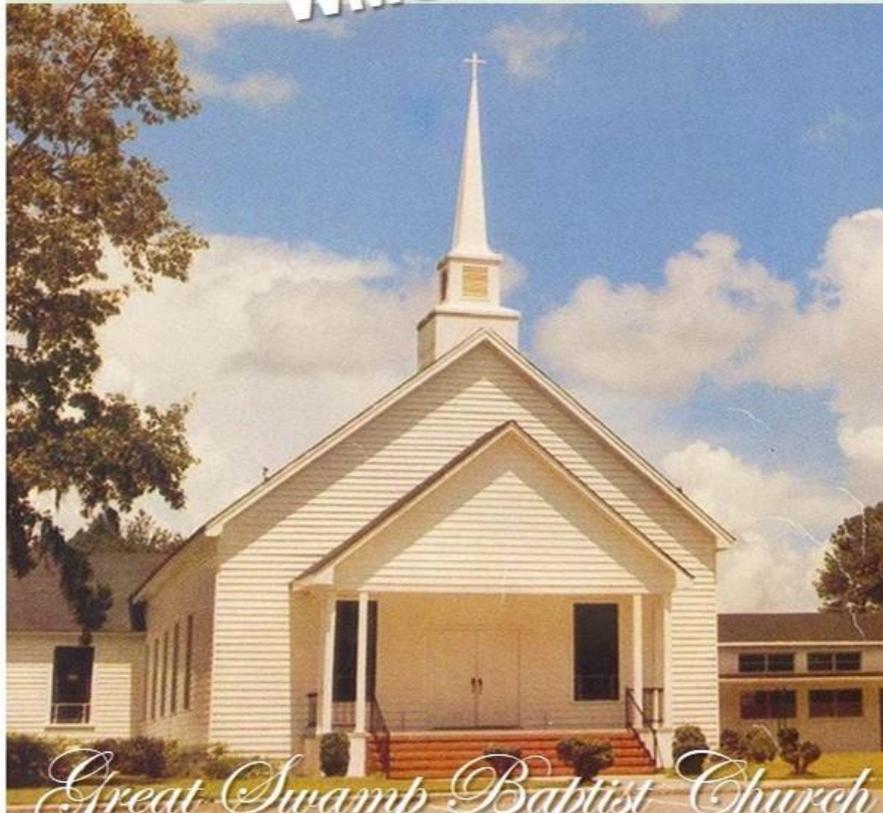




By All Means
WMU FOCUS DAY



Great Swamp Baptist Church

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Great Swamp Baptist Church

February 11, 2018
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn #579 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Invocation

Bjo Mills

Recognition of WMU Focus Day

Hymn #559 "Rescue the Perishing" WMU Choir

Selections of Praise & Worship

"What A Beautiful Name"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory Special

GSBC Praise Band

"Draw Me Close To You"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Betty Robertson / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak / Jennifer Meador
Next Week: Anita Blanton / Alyssa



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole
Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Bjo Mills
843-271-2840



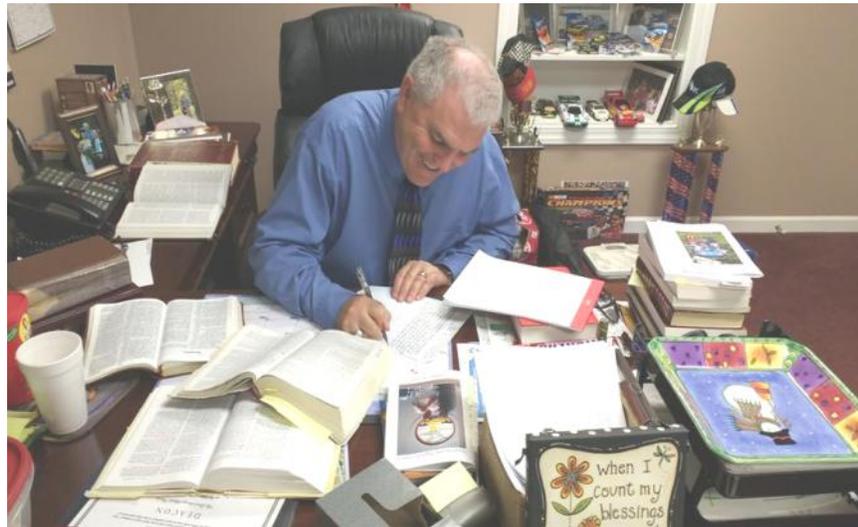
Next Week: Duane Armstrong
843-726-6795



Toll Committee

For February
Bernice Malphrus
Bonnie Pope





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Ultimate Demonstration of Love

(Romans 5:1-11)

Intro: For a number of months now, we've been challenged to practice the way of love as taught in I Corinthians 13. This chapter taught us that love should permeate every aspect of our lives. That means that our behavior, speech, actions and thoughts should continuously be governed by love.

In our set of verses today, we are shown that it is possible for us to do exactly what I Corinthians 13 tells us to do because God has poured out His very own love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. This means that source of true love is readily available to us. This is the reason and only reason that we can practice the way of love.

However, not only does He assure us that we have the love of God in our hearts through the person of the Holy Spirit, but He then goes on to reveal to us that I Corinthians 13 has already been fleshed out in our world with the greatest and most ultimate demonstration of love that was carried out by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This example of the ultimate demonstrations of love not only lets us know that I Corinthians 13's way of love has been carried out already but also that it can continue to be fleshed out by the Holy Spirit pouring that love into our hearts. It also reminds us that no matter what we face in this life, we know because of

Jesus Christ's actions, we are forever loved, yesterday, today and forever.

