



*The
Great Swamp
Family Christmas
Gathering*

December 10, 2017

Great Swamp
BAPTIST CHURCH

The *Great Swamp*
FAMILY CHRISTMAS GATHERING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

INVOCATION

“Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy”

“Noel, Noel” by Sadie O'Connor

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

PASTORAL and OFFERTORY PRAYER

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem” by the GSBC Praise Band

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

“Away in A Manger” by the children of GSBC

“You're Here” by Joyce Gamo

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” by the Christmas Choir

“God Speaking” by the GSBC Praise Band

MESSAGE by Pastor Ralph Lee

INVITATION

CLOSING HYMN *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*



Today:
Latrelle Steedly
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Annette Malphrus
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Anita Blanton
Alyssa

Next Week:
Vandy Amason
Natalie



Toll Committee

For December
Helen Malphrus & Anita Blanton

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today:
Wilbur Daley
843-305-0110

Next Week:
Bjo Mills
843-271-2840



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



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Most Excellent Way (Part X)

Intro: For a couple of weeks now in our Most Excellent Way series of messages, we've been examining ways in which love keeps on giving and giving. So far what we've noticed is that love keeps on giving and giving. Love is to be persistent and protective. Love is to be persistent and continuous and one of the way it does so is by protecting one another.

Today, we want to notice another way that love keeps on giving and giving and Paul tells us that love not only always protects but it always trust as well. If we don't have trust, we will not be able to move forward in our walk with the Lord and with one another. When we lose trust, we tend to then narrow our world down to just a s small as we can just to get by. At that point, we become inefficient for serving the Lord. It is exactly where the devil wants us to be. So, let us pray that from this text that we can be challenged to let our love keep on trusting.

III. Second, Paul mentions that love keeps on giving and giving trust. (vs. 7)

Now, it is important to notice that trust is something that if it is going to keep on giving and giving, then it must be continually strengthened and sustained. Well, there is just one problem and the problem is that human being are constantly doing things to one another that causes us to stop trusting and believing in one another. The tragedy of this is that it often results in church members bailing out because they feel like they can never trust another church member after whatever it was tha was done to them.

So, what is the solution to strengthening and sustaining our trust so that we can keep on giving and giving, even when someone has done something to us that would cause us to lose trust and stop giving it back? Well, the answer is that we must first place trust in someone with whom we can be assured that they will never break trust with us. Someone that we can be assured will never do anything that would cause us to lose trust.

Well, of course, we all know that the only one that we can completely rely upon who will never break trust with us is God Himself. God's Holy Words give us an unending number of verses that reveal the fact that God is the very one that we can whole heartily trust and completely rely on.

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God: my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him for God is our refuge." (Psalm 62:5-8);

"All you Israelites, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield. House of Aaron, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield. You who fear him, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield." (Psalm 115:9-11)

"The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you." (Psalm 9:9-10)

"but blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." (Jer. 17:7-8)

If I were to copy all of the verses that show why God is completely trustworthy, I would have to write an entire book.

Now what these and so many other verses reveal to us is that when we put our trust in the eternal, then it will come much easier to have trust in the temporal, because our trust in God sustains us even when trust in others has faded. We will be able to trust and believe in the best in people even when they've let us down because our trust in God will hold us up.

Listen to the word of John MacArthur, "...love will always opt for the most favorable possibility. If a loved one is accused of something wrong, love will consider him innocent until proven guilty. If he turns

out to be guilty, love will give credit for the best motive. Love trusts; love has confidence; love **believes**.

In our church, we continually try to develop a spirit of mutual trust, within the staff and within the congregation as a whole. We believe that each person is dedicated to the Lord and is responsible for serving Him. We believe each person is living in fellowship with the Lord. When someone fails, as we all do, then our desire is to help cover that wrong and help it be made right. Whenever there is doubt, we would rather err on the side of the favorable side.

Job's friends showed few signs of love. They were ready to believe the worst about him, being thoroughly convinced that his problems could only have been caused by his sins. Job did not himself understand why he was suffering so terribly, but he knew it was not because of his sins. "Behold, I know your thoughts," he responded to his friends, "and the plans by which you would wrong me" (Job 21:27). They gave Job no benefit of doubt because they had no true love for him. Knowing the uprightness of Job's life, loving friends would have realized that his sufferings were out of proportion to whatever shortcoming he had.

