

Great Swamp Baptist Church

January 22, 2017



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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call To Worship

Hymn #217 "O, How I Love Jesus"

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invocation

Fred Stanley

Selections of Praise & Worship

"I Saw The Light / I'll Fly Away"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Special Music

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Today:
Betty robertson
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Mike Mingledorff
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Anita Blanton
Alyssa Schrader

Next Week:
Vandy Amazon
Natalie



Toll Committee
For January
Alice Way & Pat Malphrus

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

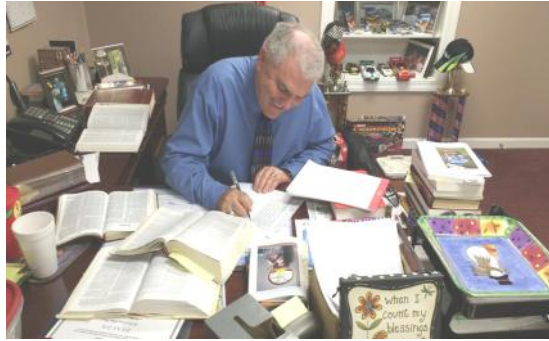


Today:
Fred Stanley
843-226-5641

Next Week:
Robert O'Dell
843-422-9521



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



From Pastor Ralph's Desk: **When We Meet**

(Acts 2:36-47)

Intro: Our New Year's Day Sermon was about what I was calling the Church's New Year Celebration. I took my Scripture text from Acts 2. We focused upon three things the Church did on the day she was birthed into existence. Those three things were that the church began in one place. That was an emphasis on their unity. Second, we examined that fact that the church began in power. That was the filling and empowering of the Holy Spirit. Third, we noticed that the church began with preaching. They preached that Jesus was both Lord and Christ.

Well, from what I am calling the Church's New Year Celebration as we discussed. Last week the church got momentum to really move at a fare pace forward. This momentum, caused them to begin carrying out certain activities whenever and wherever they met together. These activities motivated from their first ever New Year Celebration, God used and empowered to move the church forward in great stride. So, as we enter in to the New Year, whenever and wherever we meet, are we going to be focusing upon the activities that the early church was motivated to do following the Church's first ever New Year's Celebration? I am calling the message simply, When We Meet.

I. First, When we meet, are we exhorting the people? *Now, the question is what is it that we are to be exhorting the people to do? Well, in our Scripture, the Bible tells us that following Peter's sermon, the people fell under deep conviction and asked Peter what are they suppose to do, now that they understand they're responsible for crucifying the Lord Jesus Christ. Well, Peter exhorted them to repent of their sins, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and their sins would be forgiven and that they would also receive the procured gift of the Holy Spirit. He also exhorted them to be baptized as the result of their sins being forgiven.*

So, it is today when we meet together, we need to still be exhorting the people to repent of their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and receive the forgiveness of their sins and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit of God. We also need to encourage them to be baptized to demonstrate that their sins are forgiven and they are filled with God's Spirit because of what Jesus did for them.

We must never grow weary exhorting this message for it is the means by which God has chosen to bring people to salvation and to help believers repent and get right. So, let us pray that in 2017, when we meet, we are ever exhorting the people to repent, believe, receive and be baptized.

II. Second, when we meet, are we encouraging the people? *There are clearly four things that they were encouraged to do. These four things still are the four things we should be encouraging our people to do when they meet together.*

First, they were encouraged to devote themselves to the teachings of the apostles. Now what they were calling the teachings and doctrines of the Apostles, we now basically call the New Testament. For nearly the whole New Testament was written by the Apostles themselves. Also, we must remember that in writing what became the New Testament was totally influenced by what was written in the Old Testament. Both of which were completely inspired by the Holy Spirit of God. So, the point is that whenever we meet together, we need to be sure that we completely do all our teaching and preaching from one place and one place only, God's Holy Word. It is only from God's Holy Word that we will get the teaching of the Apostles.

Second, they were encouraged by having fellowship. This word fellowship has become watered down from the time the church first began. We simply see it as a time to get together and eat, and that plays a role in it. For it seems to indicate that they were eating their meals together. However, the word means something far deeper than just eating together. It also means that while you fellowship with one another, you also take care of one another. It tells us that they sold various items that they owned and brought that money to the Apostles to use to help those among them in need. So, let us seek this New Year to be a church that fellowships to the point of caring for one another.

