



Great Swamp Baptist Church

January 1, 2017

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Happy New Year

Prelude

Call To Worship

Hymn # 54 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invocation

Wilbur Daley

Selections of Praise & Worship

"How Great Is Our God"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Special Music

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Today:
Latrelle Steedly
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Annette Malphrus
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Vicky Roberts
Emma Grace

Next Week:
Diane Thames
Chesney



Toll Committee
For January
Alice Way & Pat Malphrus

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 Signs of Our Salvation At Christmas

(Matthew 1:1, 16, 18-25)

Intro: the Jews had been taught that the Messiah would come and rescue them. So, they were looking for the Messiah to come and they were anxiously anticipating that He indeed would come set them free. The question of the day, however, is what or who were they expecting the Messiah to rescue them from? They would easily answer that question by declaring that it was their enemies that He would rescue them from and set them free. At the time that Jesus came into our world, the enemies of the Jews were the Romans. Therefore, they greatly believed that the Messiah would come and conquer the Roman empire, rescue them and make them again the ruling nation in the world.

Now, it is absolutely true that Scriptures were prophesying that the Messiah indeed would come to rescue His people. But, what the Jews missed was that the enemies He came to rescue them from at first were not the ones they expected Him to rescue them from. For before He could rescue them from all of their human enemies, He had to deal with the main enemies that were far worse than the human ones.

Now, the enemies I am referring to have done us more harm than all the human enemies combined. These enemies have destroyed our relationship with God and with one another. These enemies must first be dealt with before dealing with our human ones. These enemies, of course, you know by now are our sins and Satan.

At Christmas time we rightly say that Jesus came to bring us peace; to give us joy; to bring us good will; to give us hope; and to bring us the light. So, the question is why does He need to bring us all these things? Well, the answer is because sin and Satan had taken those things away from us. Today, I want us to examine the clear signs of our salvation in the Christmas event.

I. The first clear sign of our salvation in the Christmas event is seen in Jesus' family heritage. *Verse one tells us that from a human point of view, He is a descendant of David and Abraham. He is actually called the "Son of David" and the "Son of Abraham". God had made a promise to Abraham that, "All peoples on Earth will be blessed through you." The way the promise has been fulfilled is through Jesus Christ whose human flesh is descended from Abraham, and when Christ went to the cross, He died for the sins of the whole world.*

Then God had promised David that he would have a descendant who would rule over the throne of Israel forever and ever, and that this descendant of David would save His people. Well that someone was and is the Lord Jesus Christ, (Is. 11:1-9; Jer. 23:5-6).

At His birth, Jesus was a fulfillment of those promises but in order to fulfill them, He had to save us from our sins and from Satan.

II. The second clear sign of our salvation in the Christmas event is seen in Jesus' name. *Both Mary and Joseph were told to name the child to which Mary was giving birth to, the name of Jesus. That name in Hebrew means Jehovah saves. Well, the obvious question is saves us from what or whom? The angel that appeared to Joseph answered that question straight out. He said to Joseph, "you are to give the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."*

We need to clearly understand that Jesus did not come here for some joy ride, so to speak. We also need to understand that He did not come either just to reform us a little bit, or make us just a little better person than we are, no, He came to make us alive again. For sin had made us dead to God and only radical measures could save us. So, Jesus came to live a life without sin for us. Then He came to become sin for us to bear our punishment for our sins. We are sinners and Jesus had to deal with our sins in order to save us. Oh, what a beautiful name the name of Jesus.

III. The third clear sign of our salvation in the Christmas event is seen in Jesus' personhood. *In other words, just who was Jesus? Well, He was a man because He took on human flesh. However, the Word of God let's us know that He was much more than just a man. He was unique in that He was both man and God as well. In the Christmas*

Event, we discover this from all of the names and titles bestowed upon Him. These are the ones He was to be called according to the angels and the prophecies, "Immanuel" which means God with us. The wise men were seeking "The King of the Jews". The angels announced to Mary that He would be, "The Son of the Most High". He also told Mary that He would be, "The Son of God." John the Baptist's mother, Elizabeth, called Him, "the baby Jesus", "My Lord." Then the angel announced to the shepherds that Jesus was the "Savior" and "Christ the Lord."

So, clearly, we see that Jesus was unique indeed. He was both God and man. He alone was uniquely qualified to deal with our sin problem and Satan problem. He was God and He had the power and means to conquer our enemies of sin and Satan. Because He was man, He had the ability to be our sacrifice. Oh, bless our God that the Child in the manger was the God of Glory. Therefore assuring our absolute victory and freedom.

IV. The fourth clear sign of our salvation in the Christmas event was seen in Jesus' visitors. *On the actual night of Christ's birth, the only visitors that we know for sure came were the shepherds. Of course, the reason they came was because the angel told them of the Savior's birth and where He was to be found. So, they hurried out to find the Christ child and they did.*

The shepherds were the most unlikely group most any of us would have chosen for this first set of visitors. We would have chosen those in royal positions or of some high station influence, but definitely not shepherds. They were considered the lowest of the low. God chose them I believe to show that He came to save us all from our sins from the lowest of society to the highest. Second, He chose them because as shepherds take care of their sheep this is what Jesus would do for us. Last of all because these shepherds took care of the sheep used in the sacrifices in Jerusalem for the nation of Israel. God was letting us know that Jesus would be our sacrificial Lamb. Oh praise His name.

