



Great Swamp Baptist Church

July 23, 2017

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Selections of Praise & Worship

“Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord”

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

“Glorify Your Name”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory Special

Sadie O’Connor

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Today:
Annette Malphrus
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Olivia Stanley
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Pat Bryan

Alice Way

Next Week:

Donna Carter

Amanda Hodges



Toll Committee

For July

Latrelle Steedly and Dorthie Armstrong

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

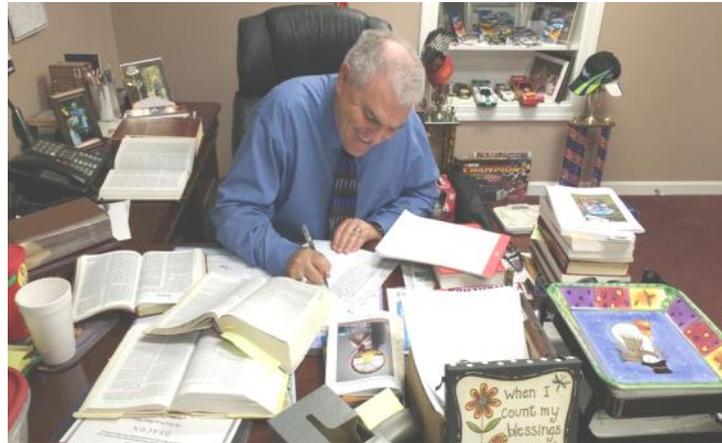


Today:
Duane Armstrong
 843-726-6795

Next Week:
Wilbur Daley
 843-305-0110



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



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Solving The Hero Worship Problem

Intro: The new church year starts in September and that is the time we need our new church leaders in place. However, every year we never have a full slate of the leaders we need. There are various excuses. God has called out all of His people to serve Him in some capacity or another. All believers at Great Swamp Baptist Church need to find their place of service if they want to follow the call of God in their lives.

In order to help us understand the need to serve God in the church, I want us to examine a problem they had at the Corinthian Church which at first doesn't sound like that it has anything to do with finding our role in the church. However, as we examine this particular problem they had, we will easily see how it fits with our need of finding our place of service in the church.

The problem they had was that they were divided in to various groups in the church. This division was caused by each faction choosing to follow a certain well known church leader. This is what I am calling hero worship. They worshiped this leader more than the Lord Himself. Paul shows us how we solve the hero worship when, as he does it also points out the need for us all to start serving.

I. First, Paul tells us that we solve the problem of hero worship by recognizing that the leaders of the church are mere vessels and tools of God, vs 5-7).

These heroes they worshipped, Paul, Apollos, Peter and

others, Paul tells us that they are mere tools in the Master's hand. In other words, whatever service or good that these men accomplished, it is only because God guided them to be able to fulfill their tasks, duty or service. As James tells us, all the good we experience came not from men but from above. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Heavenly light." (James 1:17)

Whenever anyone builds something or repairs something or puts something together, we never stand back and say, my, look at what those tools did. No, we always say will look at the job so and so did. It is the owner that gets the praise for the job done. Well, guess what God is the owner of us all and we all are to be tools and vessels in His hand. Are you allowing the Lord to use you as one of His vessels or one of His tools?

II. Second, Paul tells us that we solve the problem of hero worship by recognizing that the leaders of the church are called by God, vs 5.

In other words, these leaders that they more or less were choosing to follow and put on a pedestal were in their places of leadership because God called them to those positions. They were not there because somehow they were better than others or more talented or the list goes on. No, as a matter of fact, most people would not have chosen these, what for the most part, were very ordinary men of their day. They didn't come from a lot of money. They did not come from the political or celebrity status of their day. They simply came out from everyday, average groups of society.

So, we see that as verse five says, that these men were assigned to their tasks, and therefore they were doing what they had been assigned to do. So, it is that God assigns all of us to a task. As again, the verse says, "...the Lord has assigned to each his task." As with Paul and Apollos, some was called to plant and the other to water so God has called some of us to plant and some of us to water. All we are responsible to do is the task assigned to us, and if each do their task it will compliment each one.

