right road when he challenged them to stop being ignorant, in the dark, and deceived about the matter of Jesus' second coming. They needed to get back on the right road and stay the course.

So, let us examine what the Thessalonian Road has to teach us about the second coming of Jesus Christ.

I. First, the Thessalonian Road provides certainty: I Thessalonians 5:1-3 and II Thessalonians 2:1-3.

What is this certainty that the Thessalonian Road provides? It is the absolute assurance that no matter what anyone else teaches that you can be certain that Jesus Christ without any doubt whatsoever will come again.

Throughout the epistles, you have primarily two fake teachings about Jesus' second coming. The first is found in the Books of I & II Thessalonians. That teaching was that the beliefs at Thessalonica had missed out on His second coming. It had happened and they weren't even aware of it. Well, if that were true, all the other believers in all the other towns, cities and provinces, all missed out as well because no believers or churches in the New Testament ever mentioned experienced Jesus' second coming.

The second false teaching is found in II Peter. Here Peter reveals that someone or ones were exposing that Jesus was never coming back again. However, in these set of verses that I put with this point, Paul gives us an absolute assurance that there will be a literal day which Jesus will return. As well, every Book in the New Testament and many in the Old Testament also gives us absolute certainty that Jesus will come again.

II. Second, the Thessalonian Road provides clearance.

Now I certainly will need to explain what I mean by clearance. It has to do with our role as believers in the matter of Christ's second coming, and the role is adequately defined by the word clearance. You see what the church is going to do is to clear out of here before the second coming of Christ. I often jokingly say that there are two second comings of Christ. The first of His second comings is what we refer to as the rapture.

Now may people don't buy into the rapture. They simply believe that there is only one second coming of Jesus Christ and that will be it. While we certainly can fellowship with people of this point of view, they do believe in His coming again. We must point out that the Thessalonian Road clearly indicates that there are two separate events in which Jesus returns, neither one being the same event.

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 is what most evangelical scholars and pastors declare as the rapture text. It is a reference to Jesus coming and snatching His people up out of the grave and those alive to bring them up to the clouds, "meet the Lord in the air." So, at this coming, Jesus does not literally touch down on the earth as He will at His second coming. Rather, He comes to the air, sounds the trumpets, and calls for His people to come to the air where He is to meet Him there. Amen and Praise the Lord.

Now to further make sure that the Thessalonian believers understand that the rapture and the second coming are two separate events. In II Thessalonians 2:1 Paul speaks of two things, "The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" and then secondly "Our being gathered to Him."

Listen church, listen people of God, God is going to clear you out of here. So, give Him praise and keep looking up.

III. Third, the Thessalonian Road provides comfort.

Now following the last point, this is obvious! For if the Lord is going to rescue us out of this world, then we have much to rejoice about. Well you say why do we need to be rescued? It is not all that bad. Well it is bad already in many ways. However, we've seen nothing like it is going to be after the Lord raptures us out of this world. That will be a time of tribulation like the world has never known. The biggest position of the Book of Revelation describes all the various trials God will pour out on the earth because of the work of the anti-Christ and His followers. These trials are not simply just acts of nature that God allows, rather, they are acts that He very much purposely pours out in order to display His wrath against the wickedness in the world that time.

Now, there are clearly three places in Thessalonians that reveals the fact that God's people, the church, will not face. These events that are implemented after the rapture of the church, I Thessalonians 1:9-10, "... they tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for His Son from Heaven, whom He raised from the dead -Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath." →

So, here very clearly Paul lets us know that the church will not go through, "the coming wrath." Also, notice that they will be delivered from that coming wrath because Jesus is coming from Heaven to get them or as He said rescue them.

Then in I Thessalonians 5:3-4, Paul makes a distinction between them and you. You was a reference to the believers in Thessalonica. You are the sons of light not darkness. However, those who are the them of verse three are not the children of light but rather of the darkness. For they will be here for the period of tribulations and experience what he says in verse three that "...destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape."

Finally in I Thessalonians 5:9-11, Paul tells us, "For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

So here it says that He will deliver us from wraths. However, you say but we do experience wrath, discipline and trials even now, which is true. What this means is that it is some specific wrath God will deliver us from and not allow us to experience. In verses 10-11 we are given basically the same message that is found in the rapture set of verses found in chapter 4:13-18. Together verses 9-11 tells us that we will be delivered from some particular wrath God will pour out and wrath will only come after we are with Him.

Therefore, we can encourage one another knowing this truth, as Paul tells here and in 4:18.

Oh, child of God, let us be comforted to know that no matter how difficult it may be, now that we will never know how difficult it will be their meaning the tribulation period, because Jesus is coming to the air to come and get us to take us home to be with each other and most importantly with Him before He implements the period of the tribulation. Oh, what a Savior we have. Is He yours?

Jesus Loves you!

Pastor Ralph

Nursery Workers Needed

More nursery workers are needed for the 2015-2016 church year. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Diane Thames @ 321-0806.



CELEBRATE AMERICA

“Senior Celebration”

August 13 • 10:00 am
Port Royal Baptist Church



Keynote Speaker

Capt. H. Tom Hiers, Retired Navy Chaplain & Pastor

Mini Concert

The Beaufort High School Voices

Special Presentations

Carol Erb, Ph.D.—*Forgiveness*

Peggy Mathis—*Yes! This is Us*

Join us for

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GSBC Prayer Pages August 9, 2015

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

Bereavement

Family
Of
Harriet Jenkins

Hospitals

Judy Smith-Sav. Rehabilitation
Gail Malphrus-Sav.

