Great Swamp Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship
Hymn # 426 *"Victory In Jesus"*
The Welcome
Announcements
Invocation *Robert O'Dell*
Selections of Praise and Worship
"Holy Spirit"
"Overcome"
We Pray for Special Needs
Pastoral & Offertory Prayer *Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Demonstration of Stewardship
Offertory
Special Music *The Proclaimer's Gospel Choir*
"No Other Name Medley"
Message *Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Benediction

Today:

Annette Malphrus

Duane Armstrong

Next Week:

Olivia Stanley

Duane Armstrong

Nursery Workers

Today:

April Malphrus

Corinna

Next Week:

Latrelle Steedly

Kim & Kimberly Malphrus

Toll Committee

For

March

Latrelle Steedly & Dorthie Armstrong

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Robert O'Dell

843-422-9521

Next Week:

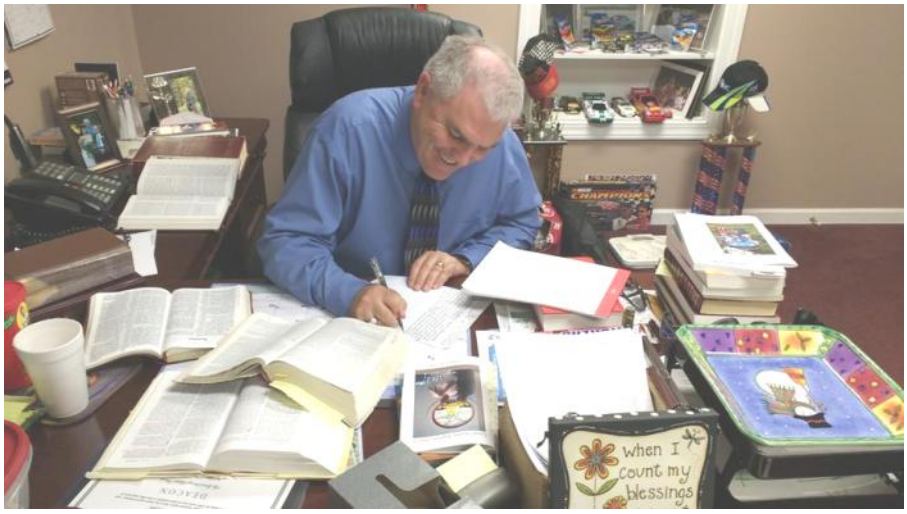
Duane Armstrong

843-726-6795

IF YOUR DEACONS

CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,

CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Story of Creation (Part IV)

Colossians 1: 15-20

Intro: The story of creation is found, in a nut-shell, in these set of verses that we are examining. So for, we've noticed that the story of creation is a story about sovereignty, superiority, supremacy and the total sum. From these different aspects, we learn that all of creation which is the total sum, came into existence in one way only and that was by the hands , power and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is sovereign, superior and supreme.

Today's message moves into the primary crux of the whole of creation. It reveals the whole purpose why creation even took place. This revelation comes from two words that make up a prepositional phrase. This phrase is found in verse sixteen, "...all things were created by Him and for Him." The total sum was found in the prepositional phrase, "by Him." This week's message is found in the second one, "for Him." It is this phrase that we will center our whole message around.

IV. Fourth, the story of creation is a story of summation. *Of course, summation is where you draw something to its conclusion. In the story of creation, the conclusion of the matter is that creation was not only made by Him but, most importantly, it was made for Him. If you come to any other conclusion about why there is a creation, then you've missed the whole boat, and you will not be able to properly understand the role of anything else that exists in it. The summation of Scripture will clearly bear this out.*

A. Let's consider in this summation the Scriptural support for this point. *As we do this let us remember what Satan said to Jesus in the last temptation he gave Him after he took Him up on a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. He said to Jesus that if He would just bow down and worship him, he would give him all those kingdoms. However, Jesus didn't need to do that because it was all His already including Satan himself. Jesus ' answer was that it was written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only." So, since Jesus was God in the flesh, every place they saw from that mountain and every place they couldn't see, He made it and it all belongs to Him and it was made all for His glory. Let us look at several different Scriptural references that back this one up.*

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!
"Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?"
"Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?"
For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

I Corinthians 8:6

yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

Hebrews 1:2

but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

Hebrews 2:10

In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

B. Second, as we consider the summation , we need to examine the logical reference to this point. *Since we discovered that the Scriptures overwhelmingly verify that creation was made for Jesus Christ and His glory and purpose, we are left with one logical conclusion or reference. It simply is this. When someone invents something or makes something or builds something, or creates something, they do so with some purpose in mind for which their invention, project or creation will be used for. Therefore, since Jesus Christ was the creator of all that exists, both visible and invisible, that means that it belongs to Him and whatever He chooses for it to accomplish. It was all made by Him, therefore, it has been made for Him and whatever He will for it, and that is all found written in God's Word.*

A great Old Testament illustration that backs up this logic is where the Lord sends Jeremiah to the potter's house (Jeremiah 18:1-6). Here Jeremiah observed a potter at work molding, shaping, and making pottery. However, he observed at times that the potter would often take what appeared to be a piece of pottery about completely finished and put it back into a clump of clay and reshape it into something else. Since it was his clay, he could do with it as he chose and to reshape something. God used this to send Jeremiah to the nation of Israel to remind them that they are the clay and that He is

The potter. Therefore, He could choose to do with them as He chose. He was warning them that if they didn't repent and do right ,since He was the potter and they were the clay, He could choose to reshape them to make them accomplish His purpose since they belonged to Him. We must remember that He's the potter and we are the clay and ask Him to mold and shape us to accomplish His will, since we were made for Him.

