



Great Swamp Baptist Church

February 19, 2017

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call To Worship

Hymn # 600 "More About Jesus"

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invocation

Bjo Mills

Selections of Praise & Worship

"We Believe"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Special Music

Proclaimers

"Halfway"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Today:
Latrelle Steedly
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Annette Malphrus
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Pat Bryan

Alice Way

Next Week:
Donna Carter



Toll Committee
For February
Bernice Malphrus & Bonnie Pope

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

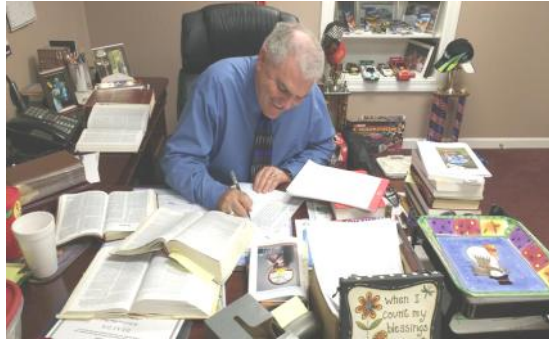


Today:
Bjo Mills
 843-271-2840

Next Week:
Fred Stanley
 843-226-5641



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CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,
CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:
Forever Loved
(Romans 8:35-39)

Intro: I believe that the most important question in life is the question that the Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas. He said to them, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30) Of course Paul's answer was to, "believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved—you and your household." (Acts 16:31)

However, I also believe that the second most important question in the Word of God maybe the question that the Apostle Paul asked the Roman Believers, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?..." (Rom 8:35)

Now the first question we looked at would be invalid if this present question isn't answered correctly. The good news, however, is that indeed Paul makes the first question valid by answering the second question with an absolute assurance that nothing or no one in all of creation can separate us from the love of God, period.

Paul goes through a long list of things that most of us at sometime or another will cry out that because this is happening to us. Then surely god has either stopped loving us or something or someone is preventing Him from loving us. However, Paul in our text, with all the confidence that he has within him and having actually faced all the challenges he mentions in these verses. 100% that we are forever loved by our God through His glorious Son Jesus Christ. Praise be to the Lord. My sermon title is Forever Loved.

I. First, we are forever loved because of the declaration of His love.

So, regardless of all the challenges and circumstances we face in life, Paul assures us that we are forever loved first just for the simple reason that God declares that He loves us. In verse 35, he asks the question of who shall separate us from the love of God. Then in verse 37 and verse 39, Paul absolutely declares that nothing or no one can separate us from God's love. These declarations are verbal assurance and promise that we are forever loved by God.

We, of course, find God's declaration of love for His people over and over in the Word of God. The most famous, however, is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son..." Here God declares His love for the world. But there are also many other references to His love for us. As a matter of fact, in the New International Version of the Bible, love is mentioned 55 times.

So, when God, because He is God, declares His love, then you know it is real because you know who He is. He is God, and John tells us that God is love. Therefore, you can trust that no matter what you are going through, you are loved because the person who is love, God, says so.

When my parents or my grandparents said to me that they loved me, I knew it was true because I knew them. When God says that His love is forever with us, I know it is true because I know Him, do You?

II. Second, we are forever loved because of the demonstration of His love.

Now, if anyone wanted to prove that God did not love them or ceased loving them, all they would have to do is to show that His declaration of love is nothing more than words. But that will never happen because there is ample proof that His love is not just mere words, but rather are indeed and in fact words that are backed up by unimaginable and unbelievable facts. In other words, when God said in John 3:16, that He so loved the world, He also said how He loved the world, "that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him would not perish but have everlasting life.

When we read in verse 37 about His love for us, He does it in the past tense, "Know, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Why does He say that nothing can separate us from His love and use the past tense for love? The answer is simple. God's love for us is inseparable now and forever because in the past He took actions necessary to prove that His love will always be with us.

Now, in the preceding verse of our present set of verses, Paul shows how abundant were the actions the Lord took to show His love to us. In verse 32, it tells us that God did not spare His Son but instead gave Him up for us all, Amen. In verse 34, it tells us that no one can condemn God's people because by dying for us, Jesus took our condemnation for us. This verse also tells us that after Jesus resurrected from the grave, He went to Heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father to intercede for His people 24 hours a day, which He is doing right now, blessed be His Holy Name. So, no matter how hard life gets for us, we know that none of that changes the fact that He loves us because of what He has already done for us. I think that Romans 5:8 says it best, "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

As in the previous point, I said that when my mom or my dad or grandparents told me that they loved me, I knew it was true.

I knew it was true because of all the things I had seen my mom, dad, and grandparents had done for me. Their love was demonstrated by their actions. However, no human beings action can ever measure up to the action that God did, in doing and will do for us.

So, the next time you think that God's love for you has stopped, then just stop and contemplate all the things He has already done for you and you will know that He loves you still and always will.

III. Third, we are forever loved because of the duration of His love.

Really these set of verses not only reveal that fact that no one can separate us from the love of God, but also it reveals the fact that no time period can even separate us from His love either. As the sermon title says, we are forever loved.