Third, they were encouraged to break bread together. There is a lot of discussion about what this means. However, the majority of Bible scholars believe it is a reference to sharing a meal together but also to carry out the Lord's Supper together. In so doing, they were constantly reminding themselves that Jesus had died to save them. May we ever do those things that will regularly remind us that Jesus died to save us and the Lord's Supper is one of the primary ways we do so.

Fourth, they were encouraged to pray when they meet together, and pray they did. Through the means of prayer, God was released to work powerfully in and through their lives. I really don't have to spend a lot of time preaching on this point because you already know that it is true. So, what I want to do instead is now to encourage us to pray this year like we never have before. We don't need the power of the human will and Spirit, rather we need the power of the Spirit of God and then we need to pray.

III. Third, when we meet, are we exciting the people? *The question is, are we exciting them to do what? The answer is real simple. Are we exciting them to worship God with all their might? The Bible says here, that when they met together, they had, "ate together with glad and sincere hearts praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people." now folks let it be said of us that when we come together, our worship of God is so contagious that it causes the people to look favorable upon us.*

*Jesus Love You,
Ralph Lee, Jr*



Right to Life

***Baby Bottle Ministry
Ends: 02/12/2017***

January 22nd

January 23rd

January 24th

January 25th

January 28th

Jeffrey Laycock

Evan Anderson

Tex Lowther

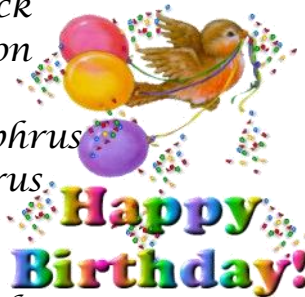
Bernice Malphrus

Helen Malphrus

Jim Madison

Ben Mills

Burnette Pinckney



JACOBS BROTHERS

A Legacy of Praise



MORE THAN 55 YEARS OF GOSPEL MUSIC MINISTRY

I N C O N C E R T

DATE: Wednesday, January 25th

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Great Swamp Baptist Church

GSBC Prayer Pages January 22, 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
Chet Egerdahl & Family

Bereavement
Family Of

Hospitals
*Barbara Jones-Greenville Hosp.
Virginia Bell Annas-JC Lewis Center
Virginia Wells-Sav. Memorial
Ellree Keiffer-Sav. Memorial*

Expecting / Births

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

Surgery / Recovery
*Brian Freeman (1/19)
Brandy Freeman (1/5)
Kelly B. Chapman (12/29)
Bobby Etheridge (1/12)
Annette Malphrus (1/19)
Rose Boyles (1/19)
Linda Stanley (1/19)
Gary Breland (1/19)*

Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (1/12)
Dale Robiston (1/5)
Mack Pope, Sr. (1/5)
Mitzi Cramer (1/5)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Jimmie Cleland (1/5)
Shirley Jean Wing (12/22)
Ted Nettles (12/23)
Heather Cartin (12/23)
James Lang (12/23)
Gail Malphrus (1/6)
Duane Armstrong (1/12)
Harold Stanley (1/12)
Gail Hubbard (1/12)
McKenzie Cooler (1/19)*

*Linda Stanley (1/12)
Annette Adler (1/17)
Zoe Sluery (1/17)
Ron Davis (1/19)
Truett Vaigneur (1/19)
Betty Robinson (1/19)
Madison Cooler (1/19)
Teekie Garbade (1/19)
Pat Azzarelli (1/19)*

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 a@726-3631 or E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479.

Thank You

Please Continue To Remember

*Ricky Cleland
Mike Hodge
Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Susan L. Vaigneur
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*



*How often do you pray?
Your church offers many opportunities for concerted Prayer. Each of them is different. The Wednesday pray is such. Some say they are strengthened and encouraged mightily at this prayer time. Perhaps you need to explore these avenues of prayer in addition to your private times. Come and taste.*

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group III

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



*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, January 26th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, January 28th @ 8:00 am*



Menu

Hamburgers / Hot Dogs

Tater Tots

Salad / Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Youth Cooking Team



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

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 School Administrator: **Donna Carter**.....dcarter@hargray.com
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 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com

Calendar of Events

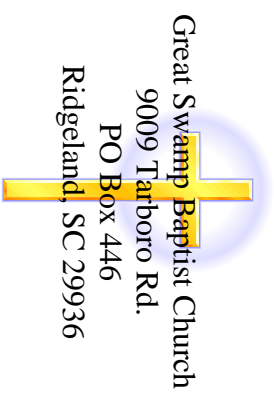
For
 January 22nd through January 28th

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	\$4,459.00	\$ 4,943.56	-\$484.56
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
SMB	\$82.00	*****	\$305.95
WNS	\$219.00	*****	\$392.72





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