Conclusion: We must take the message of Christmas very seriously. That Jesus came for one purpose to save us from our sins and the Devil. Sin is real, Satan is real. Oh praise the Lord, Jesus is also real and He alone can save us from our sins and make us saints. So, let us get real and not mess around and take it all so lightly. Rather, let us acknowledge our sin problem and bring it to the one who came and dealt with it by dying for our sins and resurrecting, giving us victory. Cry out to Jesus today ad let Him save you.

*Jesus Love You,
Ralph Lee, Jr*

January 1st Alyssa Schrader

January 2nd Dora Reynolds



January 3rd Teresa Garbade

*January 6th Duane Armstrong
Morgan Scherger*

January 7th Barbara Malphrus



Menu

Spaghetti

Salad

Bread

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Roberts Cooking Team

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

GSBC Prayer Pages January 1, 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 Barack Obama
United States of America

Unspoken
Jonathan Malphrus-Job Search
Ann Malphrus
Max Cole
Ray & Peggy Michael
Connie Saxon Family
Clarice Van Curen
Chet Egerdahl & Family

Bereavement
Family Of

Hospitals

Expecting / Births
Vanessa Smoak & Nadine

Nursing Centers

Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham
County Rehab. Center

Surgery / Recovery

Brandy Freeman (12/1)
Ron Davis (12/15)
Kelly B. Chapman (12/29)

Cancer / Treatments

Barry Jones (12/8)
Dale Robiston (12/1)
Mack Pope, Sr. (12/1)
Mitzi Cramer (12/1)
Erma Steedly (12/19)

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

Patricia Malphrus (12/1)
Mike Hodge (12/1)
David Lee (12/1)
Saylor Moser (12/1)
Rodney Malphrus, Sr (12/1)
Gary Breland (12/1)
Donna Murphy (12/1)
Wallie Walts (12/1)
Franklin Taylor (12/8)
Reed Smith (12/8)
Jimmie Cleland (12/1)
Robin Holmes (12/02)
Caitlyn Owens (12/14)
Jacob Christenson (12/14)
Shirley Jean Wing (12/22)
Ted Nettles (12/23)
Heather Cartin (12/23)
James Lang (12/23)



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
Myia Angala Ellis
Susan L. Vaigneur
Lula Floyd
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley*

*Dot Nettles
Betty Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Lois Bootle
Lane Malphrus
Grace Boyles
Jeanie Raburn
Scott Boyles
Brian Freeman*

*Myrtle Rowell Smith
Billie Langford
Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley
Leonard Steedly
Barbara Mills
Joyce Sutler
Lanell Smith*



Happy New Year! It is new and will unfold one day at a time. Are you making the best use of each day? I would encourage you to spend time each day in talking to the Lord. Develop a disciplined prayer time. Don't let the cares of the day rob you and God of this special time.

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group IV

*E.L. Ambrose-Leader
Mack Pope, Jr.
Kevin 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

Announcements



*The Quilting Club is meeting in the Old Parsonage
Thursday, January 5th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, January 7th @ 8:00 am*

*A gift of \$50.00 was given to Lottie Moon in Honor of
Joyce Sutler by the Gleaner's Sunday School Class.*

*A gift of \$25.00 was given to Lottie Moon in Honor of
Helen Malphrus by the Gleaner's Sunday School Class.*

*A gift of \$100.00 was given to the Quilting Club in Mem-
ory of Mrs. Morjorie Davis by the Gleaner's Sunday School
Class.*

*A Gift of \$100.00 was given to the General Budget in
Memory of Hugh & Beannie Vaigneur, Oswald Vaigneur and Ada
V. McDowell by Sarah Mears Sanders.*

*A gift of \$25.00 was given to Lottie Moon Offering in
Memory of Wilma McGill by Mike & Debbie Hodge.*

*A gift of \$25.00 was given to Lottie Moon Offering in
Honor or Gleaners Sunday School Class. By Mike & Debbie
Hodge.*

*A gift of \$3,000.00 was given to the SFCA Gymnasium by
Carolina Roofing Specialists, Inc.*

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Calendar of Events

For
 January 1st through January 7th

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

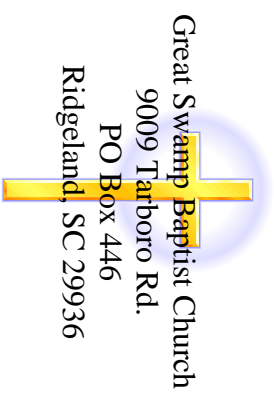
Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
Tithes & Offerings	\$2,340.00	\$ 4,828.76	-\$2,518.76
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
WNS	\$205.00	*****	\$622.81
Lottie Moon Offering	\$181.00	*****	\$2,024.57
Dot Lee Scholarship	\$25.00	*****	\$310.00
Gymnasium	\$3,000.00	*****	\$4,876.51



We would like to thank our Great Swamp Family for everything that you did to help me and my family this Christmas. We love and cherish each of you. God Bless you.

Anonymous



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