



Great Swamp Baptist Church

January 29, 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

Robert O'Dell

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Happy Day"

"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory Special

GSBC Praise Band

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Today:
Mike Mingledorff
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Cassandra Bradley
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Vandy Amason
Natalie

Next Week:
Cassandra Bradley
Evelyn



Toll Committee
For January
Alice Way & Pat Malphrus

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

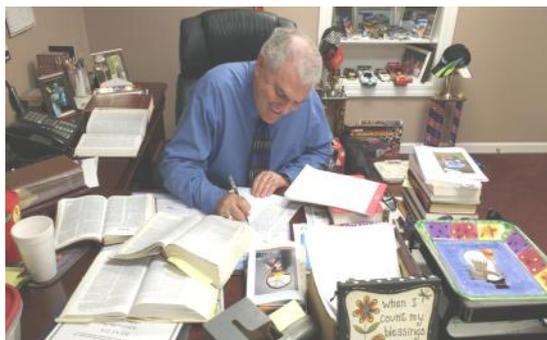


Today:
Robert O'Dell
843-422-9521

Next Week:
Duane Armstrong
843-726-6795



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



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:
The Politicians Who Perished
(Acts 12:1-25)

Intro: In our Scripture verses for the day, we discover a politician, by the name of Herod, meets his demise. The verses show us that by the hand of God, he literally is prosecuted, punished and perishes. This Herod is not the same as the one we find in the Gospels when Jesus was born. That was Herod the Great. This is his grandson, Herod Agrippa I. he was very popular with the Jewish people he ruled over because he was partly Jewish himself and because he would go out of his way to try and give them whatever they wanted. Of course, he did this so that he could gain their continual support. However, some of the decisions and actions that he took in order to get the people's praise and support, led to his experiencing the wrath of God. When one reads the description of how he perished at the hand of God, it becomes clear that his death was both ugly and painful.

I know that this doesn't sound like a very pleasing topic to be discussing. However, we have just finished our presidential election and there is more debate and discussion over this election that just about any other in history. It has caused us to really focus on the kind of politicians that we have always had and the kind that is different than the usual. The point that I want to make to all of them regardless of what side they are on, is that they better all get on the right side, which is God's side or they might end up like the politicians who perished. So, let us notice what led to this politician's demise.

I. First, let us notice that this politician perished because of his treatment of the people of God, vs 1-4.

So, how did he treat the people of God? Well, the answer is very clear and straight forward. According to these verses, he had them arrested, imprisoned, persecuted and put to the sword. When he saw that these steps he took pleased the Jewish people he worked with most, he decided to continue this kind of treatment and go after, particularly, the main church leaders such as James and Peter.

Now, you can't continue to persecute the people of God and expect to get by with it. At some point or another, God will deal with the matter and when He

does, it won't be pretty. Unless our politicians understand that they are to treat the people of God the way He expects them to, they are looking at some serious consequences. Those consequences may happen here and now or then and there.

Now, here is the reason why God will deal with politicians that treat His people so horribly as Herod did because they are His people. They are His people by way of creation and they are His people by way of salvation. Jesus Christ created us and by His atoning death on Calvary cross, He bought us with His own precious blood.

Now a great example of what I and referring to is Paul's conversion experience. When God struck the apostle Paul when he was Saul with such a bright light that it blinded him and then the Lord said to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Then Paul asked Him who He was? The Lord answered, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting." Now Paul thought by arresting the Christians he was doing God's will. However, God was showing him that he was doing just the opposite. When he was persecuting the Christians, he was persecuting Jesus and if he did not follow Jesus, I can assure you he, too, would have perished like Herod.

Let us pray that our politicians will treat God's people as God would have them to. By the way, do people see that we are treating one another as Jesus does or do they see us acting more like the devil toward one another?

II. Second, let us notice that this politician perished because he was nothing like the people of God.

He not only persecuted the Christians but he did so for selfish reasons. He did not care for them. He did not have compassion on them. He did not care if they were slaughtered. He was nothing like them. He did not believe in Jesus for salvation as they did. He did not go out of his way to help anyone but himself.