I. First, let us examine the persons of the ultimate demonstration of love.

Now the persons that I am referring to are the persons that Jesus carried out His ultimate demonstration of love for. In our set of verses, we find at least four descriptive words for those persons. Of course, we know that those persons are all of us because we are told that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. So, all of us before we come to Christ are described in these four ways. They are, "powerless" (vs. 6); "ungodly", (vs. 6); "sinners" (vs. 8); and "enemies" (vs. 10).

In another one of Paul's writings, he explains in a few sentences what he means by these four descriptive words we find in our set of verses. "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath." (Eph. 2:1-3)

Paul reminds us that scarcely will anyone die willingly for someone who is, humanly speaking, considered a good and moral person, but no way would they willingly die for someone who is considered powerless, ungodly, sinners or enemies. However, that's exactly what Jesus Christ our blessed Lord and Savior did. He died for us in spite of the fact that we were all those things that we mentioned because our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is love. He is eternal love and for that reason and that reason only did the Father send Him and did, He willingly went to the cross. Oh, how we should shout glory, honor and praise to our blessed Lord for loving the unloving and undeserving.

Let me share the way the great preacher, John MacArthur, describes it. He said, "When we were powerless to escape from our sin, powerless to escape death, powerless to resist Satan, and powerless to please Him in any way, God amazingly sent His Son to die on our behalf." he also said, "The God who hates every sinful thought and every sinful deed, nevertheless, loves the sinners who think and do those things, even while they are still hopelessly immersed in their sins. Even when men openly hate God and do not have the least desire to give up their sin, they are still the object of God's redeeming love as long as they live. Only at death does an unbeliever cease to be loved by God. After that, he is eternally beyond the pale of God's love and is destined irrevocably for His wrath. In Christ we are for-

ever linked to God by His love, demonstrated in positive blessings and negative mercy. So, no greater act of love has been or will ever be again because He loved us who were so unworthy.

II. Second, notice the pathway of the ultimate demonstration of love.

In these set of verses when we read the prepositional phrase, “for the ungodly” or “for us”, those phrases in the Greek mean in or on the behalf of. So, what this is telling us is that the pathway that Jesus took was to leave His glorious home in Heaven and come to earth to go to the cross to die in our place and on our behalf. So, that terrible agonizing death that He died was meant for us. The punishment He faced at the cross was the punishment meant for us. The price He paid was the price we were meant to pay but could not. He and He alone could bear the punishment and pay the price on our behalf and in our stead and that would be accepted by our Heavenly Father as the perfect sacrifice that would completely turn His wrath away from us and accept us and receive us into His family if we would believe in Jesus.

No greater price has any ever paid or will ever pay. Jesus took the pathway that none have ever had to travel or will ever travel. In our behalf, He took an eternity of hell for us. As believers, we will not face an eternity of hell because Jesus did it for us in the hours on the cross. We instead will know an eternity in Heaven with Him because of what He did for us. Oh, what manner of love He has bestowed upon us.

Because of the pathway He took, these verses and all the rest of the Bible reveal a measureless amount of unbelievable and amazing things that His demonstration of love accomplished for us. Just in our present verses alone, He gave us redemption, peace, joy, love, reconciliation, life, deliverance from wrath to come. Oh, what love do we know and have in Christ.

Concl. So, let us know that we are to practice the way of love because Jesus did and because we know that we are eternally loved and nothing will ever deter that love in anyway, shape or form or fashion.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Easter Sunday ❖ April 1st

UNISON/2-PART



**AT
THE
CROSS**

A MUSICAL FOR EASTER

Created and Arranged by **CRAIG ADAMS**

LifeWay | Worship

**If you would like to participate,
join us on Wednesday nights at 8pm**



Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Green Beans
Salad
Dessert
Tea & Coffee

Dorthie Armstrong Cooking Team

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

This Weeks Birthdays

February 12th *Callie Malphrus*
February 14th *Allene Malphrus*
 Jordan Moser
February 16th *Alex Sineath*
February 17th *Kris Goethe*

May your marriage be blessed with love,
joy and companionship for all the years of your lives.

A very happy
Wedding Anniversary
to both of you

February 10th *Tom & Connie Benton*
February 11th *Rodney & April Malphrus*

Announcements



*Deacons Meeting
Monday February 12th*

*Business Meeting
Wednesday February 14th*



*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, February 15th @ 10:00am*

*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, February 17th @ 8:00 am*



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

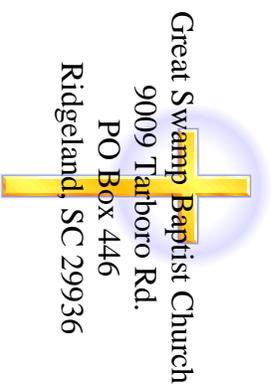
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Stewardship

Budget Offerings	Last Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$3,824.50	\$4,973.36	-\$1,148.86
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$23.00	*****	\$96.60
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$470.00
<i>SMB</i>	\$63.00	*****	\$409.35
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$146.00	*****	\$992.40
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$76.00	*****	\$193.11
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$1.00	*****	\$728.03
<i>SFCA Gymnasium</i>	\$60.00	*****	\$377.00





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Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:30AM
Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM
Evening Worship 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Supper 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00PM
Saturday Watchman Prayer 8:00AM

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