The lovelessness of the scribes and Pharisees is seen in their predisposition to see the worst in others, including Jesus. When Jesus forgave the paralytic of his sins, the Pharisees immediately concluded He was blaspheming (Luke 5L21). To further evidence His divine power Jesus then healed the man of his affliction. Most of the crowd marveled at the miracle and glorified God (v. 26), but we know from their later words and actions that the scribes and Pharisees remained convinced that Jesus was evil. Hatred believes the worst; love believes the best.

Love is a harbor of trust. When that trust is broken, love's first reaction is to heal and restore. "Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted" (Gal. 6:21).

Concl. So, let us trust in God so that we can trust in one another.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee,



December 12th

December 13th

December 14th

December 15th

Nadine Smoak

Corinna Malphrus

Greg Fryman

Devin Mock

Henry Bradley

Amanda Bowen

2018 Budget

The proposed budget will be discussed at the next Business Conference and will be voted on Wednesday, December 20th.



Children's Church Helpers

Today:

Angel Cole

Emma Mingledorf

Next Week:

Kaylee Standard

Evelyn Bradley



*Come join us for the
Proclaimers Choir
Practice every
Wednesday Evening
following
Bible Study.*



Poinsettias



In Memory of:

*Jimmie Mills
By: Bjo Mills*

*Dorsey & Minnie Lee Vaigneur
Jimmy Vaigneur
Joe Vaigneur
Van Morrison
Becky Floyd
By: Cheryl V. Morrison*

*Melton & Augusta Fogle
Mary Pope
By: Mack & Bonnie Pope*

*Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Degler
Don Degler
Annie Bell Stapler Lowery
Mr. & Mrs. Tillman Smith
By Ron & Lucille Degler*

*Albert & Audrey Altman
Travis Altman
Jesse Mock
By: The Sam Mock Family*

*Donald Knowles / Tiffany Knowles
Donald Hopkins . Cora Hughes
Curtis Smart
By: Calvin & Pat Bryan*

*Foreman Malphrus
Everette Floyd
By: Nancy Rivera*

*Harold Stanley
Foreman Malphrus / Everette Floyd
By: Frederick, Pam, Olivia & Jeffery Stanley*

Poinsettias



*Leland S. & Willard Alice McCormack
Orland J. & Hannah Lee Malphrus
By: G. Dwaine & Rebecca M. Malphrus*

In Honor Of:

*Our Children
Rhonda & Paul Sims
Barbara & Tamp Graves
Ronald & Katina Degler
By: Ron & Lucille Degler*

*Our Children & Grandchildren,
John, Julie, Brianna, Brandon, Stevi and Jase
By: Mack & Bonnie Pope*

*Dot Smart | Nathan Bryan
Eric & Kellie Chapman & Family
Jared & Frish Bryan & Family
By Calvin & Pat Bryan*

*Lula Floyd
By: Nancy Rivera*

*Abigail Mae Ard
By: Bjo Mills*

*Lula Floyd
By: Frederick, Pam, Olivia & Jeffery Stanley*

*Freddie & Myra Malphrus
Ron & Carol Davis
By: E.L. Ambrose*



Family Info Updates

It's that time of year again! The church office is updating everyone's records. If the office does not have your correct birth date, anniversary date, or you have a change of phone numbers or addresses, please



*At the church office:
843-726-3631*

*e-mail : greatswampbc@gmail.com
Or leave information in offering plate.
Your promptness is greatly appreciated.
Sybil Reynolds*

Announcements

All 2017-2018 Leadership Committees need to elect new chairpersons and turn into the church office NOW.

Thank You

Support our Troops

Faith Comes By Hearing

They risk their lives
to protect our freedom!

Inspire them with God's Word!

Donate \$25 today to support a soldier and his family with the Military Biblestick.

Military BibleStick Player



Menu

Chicken 'n Fixins'

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Dorthie Armstrong

Cooking Team



\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more

Nursery Volunteers needed!

Our nursery is growing and we are in need of volunteers. Below is a list of our current workers. Please contact Vanessa Smoak if you would like to add or remove your name from our rotation schedule.

Vandy Amason / Natalie

Pam Stanley / Olivia

Donna Carter / Amanda Hodges

Debra Daley / Cathryn

Diane Thames / Chesney

Natalie King

Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn

Pat Bryan / Alice Way

Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus

Vicky Roberts / Emma Grace

Anita Blanton / Alyssa

Thanks!