However, if you go to the last few verses of the previous chapter, you will find out that the Believers in Antioch took up an offering to send to the Believers in Jerusalem who were experiencing a famine so they could purchase food for them. They were showing the people of God in Jerusalem love, mercy and compassion. While Herod was showing them hate and persecution. Politicians and all alike should understand that without faith in Jesus, they will all likewise perish.

III. Third, let us notice that this politician perished because he accepted the praise belonging to God, vs 19-23.

These verses are quite clear what Herod Agrippa did. The people of Tyre and Sidon for some unknown reason were at odds with Herod. Therefore, he cut off some of the food supplies that they desperately needed. Therefore, to get Herod back on their good side, they decided to worship

him as though he were God himself, and he did not refuse their praise. As a matter of fact, the implication appears to be that he was enjoying the worship and praise that he received. So, since he failed to stop and give all the glory to God, he was struck down by God. Our politicians should learn that one day they too, like all of us, must bow before the King of kings and Lord of lords and declare that He, Jesus Christ, is Lord to the glory of God, the Father.

Let us pray that our politicians along with ourselves will humble ourselves before God and give all the praise to Him and Him alone.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that this politician perished because he failed the proclamation of God, vs 24-25.

These verses tells us that Herod had done all he could to stop the spread of Christianity by arresting and persecuting the Christians. However, what happened instead was he perished and God's Word increased and multiplied through the preaching of God's missionaries such as Paul, Barabbas and Mark.

If Herod had surrendered to the teachings of God's Word, his life would not have ended at this time and his influence would have been positive for the cause of Christ./ instead, he failed to heed God's Word so he came to a horrible end as predicted by God's Word.

Let us pray that our politicians will have respect for God's Word and will seek to implement it's teachings in our world.

Jesus Love You,
Ralph Lee, Jr



Office Notice

Reminder: To whomever borrowed the paper cutter from the office, it needs to be returned.



Right to Life

Baby Bottle Ministry
Ends: 02/12/2017

January 29th

January 31st

February 1st

February 2nd

February 4th

Rodney Malphrus, Jr

Keith Gamo

Sawyer Smoak

Gary Way

Rinley Dennen

Taylor Floyd



GSBC Prayer Pages January 29, 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
Ellree Keiffer, Sr.*

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

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)
Ronnie Lafler (1/25)
Mike Hodge (1/26)*

Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (1/12)
Dale Robiston (1/5)
Mack Pope, Sr. (1/5)
Mitzi Cramer (1/5)
Erma Steedly (1/26)*

Called to Ministry
Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Jimmie Cleland (1/5)
Gail Malphrus (1/6)
Duane Armstrong (1/12)
Harold Stanley (1/12)
Gail Hubbard (1/12)
McKenzie Cooler (1/19)
Leonard Steedly (1/26)
Bess Parnell (1/26)*

*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 @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*



Yet another opportunity for praying is at Watchmen's Prayer on Saturdays at 8:00am. This special time is given over to praying for Sunday happenings. The choir, pulpit, musical instruments, pews, sound room, vestibule and grounds areas are all covered. Scripture is read at each stop and prayer is made for the people. Perhaps this is a way for you to expand your prayer life. Come taste.

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, February 2nd @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, February 4th @ 8:00 am*



Menu

Baked Potato w/ fixins
Salad / Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Robert's Family Cooking Team

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



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Calendar of Events

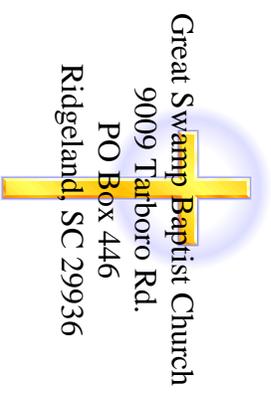
For
 January 29th through February 4th

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	\$2,323.00	\$ 4,943.56	-\$2,620.56
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
SMB	\$78.00	*****	\$383.95
WNS	\$256.00	*****	\$624.70
SFCA Boston Butts	\$4, 198.24	*****	\$0.00





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