

Great Swamp Baptist Church
July 12, 2015



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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship

“He Keeps Me Singing” Hymn# 425

The Welcome

Announcements

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Selections of Praise and Worship

“His Name Is Wonderful”

Hymn# 203

“There’s Something About That Name”

Hymn# 177

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee

A Demonstration of Stewardship

Offertory

Special Music

Sophia Sineath

“Love Song” by Third Day

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

A Time to Respond

Invitation

Benediction



Today:

*Annette Malphrus
Duane Armstrong*

Next Week:

*Olivia Stanley
Duane Armstrong*

Nursery Workers



Today:

*Debra Daley
Cathryn Daley*

Next Week:

*Cassandra & Evelyn Bradley
Christina Hagen*

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today:

*Duane Armstrong
843-726-6795*



Next Week:

*Wayne Cooler
843-726-4297*



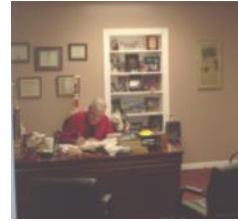
IF YOUR DEACONS

CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,

CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631

From

Pastor Ralph's Desk:



What Citizens of Heaven Understand

Intro: I can't remember a time when most Christians, that I know, have become more disgusted, discouraged and even depressed than they are now. The obvious reason for this is the ongoing decisions coming out of Washington that are greatly impacting our religious freedoms and attacking our religious beliefs that have, since the founding of our country, been the foundation that our founding fathers believed in and used to promote our great democratic form of government. Little is left of our Judeo-Christian influence in the life of our government, whereas once it was the leading influence.

Therefore the results for our nation has been disastrous and one doesn't need to preach about all those disastrous results because they are quite plain to see and it would take all day.

However, today I want to remind us of a great truth that we already know about but which we need to be reminded. This great truth is that we are not primarily citizens of this world. Our citizenship here is temporary in nature. Rather, our true and eternal citizenship is in Heaven, as verse twenty of our text says. So, Child of God, hold your head high in these difficult days because your true citizenship is in a place that neither the White House; nor the congress; nor the Supreme Court; nor any other nation or nation's leader hold any sway over. Rather, it's ruler is the very same one who brought you your glorious and eternal salvation.

In these set of verses, Paul teaches us what citizens of Heaven should understand, and that is what we will examine.

I. First, Paul teaches us that citizens of Heaven should understand their direction. *The point here is quite simple. Paul is teaching us that we should understand that while we live here below for the time being, we should at the same time be looking upward because this is only a temporary dwelling for us from which eventually we will spring board upward to our eternal dwelling where our citizenship already dwells. When we remember the temporary nature of our present dwelling and the eternal nature of true citizenship, then we can eventually rise above our disgust, discouragement and depression and experience victory in the now. Look up Child of God ! That is your direction. Listen to these other scripture references, I Peter 2:11, " Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul." and Hebrews 11:13, "All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth."*

II. Second, Paul teaches us that citizens of Heaven should understand their duty, vs 17-19. *Sadly, the Philippian Church had members who had great influence over the church but their influence was earthly minded motivated. It was truly hard to tell if their people were really citizens of Heaven. Their lives in no way seemed to indicate that Paul is teaching us that our duty, while down here, is to live as citizens of the actual country or realm that we actually are a citizen of, which of course is Heaven. You can go to any city in*

America and wander around in various neighborhoods and get the feeling that you are not even in America. For those people in those neighborhoods have brought with them the culture of their originating country and they are fleshing out to the point that while you are there, you actually feel like you are in a different country.

So, the question is when people are around you, your family, your church, do your actions and your words convince them that you are truly a citizen of Heaven?

III. Third, Paul teaches us that citizens of Heaven should understand their deliverance, vs 18. *Paul says in this verse that some of the church members at Philippi who claimed to be Christians and citizens of Heaven were enemies of the cross of Christ. Then he goes on to tell us that these people are not truly Christians and citizens of Heaven but rather they were headed for destruction. The very reason they were headed for destruction and not Heaven is because they denied the only means of deliverance that would make it possible for them to become citizens of Heaven. The cross of Christ is the only way to see glory. Jesus portrays this point so clearly in John 14:1-6. In these verses He tells us that He is going to go and prepare a place for us so we could be with Him. He then goes on to tell us how we could get to this place that He is preparing, "Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) So if you are a citizen of Heaven you will shout it out how you got that privilege.*

