

COMING TO GREAT SWAMP
TONIGHT @ 7pm



The Lore Family

Great Swamp Baptist Church

March 26, 2017

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call To Worship

Richard Waitt

“Safely Home”

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invocation

Bjo Mills

Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn # 215 “Majesty”

“Blessed Be Your Name”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory Special

GSBC Praise Band

“Revelation Song”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Today:
Cassandra Bradley
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Dorthie Armstrong
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Diane Thames
Chesney

Next Week:
Vanessa Smoak
Jason Smoak



Toll Committee
For March
Latrelle Steedly & Dorthie Armstrong

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today:
Bjo Mills
 843-271-2840

Next Week:
Fred Stanley
 843-226-5641



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



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:
The Total Coverage of God's Love
(Psalm 136: 1-26)

Today I want us to examine a chapter that mentions the word "love" 26 times. As a matter of fact, every verse in the chapter has it. So, obviously, love is the primary theme of the chapter. However, some might challenge that because they see thanksgiving as the real thrust of the chapter. But the reason why we are called to give thanks is because of the everlasting, enduring love that God has for His people.

Now, what we actually discover in the chapter is a description of the enduring love that God has for the nation of Israel. It is a picture or a snapshot of a love that God has had for Israel since before their beginning and will endure throughout their eternity. One might say, then does it not include the people of God in the New Testament called the Church? Well, the answer to that is a definite, yes. For all the principles found in this chapter of the love of God can all be found in the New Testament as well.

There are many insurance companies that claim that they can cover you from the womb to the tomb. However, what we will discover from this chapter is that God's love for His people covers them from before they were conceived and it covers them for the rest of their eternity. So, if I want true, complete and total coverage bank it on the love of God and by the way it is a whole lot cheaper.

I. First, the total coverage of God's love is seen in the person who is love vs. 1-3.

Now, the total coverage of God's love for us began long before anyone of us living were ever conceived. Also, His love for us began long before He created the nation of Israel and long before He created Adam and Eve. These first three verses are a reminder from the psalmist that the nation of Israel should give thanks to the goodness of their God who by the way is the very God of gods and Lord of lords. When you notice in the previous chapter that the psalmist declared

That all other nations worshipped idols and not the true God and you see that when in verses two and three, it says God of gods and Lord of lords each of the second groups are spelled with a small letter then you realize the psalmist is saying that God alone is God.

Also, the psalmist is saying that God is good because God has always had enduring love. That is why He is good. He has had enduring love because He is God and as being God, He is love. John tells us in his writings that whoever loves has been born of God because God is love. We love Him because He first loved us. So, why did He first love us? Well, because His love is enduring and it is always been with Him. He began loving us in His eternal past. So, we have never “not” been loved. Praise the Lord.

II. Second, the total coverage of God’s love is seen in the products made by His love vs. 4-9.

Tragically, we have lost the wonder of our creation because we have become so secular minded about the creation. This causes us to examine things in almost a purposeless way. A world that has just come about by mere chance and accident. There is nothing exciting about that. I am so glad, praise God, to be a Child of God which allows me to see the wonder of our great creation that’s been created with power and majesty and purpose and complexity that can only be contributed to our eternal God. No wonder it never ceases to amaze us.

Now, the reason why it is so filled with wonder beyond our imagination is because God created it with His enduring love. This enduring love of His led Him to create human beings in His image so that we could enjoy a relationship with Him and enjoy this wonderful world that He placed us in.

It is true that sin has scared it all up but God’s love in His creation still shines through magnificently. So, if you want to see the wonder of our creation, then see it through the eyes of our Creator who did it through His everlasting love.

III. Third, the total coverage of God’s love is seen by the people saved by His love vs. 10-20.

In these set of verses, what we see is God’s deliverance of the nation of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. They had been in this bondage and slavery for 400 years. During all this time they had never had the means or capability of delivering themselves out of their horrible circumstances. Of course, what finally made the difference was the intervention of Almighty God. Through His infinite wisdom, power and grace, He mightily delivered the entire nation

out of slavery into being a free nation.

The Psalmist goes on to tell us that not only did God set them free from the Egyptians and did so powerfully but He also set them free from every powerful enemy that they encountered on their journey to the Promise Land and in the Promise Land.

God, too, has powerfully and graciously set us free from all the enemies that held us in bondage. Enemies that were more powerful than we ourselves but never more powerful than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. By His incarnation into our world, He intervenes on our behalf all the way to the cross and then up out of the grave and finally back to glory where He came from to begin with where He continuously is praying to the Father on our behalf. Therefore, the enemies of sin, Satan, death, hell and the grave have been conquered and through repentance and faith in Christ, we've been graciously set free.