In these verses, there are two separate sets of elements that represent time. First, he mentions in verse 38, the element of death and life. Then second, in the same verse, he mentions the present and the future. So, he is saying that in the time that we live and in the time that we die and in the now and in the future, we will never be separated from His love.

In Psalm 136 it says, "His love endures forever," twenty six times. You will also find it mentioned many other times in the book of Psalms. Then speaking to His people in the Book of Jeremiah, the Lord says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness." (Jer. 31:3)

As a matter of fact, He knew us and loved us before He even created us. He, also, loved us in eternity past so much that He planned our means of salvation

So, if you ask me what time it is any time, I can say it is the time that God loves me.

IV. Fourth, we are forever loved because of the dynamite in His love.

What I means here is that His love is backed by His power and authority. If His power and authority could ever be challenged, then clearly His love could be as well. However, the good news is that there is no other power out there that can come even close to challenging His. All other powers that exist are limited by the fact that they are a part of creation. God, on the other hand, was not created and therefore has infinite power.

As a matter of fact, every power out there that has ever challenged Him and will challenge Him, will be destroyed by His infinite power. In Co. 2:15, we are told that, "...having disarmed the powers and authorities, He mad a public spectacle of the, triumphing over them by the cross". So, nothing will be able to remove His love from us because nothing is strong enough to remove it. He stands forever unchal-

lenged. He forever loves His people.

Conclusion: Verse 39 says it all. It really says everything this conclusion needs to say. "Neither height or depth, nor anything else in all of creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." but you will never get to experience the full extent of His love until you accept Jesus as your Savior. Why don't you cry out for this salvation offered to you today because of His love.

*Jesus Love You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

*February 19th Vera Miles
Clarice Van Curen*

February 20th Debbie Hodge

*February 21st Jimmie Anderson
Marissa Lynch*

February 22nd Pat Azzarelli



*February 22nd
Ron & Lucille Degler
Ronnie & Ann Nettles*

*February 23rd
Forrest & Amanda Bowen*

TONIGHT @ 6PM

PURE FLIX PRESENTS

MELISSA JOAN HART JESSE METCALFE DAVID A.R. WHITE HAWLEY ORRANTIA
SADIE ROBERTSON FEATURING NEWSBOYS WITH PAT BOONE AND RAY WISE