IV. Fourth, Paul teaches us that citizens of Heaven should understand their destiny, vs 21. *This verse tells us that God has determined to not only take us to Heaven but to also give us a new body that will be designed for this perfect place that we are headed. This body will be God's handiwork just like our first one. However, the difference will be that sin will not interfere with the new one. It will be a body like the one Jesus had when He resurrected from the dead. It will be a glorified body. Oh, Hallelujah! What a day that will be. Oh, what a destiny we have. Read I Corinthians 15, it talks much of this body.*

V. Finally, Paul teaches us that citizens of Heaven should understand their direction, vs 20-21. *The simple yet most important point is that we understand that the central person of this city is the One who is building it and is the One who is coming back to take us there. It is all about Jesus, and it is to Him that we will give all the glory for all eternity that we are citizens of Heaven.*

*Jesus Loves you!
Pastor Ralph*

Announcements



Monday, July 13th
Deacon's Meeting



Thursday, July 16th
Quilting Club
10:00am



Saturday, July 18th
Watchman Prayer Group
8:00 am



BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER
20th

8 SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS



DR. JAMES DOBSON BUILDING
A FAMILY LEGACY



This Week:

July 12th *Robert O'Dell*
July 13th *Silas Carter*
 Betty Nettles
July 14th *James Lynch*
July 15th *Jordan Sims*



Anniversary

This Week:

July 17th *Thomas & Erma Cooler*
 Donnie & Burnette Pinckney



Attention Seniors!

It is that time of year again. It is time to sign up for the Senior Celebrators Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN. Sign Up sheets have been placed in the foyer. Make sure you write in an updated phone number. A \$25.00 non-refundable deposit is due no later than Monday, July 20th. Bus Fee will be \$50.00 each person. Brochures are available in the lobby. Contact Timmy Sauls at 321-0789 for more info.

GSBC Prayer Pages July 12, 2015

Church Needs

Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons
Child Dev. Ministries

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

Bereavement

Family
Of
John Sloss

Hospitals

Sue Stiver-MUSC
Paul Detrick-MUSC
Braiden Gilbert-MUSC
Don Rodgers-St. Joseph's
Tex Lowther-St. Joseph's

Nursing Centers

Percy Sauls-VA Hospital/Charleston
Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus (RNC)
English A. Malphrus-The Village, Summerville

Surgery / Recovery

Mack Pope, Sr. (7/29)
Kitty Burke (6/19)
Helen Malphrus (6/19)
E L Ambrose (6/24)
David Daring (6/19)
Herbert Jones (6/18)
Justin Malphrus (7/2)
Olivia Stanley (7/9)

Cancer / Treatments

Lane Malphrus (7/2)
Barry Jones (7/2)
Dean Goen (6/16)
Billy Langford (6/18)
Virginia Wells (7/9)

Other Health Needs

Dot Tindal (7/2)
Rodney Malphrus (7/2)
Rosa Lee Sauls (7/2)
Katelyn Morgan (6/25)
Lynn Glasser (7/2)
Saylor Moser (7/2)
Grace Boyles (7/9)
Clarice Van Curen (7/9)

Billy Benton (7/9)
Eve Calhoun (6/11)
Dot Nettles (6/16)
Mary Cope (7/01)

Expecting / Births

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family
Robin Gray-Central Asia
Bjo Mills-USA

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

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
Norris Sauls
Lula Floyd*

*Dot Nettles
Jimmie Mills
Betty Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Joyce Sutler
Jesse Cleland
Kevin Roach*

*Myrtle Rowell Smith
Billie Langford
Lisa Koon
Mitzi Cramer
Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley*



The Lord imparts strength. We are "Strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man." It is continuous; and reserves of power comes to us which we cannot exhaust. He is our strength to go on; To walk the long lane that seems to have no turning. He gives strength to go up when the difficulties are pulling downward. Prayer enlivens and brings us to God for strengthening. PRAY.

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*

New York City



Aimee Faucette
Col. of Charleston

Southeast Asia



Jenna Gallman
Coastal Carolina

*Weekly prayer
for
Summer Missionaries*

Southeast Asia

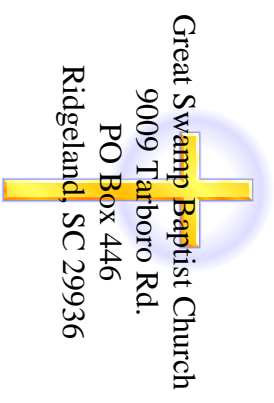


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