C. Third, as we consider the summation, let's take a look at the joyful reference this point. *What is so joyful about the fact that He created all things and created them for Himself is that He included us in His purpose. As a matter of fact, He made us the main players in the whole shebang and the greatest part of it is that as Acts 17:24-28 tells us, He made us to know Him. So, we were created for one purpose to fulfill His will and His will in creating us was to know Him. Have you fulfilled this purpose for your life by coming to Jesus and repenting of your sins and trusting Him. Also, Christians are you asking yourself daily , am I living out my life with the understanding it was made for Him?*

Conclusion: Philippians 2:9-10 reminds us that one day all mankind and all angelic beings will, whether they want to or not, will bow down and give all the glory to Jesus Christ, even those in hell for He made us all and all for Him.

Jesus Love You,
Ralph Lee, Jr.

Gifts

A gift of $300.00 was given to Operation Christmas Child in Memory of Louise Cagle, Joe Cagle, Mary Fell and Jimmie Savarese.

GSBC Prayer Pages March 6, 2016

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

Hospitals

Jeffrey Stanley-Sav. Memorial
Wanda Davis-Sav. Mem.
Roy Williams-Sav. Memorial

Nursing Centers

Elaine Degler-RNC

Surgery / Recovery

Bonnie Pope (3/4)
Brandi Freeman (3/4)
Saylor Moser (3/4)
Roy Williams (3/4)

Cancer / Treatments

Barry Jones (2/18)
Lane Malphrus (2/25)
Mya Grace (2/18)
Donna Brownlee (2/18)
Daisy Johnson (3/3)

Other Health Needs

Mike Hodge (2/18)
Jerry Vaigneur (2/18)
Max Cole (2/22)
Debra Daley (2/25)
Wilbur Daley (2/25)
Mary Cope (3/4)
Judy Smith (3/4)

Barbara Mills (2/18)
Robert Sauls (2/25)
Thomas & Connie Way (2/18)
Elizabeth Malphrus (2/11)
Ronnie Nettles (2/25)
Alice Way (2/25)
Carol Tally (3/4)

Expecting / Births

Beth Reynolds Cabiness—July

N/A

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family
Robin Gray-Central Asia

Pray For Our Military

Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Home

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
Myia Angala Ellis
Susan L. Vaigneur
Lula Floyd
Mary Cope

Dot Nettles
Jimmie Mills
Betty Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Joyce Sutler
Kevin Roach
Wofford Malphrus
Lois Bootle

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

How are you tending your place? That's where you are now. Is your life in order according to God's desires? Prayer will get you where you need to be in caring for your "Place".

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group I

Patricia Malphrus– Leader
Truett Vaigneur
Shirley 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

March 4th	Jeffrey Stanley
March 7th	Latrelle Steedly
March 8th	Pat Malphrus
March 11th	Debra Daley
	Wallace Malphrus
March 12	Libby Pendrak

March 7th	Ben & Cheryl Mills
March 11th	Davey &* Barbara McGill

Recommendation

The Cemetery Committee asks that everyone pick up a copy of the revised and proposed cemetery policy. This will be discussed and voted on at the March Business conference.

Thank You

WATCHMAN PRAYER

Anyone wishing to join the Watchman Prayer Group on Saturday Mornings or join the Prayer Chain, please see E.L. Ambrose.