So, as we see in point one, God is the owner. Now in point two, God is the caller or assigner. We are simply to let Him be the owner and let Him to be the assigner and we respond in obedience.

III. Third, Paul tells us that we solve the problem of hero worship by recognizing that the leaders of the church all have the same purpose, vs 8.

Verse eight tells us that the one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose. There are not several purposes. There are not a few purposes. There are not a couple of purposes. No, there is only one purpose. So, whether you're pastoring, or preaching or teaching a class or working with youth or senior adults or working in the kitchen or cleaning the facility, we are

all working together to accomplish one purpose. So, our focus is not what position we hold but what purpose we are all called to. When we realize that we have one purpose than that makes all of our jobs equally important. We do what we do to accomplish the one purpose.

Now the question is what is that one purpose that each of our tasks is called to fulfill. Well, that purpose is to magnify and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ so that the lost might be saved and the saved might grow. So, we do what we are called to do to not magnify ourselves but Christ, and when we all are doing our tasks, we will indeed lift up Jesus.

IV. Fourth, Paul tells us that we solve the problem of hero worship by recognizing that the leaders of the church all have the same message, vs 10-11.

Paul clearly tells us that the foundation has been laid and it can never be changed. Of course he tells us that the one foundation is Jesus Christ. As a matter of fact, in the Book of Galatians Paul says, “But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!” (Galatians 1:8-9). So, our one message is from Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

So, when we are focused upon the one message, we realize that we all are not competing but rather working in conjunction with one another so that the world can hear the one true message of salvation, the message of Jesus. So, all of us need to carry out our God given task so that we can together proclaim the message of Jesus.

Conclusion: Paul show us that all the glory, honor and praise belongs to God. He is our owner and we are His vessel. He is our assigner and we are the assigned. He is our purpose and He is our message. Therefore, we are called to let Him use us to magnify Him. Are you letting Him work through you?

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

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RACE DAY
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Reminder

*There will be **NO**
Sunday Morning Breakfast
or
Wednesday Night Supper*

June thru August.

*Meals will resume
the first week
of
September.*



Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off Challenge

Let's start now collecting for our Shoeboxes. This year we will begin by collecting wash cloths and soap.

There will be 2 containers in the vestibule. One will say ages 40 and below and the other will say ages 41 and above.

Let's see which age group can collect the most. This is a fun challenge in which anyone can participate.

We will be collecting for the next three Sundays, that is July 16th; July 23rd; and July 30th.

Sincerely in the Lord

Alice Way



Step Of Faith
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, September 1st

5-7pm Eat In

Or

Take out at school dismissal

\$7 per plate

(Dessert at an additional cost)

**DINNER
AND
AUCTION**



Silent Auction

Starts @ 5pm

If you would like to donate an item or service for the auction

Contact

*Amanda Bowen
843-227-8566*

Donations Needed:

*Boxes of Spaghetti
Noodles
Ragu Traditional Sauce
Desserts*

Contact for more info:
Amanda Bowen
843-227-8566

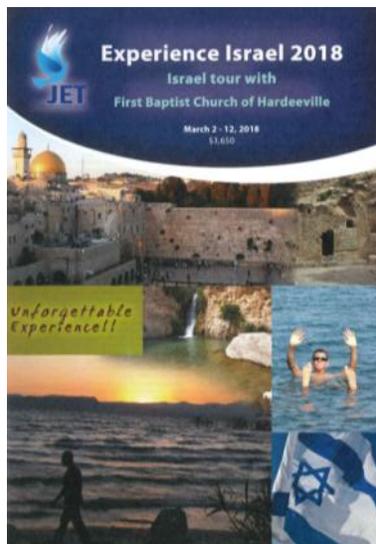


Savannah River Baptist Association
invites you to the
SENIOR CELEBRATION
An Old Fashioned
CAMP MEETING REVIVAL

Thursday, August 3
10:00 am
Port Royal Baptist Church

*Fun, Food, Fellowship,
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Contact the church office for more info.
A sign up sheet is in the foyer.
Reservation Deadline is July 23rd.