Now, of course once again, we must remember that all of this happened because of God's unending love for us. Oh, blessed be our loving Lord and Savior who came to set us free. Oh, what love He has for us.

Fourth, the total coverage of God's love is seen in the Promise Land provided by His love vs. 21-22.

In these verses, we discover that God took the land of their enemies that they defeated by His power and gave it to them as their own land. It was the land that He promised to them centuries ago and is now bringing that promise to fruition. Out of His enduring love, He promised this land for them. Well, out of His enduring love for us He's also providing for us, the Church, a promise land that He is now preparing for us. John 14:1-6, Jesus tells us about this promise land He's preparing for us and He also tells about how we get there and that is through Him. Oh, what love Jesus has for us that He is preparing an eternal promise land where we can dwell with Him forever. My prayer is that you have placed your trust in Him for your eternal salvation.

V. Fifth, the total coverage of God's love is seen in the provisions provided by His love vs. 23-25.

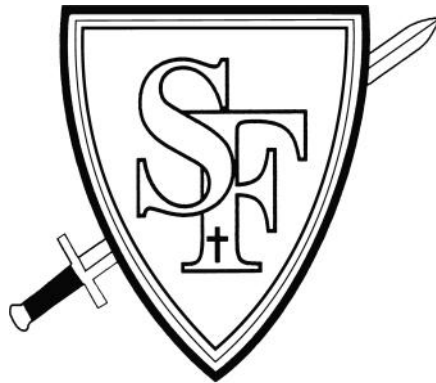
In these verses, the Psalmist reminds us that when Israel couldn't take care of themselves while, as he says, in a low estate, God came along and freed them from their enemies and then provided their necessities. Well, it is no different today. For God is saving through Jesus Christ, His people today setting them free from their enemies then providing for their eternal necessities. Listen to those amazing verses found in Romans 8:31-32. "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

With His enduring love, He eternally provides the provisions that we need and will need.

Conclusion: Verse twenty six wraps up the complete picture of God's total coverage of love. We started in the first set of verses of God's enduring love for us before we were even created because He is the Eternal God who is eternal love. Then it moved to His enduring love for us in His creation of us and our world. The coverage then moves to His enduring love saving us from our enemies by His very own intervention on our behalf. But His enduring love didn't stop there. No, it went on to give us a promised land and give us the provisions we need. It then concludes with giving thanks to the God of Heaven. So, we are reminded when we are no longer here on earth experiencing His love, we will eternally be doing so with Him in Heaven. We are covered absolutely 100% eternally by His love now and forever. Praise the Lord.

Are you covered by this eternal love policy? If you have repented of your sins and placed your trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation, then you are covered.

*Jesus Love You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



Step of Faith
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

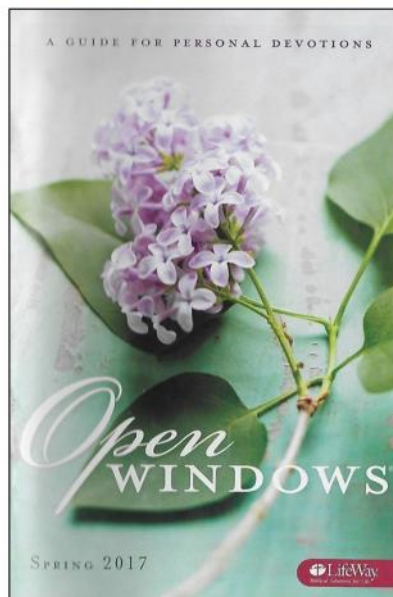
2017-2018
After School Care
K-3—6th Grades

***Sign Up in the school office
if you are interested***

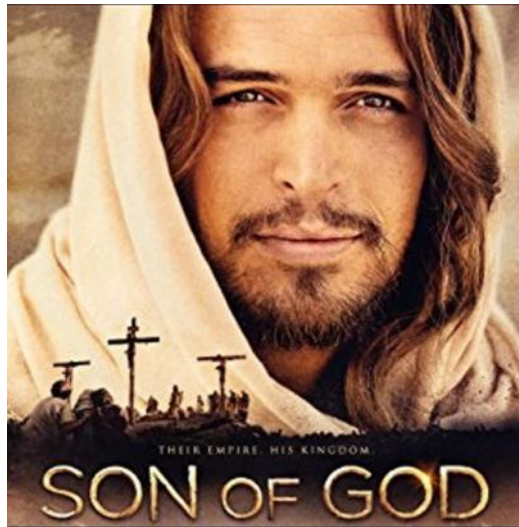


If you would like to make a donation to the youth camp fund or sponsor a youth for their remaining balance of youth camp, please contact Michelle Waitt at 843-597-1322. OR, just put your donation in an envelope marked "Youth Camp Scholarship" and make a note if you are designating the donation for a specific youth member.