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IN THEATERS

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BAPTIST MEN'S WEEKEND

Great Swamp Baptist Church

SAT & SUN / MAR 4th & 5th



GUEST SPEAKER



**Reiny Koschel
MAR 5 @ 11am**



MEN'S SUPPER on SAT MAR 4 @ 6PM @ GREAT SWAMP



*Sunday Morning
Breakfast.*
- Author Tellus M. Carr



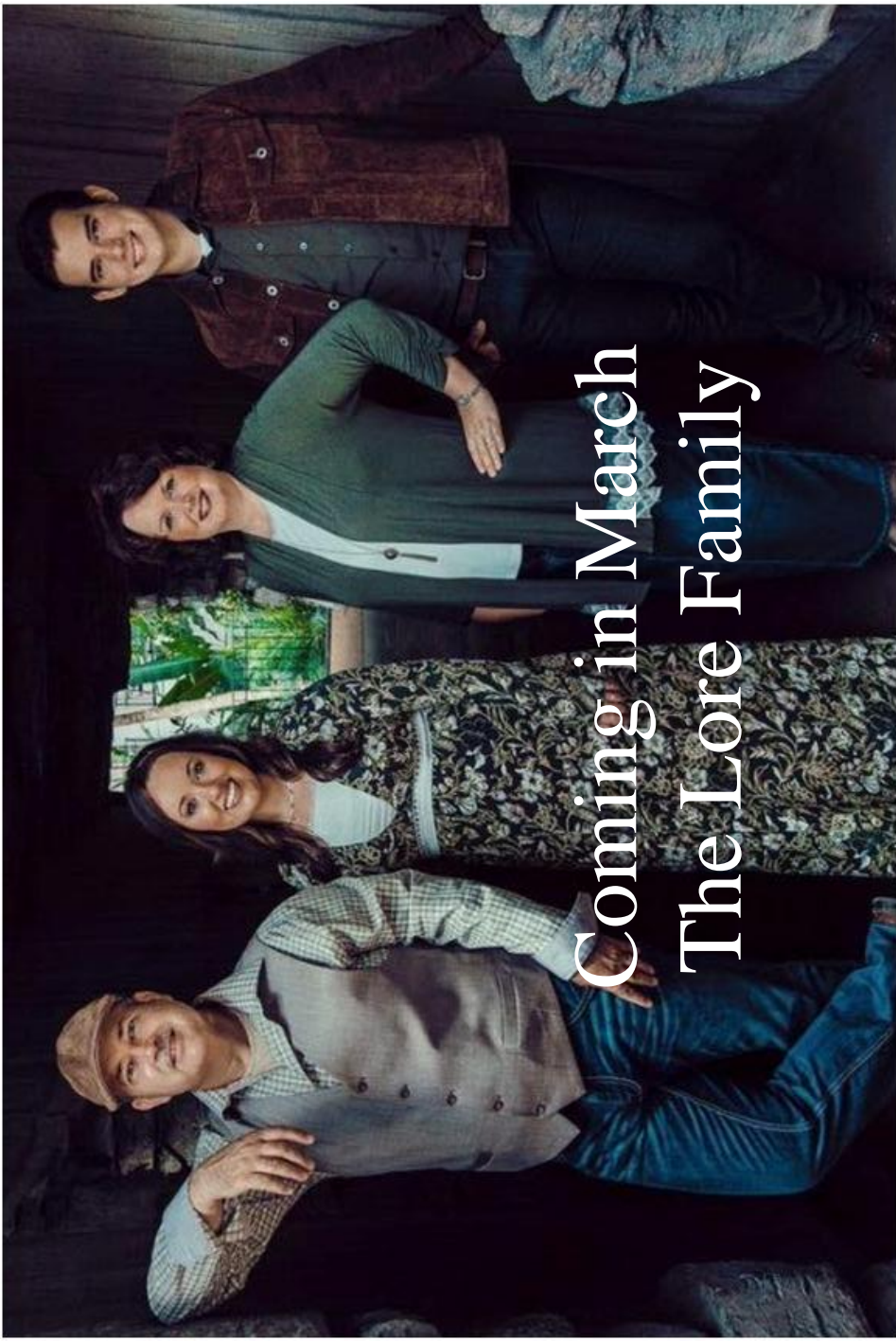
Menu

BBQ Sandwiches
Tater Tots
Cole Slaw / Salad
Dessert
Tea & Coffee



Youth Cooking Team

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



GSBC Prayer Pages February 19, 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
Nominating Committee*

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken
Chet Egerdahl & Family

Bereavement
Family Of

Hospitals
*Barbara Jones-Greenville Hosp.
Virginia Bell Annas-JC Lewis Center*

Expecting / Births

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham
County Rehab. Center
Harriot Lawson-RNC*

Surgery / Recovery
*Brian Freeman (1/19)
Brandy Freeman (2/8)
Annette Malphrus (1/19)
Rose Boyles (1/19)
Linda Stanley (1/19)
Gary Breland (1/19)
Ronnie Lafler (1/25)
Mike Hodge (2/8)
Alice Way (2/8)
Gail Malphrus (2/16)*

Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (2/16)
Dale Robiston (2/8)
Mack Pope, Sr. (2/8)
Mitzi Cramer (2/8)
Erma Steedly (1/26)
Bess Parnell (2/2)*

Called to Ministry
Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Jimmie Cleland (2/8)
Duane Armstrong (2/16)
Harold Stanley (1/12)
McKenzie Cooler (1/19)
Baby Kadence Abney (2/1)
E.L.Ambrose (2/2)
Truett Vaigneur (2/8)
Becky Floyd (2/8)*

*Linda Stanley (1/12)
Annette Adler (1/17)
Zoe Sluery (1/17)
Ron Davis (1/19)
Madison Cooler (1/19)
Teekie Garbade (1/19)
Pat Azzarelli (1/19)
Ronnie Malphrus (2/17)*

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Home

Matthew Mills-Parris Island

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

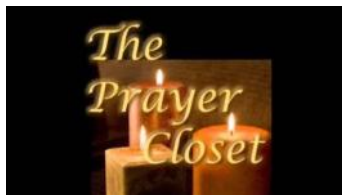
Thank You

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
Lane Malphrus
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Brian Freeman*

*Myrtle Rowell Smith
Billie Langford
Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley
Leonard Steedly
Barbara Mills
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith*



The gatherings for prayer are great. However, our "closet" time is of utmost value. It is these times when it is just you and Jesus. When the soul is bared and nothing is kept secret. Our innermost being is laid bare before God. Jesus speaks to us and we listen perhaps better than at other times. This should be a daily experience and should be guarded carefully against intrusion.

E.L. Ambrose

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



S.O.F.F.E.

*Today, February 12th
Following Morning Worship Service*



Office Closed / School Closed
Monday, February 20th



***The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage***
Thursday, February 23rd @ 10:00am



Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, February 25th @ 8:00 am



Right to Life

Baby Bottle Ministry
Time to Return Your Bottles

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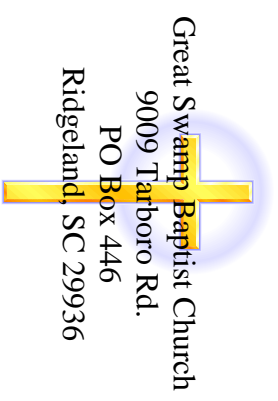
Calendar of Events

For
 February 19th through February 25th

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>	\$2,793.36	\$ 4,943.56	-\$2,150.20
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>SMB</i>	\$84.00	*****	\$264.38
<i>WNS</i>	\$132.00	*****	\$583.38
<i>Youth Camp</i>	\$35.00	*****	\$1,360.03
<i>Annie Armstrong</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$77.02
<i>Missions</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$483.22
<i>Gymnasium</i>	\$5.00	*****	\$105.00
<i>VBS</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$100.00



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