If you have never been to Israel or would like to visit again, here is your opportunity. First Baptist Church of Hardeeville along with Jet Tours will be going to Israel in the Spring of 2018. Payment schedules have been arranged. Literature for this trip is available in the Lobby. Call the first Baptist Church office @ 843-784-2239 for more info.

Deacon Election List—2017

On Sunday, August 6th, during Morning Worship Service, we will select one deacon to serve until 2020. if you wish to have your name removed from the following list please contact the church office at 843-726-3631.

*Gerald Boyles
Calvin Bryan
Bill Carter
Ron Davis
Keith Gamo
Andre Goulet
Irwin Malphrus
Kevin Malphrus
Patrick Malphrus*

*Rodney Malphrus, Sr
Rodney Malphrus, Jr
Ronald Malphrus
Mack Pope
David Raines
Fred Stanley
Gentry Thames*

Deacon Rotation

Fred Stanley

Four Days of Unspeakable Joy

● ● ● ● OCTOBER 16-19, 2017
 ● ● ● ● PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE



Monday 7 PM
 Tuesday 9 AM

DAVID JEREMIAH
 With a commitment to teaching the Word of God, Dr. Jeremiah writes gripping books that get right to the point to see the lost saved.

MÁRK LOWRY
 Singer, storyteller, humorist, author and songwriter, Mark is known and loved around the world as a trusted voice in the realm of Gospel music and beyond.

STAN WHITMIRE
 Appearing Monday evening with Mark Lowry, Stan is a Dove Award-winning pianist and an integral part of the music ministry at his church in Atlanta.

ANNIE MOSES BAND
 This talented ensemble of songwriters, singers, and musicians, combines technical skill with exhilarating showmanship.

Tuesday 8 PM

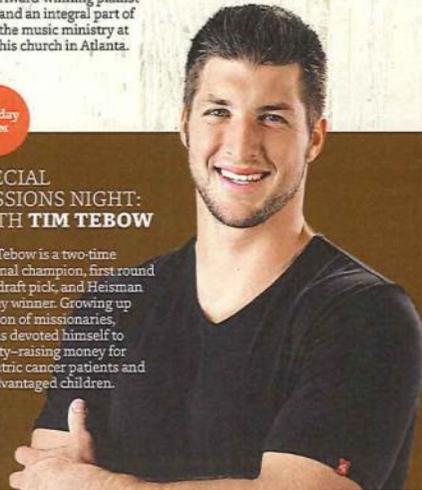
MONDAY	Session 1	7 PM - 10 PM
TUESDAY	Session 2	9 AM - Noon
	Session 3	7 PM - 10 PM
WEDNESDAY	Session 4	9 AM - Noon
	Session 5	7 PM - 10 PM
THURSDAY	Session 6	9 AM - 11 AM

Doors open about 1 hour before each session.



SPECIAL MISSIONS NIGHT: WITH TIM TEBOW

Tim Tebow is a two-time national champion, first round NFL draft pick, and Heisman trophy winner. Growing up as a son of missionaries, he has devoted himself to charity—raising money for pediatric cancer patients and disadvantaged children.



Senior Adult News

It is that time of year again. A sign-up sheet is in the Lobby for those who plan on attending. A non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 is due NOW. We need you to sign up as soon as possible so that we may put together a room list with balances. October 16-19.

We will be staying at the Willowbrook Lodge.

Early Bird Rates are:

- 4 per room \$199.00
- 3 per room \$219.00
- 2 per room \$259.00
- 1 per room \$379.00

Bus Fee is a separate \$50.00



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LifeWay | Men

Event subject to change without notice. Sales tax applied to event cost, if applicable.

July 23rd

Katie Mock
Bobby Smith
Rodney Malphrus, Sr

July 25th

Tim Malphrus
Lois Bootle

July 26th

Barbara McGill
Amber Broschard
Red Malphrus

July 29th

Nicole Cole



July 23rd

John & Julie Mingledorff

July 25th

Duane & Dorthie Armstrong

July 29th

Frankie & Margie Malphrus

Jimmie & Amanda Anderson



A gift of \$50.00 was given in Memory of Lane Malphrus to the Lane Malphrus Memorial Fund by Great Swamp Baptist Church.