Now available for your daily walk with God



**PICK UP ONE
TODAY!**



**Family, Fun,
Finger Food,
Fellowship,
Flick, and
Fundraiser**

SUNDAY NIGHT

APRIL 2ND @ 6PM

The **GSBC**
Easter Cantata Choir
PRESENTS

"Jesus, Only Jesus"

SUNDAY MORNING @ 11AM

APRIL 9th



March 27th

Tammy Maldonado

March 29th

Barbara Mills

James Hamner

March 31st

Donnie Pinckney

April 1st

Rylee Holmes

Chad Duncan



March 30th

Mike & Debbie Hodge

A gift of \$100.00 was given to the General Budget in Honor of the Birthdays of Sam & Chyleen Mock by Bess Parnell.

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God others service
connect.

Saturdays

We will be having a Connect Saturday Meeting after morning Services to discuss outreach in our community to advertise Easter, VBS and so forth.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. (Adults & Youth)

Kim Malphrus

Wednesday Night SUPPER

Menu

Shepherds Pie

Green Beans

Rolls

Salad

Dessert

Tea & Coffee



Youth Cooking Team

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



GSBC Prayer Pages March 26, 2017

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 Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken

*Chet Egerdahl & Family
Lloyd Freeman
Fred & Pam Stanley & Family*

Bereavement

*Family Of
Dean Goen*

Hospitals

*Ervin Floyd-CCH
Maxie Mason-BMH*

Surgery / Recovery

*Mike Hodge (3/9)
Gail Malphrus (3/23)
Robin Holmes (3/23)
Duane Armstrong (2/28)
Faye Hair Jones (3/2)
Colleen Bible (3/7)
David Amason (3/10)
Kim Bonds (3/13)
Nicole King (3/20)*

Expecting / Births

Victoria Keiffer

Nursing Centers

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

Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (3/23)
Mitzi Cramer (3/9)
Erma Steedly (3/2)
Bess Parnell (3/2)
Becky Floyd (3/9)
Mary Daley (2/28)
Mary Claire Naulder (3/7)
Susan L. Vaigneur
Lawrence Smith*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Jimmie Cleland (3/9)
Truett Vaigneur (3/9)
Kenneth Cleland (2/26)
Audrey Key (3/2)
Alice & Gary Way (3/3)
Chelsea Cooler (3/9)
Triston Gogol (3/10)
Connie Benton (3/16)
Justin Ardd (3/23)
Nicole King (3/23)*

*Ron Davis (3/23)
Ronnie Malphrus (2/17)
Betty Robertson (3/23)
Ellen Langford (2/26)
Bertie Woods (2/26)
Jesse Hinojosa (3/7)
Lisa Harper (3/9)
Joyce Sutler (3/14)
Debbie Hale (3/14)
Jane Waitt (3/23)
Mark Boyles (3/23)*

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Home

Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines

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
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*



Visions are important to taking us from where we are to where God wants us. This is essential in us as individuals as well as collectively as a church. Prayer is a great definer of God's perspective for His work. It will help us to "catch" the vision.

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, March 30th @ 10:00am

*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, April 1st @ 8:00 am*



Save The Date

Saturday, May 13th @ 11:00am

Bridal Shower

For

Taylor Burnett

(Bride-Elect of Michael Daley)

VBS Craft List

Elmer's Glue

Regular Popsicle Sticks

Tongue Depressor Popsicle Sticks

Small seashells (no larger than thumb)

Magnet Strips

Black Nylon Cord

Permanent Markers

Blue Paper Plates

White Paper Plates

Sidewalk Chalk

Salt

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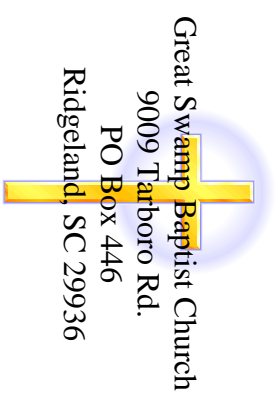
Calendar of Events

For
 March 26th through April 1st

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>	\$3,759.50	\$ 4,943.56	-\$1,184.06
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>SMB</i>	\$47.00	*****	\$515.44
<i>WNS</i>	\$257.00	*****	\$557.42
<i>Annie Armstrong Offering</i>	\$200.00	*****	\$659.02
<i>Youth Bake Sale & Offering</i>	\$30.00	*****	\$299.33
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$175.00	*****	\$921.71
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$435.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$150.00	*****	\$1,065.57



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