Vanessa Smoak

Cell (843) 637-7677

Email mcclendonv26@gmail.com

GSBC Prayer Pages December 10, 2017

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

Church Needs

*Sunday School
Small Groups
SFCA-Donna Carter*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Finance Committee
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken

*Tim Cramer Family
Kevin & Nicki Gwinn*

Bereavement

*Family Of
Barry Jones
Daphne Jones Floyd*

Hospitals

*Ann Bridges-MUSC
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.-CCH (12/7)
Olivia Stanley-MUSC (12/7)*

Surgery / Recovery

*Duane Armstrong (11/30)
Allen Perry (11/30)
Lloyd Freeman (11/30)
Kevin Youmans (11/9)
Sheila (11/9)
Davey McGill (11/29)
Annette Mole (12/7)
Ronald Spikes (12/7)*

Expecting / Births

Sophia Sineath

Cancer / Treatments

*Mitzi Cramer (11/30)
Diane Thames (11/9)
Maxie Mason (11/9)*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham
County Rehab. Center
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Thelma Ashing-RNC
Mack Pope, Sr.-RNC
Bernard Malphrus-Bayview NH*

Special Requests

*Jeffrey Stanley—Mobile Home
Lee Laycock—Mobile Home
Tony & Colleen Standard—
Purchase a home
Jane Waitt-Air Conditioner Out*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Praise Report

Other Health Needs

*Grace Boyles (11/30)
Joyce Sutler (11/16)
Eva Calhoun (11/16)
Nicole Cole (11/16)
Nell Freeman (11/9)
Sherry Reynolds (11/9)
Collette Fogle (11/16)
Lloyd Freeman's Wife (11/16)
Sarah Brabham (11/29)
Robin Holmes (11/30)
Robert Sauls (12/7)
Bootsie Burnsed (12/7)*

*Rodney Malphrus, Sr (11/9)
Dale Robiston (11/9)
Ron Davis (11/30)
Vera Floyd (12/7)
Alice Way (11/30)
Patricia Malphrus (11/30)
Freddie Malphrus (11/9)
Barbara Solley (11/9)
Peggy Fludd (11/16)
Tasha Ard (11/16)
Ellen Langford (12/7)
Jeffrey Stanley (12/7)*

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson— South Korea-Army

Jared Blanton-Fort Benning

Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines

Jericho Malphrus-Air Force

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
Lula Floyd
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley
Joyce Sutler*

*Dot Nettles
Betty Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Lois Bootle
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles*

*Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley
Leonard Steedly
Barbara Mills
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith
Brian Freeman
Susan L. Vaigneur*



Christmas! The very word brings to my mind memories. Almost always I recall the early childhood memories. As I reflect on my parents—both long taken in death. Brothers and Sisters and other relationships along life's way. Some continue but most are no longer relevant. The only constant I have come to know is the Christ of Christmas. He is very personal in prayer. What about you?

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group I

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

**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



Booster Club
Monday, December 11th

Deacon's Meeting



Business Conference
Wednesday, December 13th

Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, December 16th @ 8:00 am



Christmas Card Mailbox

The Christmas Card mailbox is up and ready for your Christmas Cards.

Let us deliver your in house Christmas Cards for \$0.20 each.

The mailbox is located outside of the church office.

Proceeds will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

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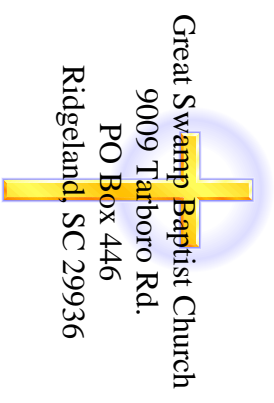
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Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus.....Josie6@embarqmail.com

Calendar of Events

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>	\$5,209.00	\$ 4,943.56	+\$265.44
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$270.00
<i>Poinsettias</i>	\$120.00	*****	\$300.00
<i>Children's Ministry</i>	\$10.00	*****	\$808.20
<i>Youth (WNS)</i>	\$170.00	*****	\$666.40
<i>Youth Camp</i>	\$70.00	*****	—
<i>Lottie Moon Offering</i>	\$75.00	*****	\$175.00
<i>SMB</i>	\$78.00	*****	\$627.47



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