A gift of \$50.00 was given in Memory of Lane Malphrus to the Lane Malphrus Memorial Fund by Shirley Jean Wing.

A gift of \$40.00 was given in Memory of Lane Malphrus to the Lane Malphrus Memorial Fund by an Anonymous Donor.

A gift of \$200.00 was given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Maxwell Malphrus by Mamie M. Minton.

A gift of \$147.50 was given to Operation Christmas Child by the Grandmother's Group.

A gift of \$150.00 was given to Operation Christmas Child by Vacation Bible School.



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GSBC Prayer Pages July 23, 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
Deacon Selection*

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken
*Tim Cramer Family
Margaret & Keith Floyd & Family
Lloyd Freeman (7/13)
David Sauls (7/20)*

Bereavement
*Family Of
Harold Stanley*

Hospitals
*Dorothy T. (Shuford) Malphrus
(MUSC)
Clarice Van Curen (CCH)*

Expecting / Births
Victoria Keiffer

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham
County Rehab. Center
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Thelma Ashing-RNC*

Surgery / Recovery
*Duane Armstrong (7/6)
Timmy Sauls (6/29)
Ryder Smith (7/6)*

Cancer / Treatments
*Barry Jones (7/6)
Mitzi Cramer (7/6)
Wallace Roberts (6/29)
Diane Thames (6/29)
Maxie Mason (6/29)
Ted Wells (6/29)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Lloyd Freeman (7/6)
Ronnie Malphrus (7/6)
Wallace Malphrus (6/29)
Rhonda & Marvin Patterson(7/13)
Patrick Malphrus (7/13)
William Burke (7/20)
Gail Malphrus (7/20)*

*Ron Davis (7/6)
Vera Floyd (7/6)
Bonnie Pope (6/29)
Mike Mingledorff (6/29)
Craig Cooler (7/6)
Paul Peebles (7/3)
Joyce Sutler (7/11)*

Executive Board Meeting

**Monday, July 24, 2017
7:00pm
SRBA Building**

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Fort Benning

Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines

Jericho Malphrus-Air Force

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
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles*

*Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley
Leonard Steedly
Barbara Mills
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith
Brian Freeman
Susan L. Vaigneur*



How's your prayer life? Have you developed regular prayer times? Why not commit for the month of August to one of the special prayer times? You'll be strengthened and your walk with the Lord will take on a freshness you'll appreciate. Consult your bulletin for the times and if you need information, call E.L. Ambrose at 843-726-5479. Good Praying!

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group I

*Patricia Malphrus-Leader
Truett Vaigneur
Shirley Malphrus
Vera Miles*

**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, July 27th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, July 29th @ 8:00 am*



Sign-Up Sheet

*It is time to update our Telephone Tree for Great Swamp.
A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. Please sign up with your name
and phone contact along with if you would like to be a group
leader for making calls when we have funerals and such.*

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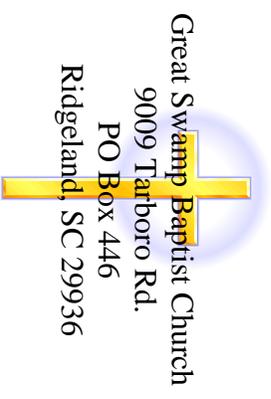
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 Custodian: **Ann Malphrus**.....ramalphrus@hargray.com
 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com

Calendar of Events

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>	\$3,522.00	\$ 4,943.56	-\$1,421.56
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Lane Malphrus Memorial Fund</i>	\$90.00	*****	\$140.00
<i>Senior Celebrators</i>	\$1,727.00	*****	\$2,141.20
<i>OCC</i>	\$297.50	*****	\$1,223.07
<i>Cemetery</i>	\$200.00	*****	\$335.00
<i>Missions</i>	\$165.00	*****	\$673.22



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