Nursing Centers

Elaine Degler-RNC

Surgery / Recovery

Mack Pope, Sr. (7/29)
E L Ambrose (7/23)
Olivia Stanley (7/29)
Tex Lowther (7/9)
Burnette Pinckney (7/30)
Barry DeMay (8/4)

Cancer / Treatments

Lane Malphrus (8/6)
Barry Jones (7/2)
Virginia Wells (7/9)
Dean Goen (8/3)

Other Health Needs

Dot Tindal (8/6)
Katelyn Morgan (8/6)
Lynn Glasser (8/6)
Saylor Moser (8/6)
Grace Boyles (7/9)
Clarice Van Curen (7/9)
Beverly Ann Byars (7/16)
Mary Cope (8/6)
Betty Nettles (8/6)
Vera Floyd (8/6)
Davey McGill (8/6)

Billy Benton (7/9)
Scott Boyles (7/24)
Dwaine Malphrus (7/16)
Pat Azzarelli (7/16)
Lois Bootle (7/24)
Wayne Green (7/30)
Steve Maddox (7/30)
Jane Waitt (7/30)
Dorthie Armstrong (7/30)

Expecting / Births

Called to Ministry
Chris Carter & Family
Robin Gray-Central Asia
Bjo Mills-USA

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

If you have someone who needs listing, call either the church office a@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
Norris Sauls
Lula Floyd*

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

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

WHAT'S NEXT AFTER BEING BORN AGAIN?

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

"Brothers I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly-mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?"

*There are 2 kinds of Christians.
Spiritual-Controlled by the Holy Spirit.
Carnal-Controlled by the flesh.
To be Spiritual is to emulate Christ
To be Carnal is not growing into maturity.
Prayer can keep the spiritual; on course and bring the carnal to obedience.*

Today's Prayer Team

Group III

**Timmy Sauls- Leader
Mary Daley**

**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*

Announcements

*Monday, August 10th
Deacon's Meeting*

*Wednesday, August 12th
Deacon's Meeting*



*Thursday, August 13th
NO Meeting this week*

*Thursday, August 13th
SFCA Orientation
6:00pm / MPB*



*Saturday, August 15th
Watchman Prayer Group
8:00 am*

Attention Seniors!

*It is that time of year again. It is time to sign up for the Senior Celebrators Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN. Sign Up sheets have been placed in the foyer. Make sure you write in an updated phone number. A **\$25.00 non-refundable deposit is due**. Bus Fee will be \$50.00 each person. Brochures are available in the lobby. Contact Timmy Sauls at 321-0789 for more info.*



This Week:

August 9th Juliette Daring

August 11th Maddox Wilson

August 12th Vicky Buchanan

August 13th Justin Baim

August 15th Debra Hale
Wanda Davis
Betty Colletti



Anniversary

This Week:

August 9th David & Iola Daring

August 11th Jeff & Leigh Laycock

August 12th James & Terri Hamner

August 13th Noah & Gay Littleton

August 14th Bobby & Judy Smith
Pat & Irwin Malphrus

DR. JAMES DOBSON'S

BUILDING A FAMILY LEGACY

F I L M S E R I E S

TOPICS INCLUDE

- > Bringing Up Boys
- > Bringing Up Girls
- > Dare to Discipline
- > Love for a Lifetime
- > Straight Talk to Men
- > The Strong-Willed Child
- > Wanting to Believe
- > Your Legacy



6:30pm – 8 SUNDAY NIGHTS – STARTING SEPT 20th



2015-2016 WNS Cooking Teams

Anyone interested in cooking on Wednesday nights for the upcoming church year, please contact Ann Malphrus at 717-1776.



2015-2016 Teacher Dedication

Next Sunday

**This is the covenant that our Deacons adopted for their
ministry at Great Swamp Baptist Church
Read it, Encourage your Deacons, and stay in
prayer for them.**

The Deacon Covenant

We will be accountable to God and to each other.

We will ask the hard questions about faith and ministry to this church and will provide honest answers.

We must be men of peace.

We will strive to allow the Spirit of Christ to rule in our relationships with our families, with each other, and with the members of our church.

We will be shepherds of the Family of God that worships at Great Swamp Baptist Church.

We will be servants in the model of Jesus who tenderly watched over his sheep.

We will be vigilant in our personal life.

We will put on the whole armor of God as a necessity to help guard against the attacks of Satan.

We will seek an intimate relationship with God through His Son Jesus.

We will try to live a life that is above reproach in speech, love, faith, and purity.

We will support the ministries of this church with our finances, our influence and with our prayers.

We will partner with the pastor of this good church to meet the spiritual needs of all of our members, our guests and the community as God leads us.



*Weekly prayer
for
Summer Missionaries*



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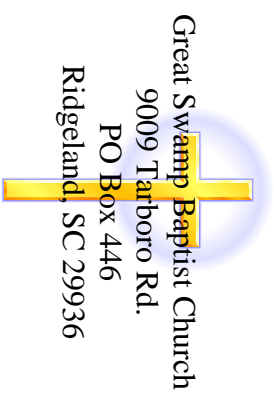
Calendar of Events

For
 August 10th through August 16th

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 + / -
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$4,308.10	\$ 4,616.28	-\$308.18
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Cemetery Fund</i>	\$45.00	*****	\$195.00
<i>New Properties</i>	\$164.22	*****	\$4,831.63
<i>VBS T-Shirts</i>	\$112.00	*****	\$346.28
<i>OCC</i>	\$1.00	*****	\$728.55



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