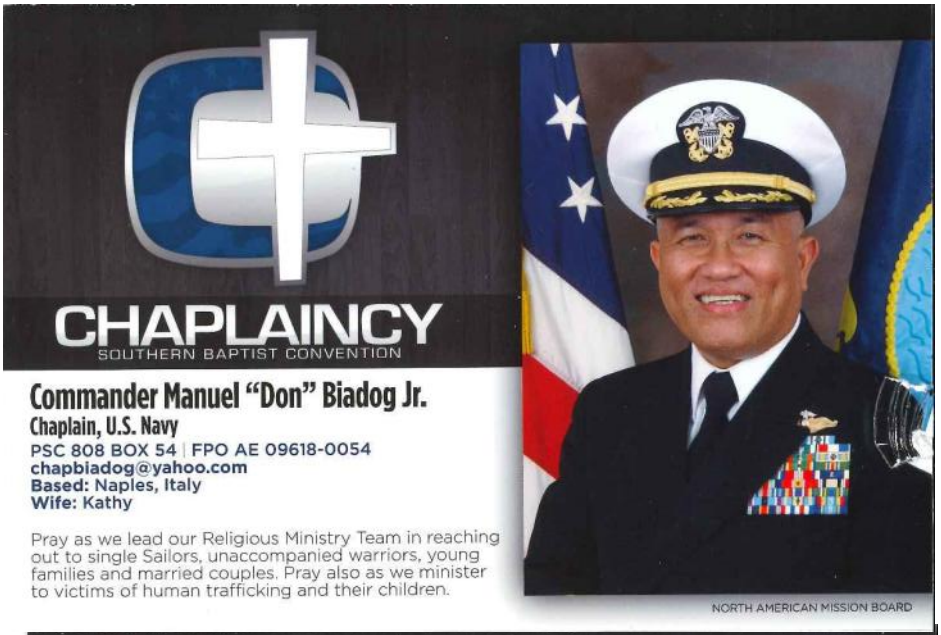
Announcements

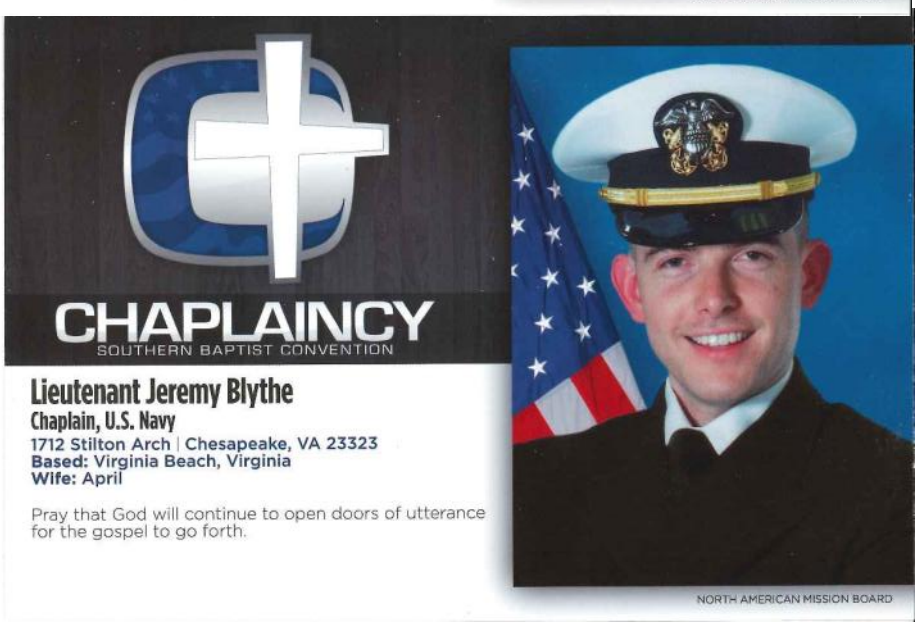
Quilting Club
Thursday, March 10th @ 10:00am

Friday, March 11th
School Closed
Teacher's Workday

Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, March 12th @ 8:00 am

Please Pray for our
Southern Baptist Convention
Chaplains of the Week



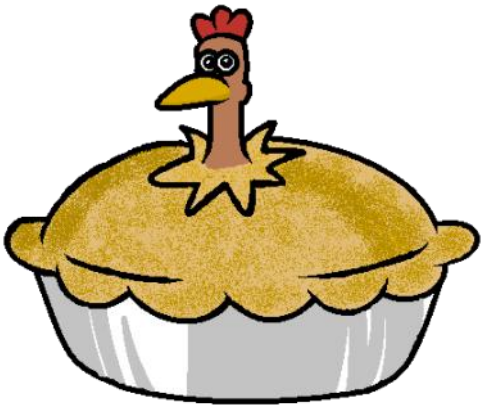


Pot Pie

Salad

Dessert

Tea & Coffee



Donna Carter

Cooking Team

Baby Bottle Ministry

Our annual Baby Bottle Ministry has come to a close. Please turn in your bottles so we can get them to the Women's Center.

Thank you for all your participation.

Ralph Lee

Operation Christmas Child

For the month of March, we are collecting:

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Wash Cloths

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Church Staff

*Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr**……..jehu27@gmail.com*
*Music Director: **Richard Waitt**……..waittfamily@embarqmail.com*
*Sunday School Director: **Wallace Malphrus**……..Josie6@embarqmail.com*
*Pianist: **Michelle Waitt**……waittfamily@embarqmail.com*
*Administrative Assistant: **Sybil Reynolds**……..greatswampbc@gmail.com*
*Treasurer: **Faye Lowther**……..kreyleesmom98@gmail.com*
*School Administrator: **Donna Carter**……..dcarter@hargray.com*
*Custodian: **Ann Malphrus**……..ramalphrus@hargray.com*
*Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**……..Josie6@embarqmail.com*

Calendar of Events

For
March 7th through March 13th

*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	*$3,585.00*	*$ 4,828.76*	*-$1,243.76*
Designated Funds	**This Week**	**********	**Acct. Balances**
WNS (Youth)	*$210.00*	**********	*$1,307.93*
SMB	*$97.00*	**********	*$461.40*
SFCA Electric	*$2,505.00*	**********	*$0.00*
SFCA Janitorial Supplies	*$500.00*	**********	*$910.87*
SFCA Trash Pick Up	*$125.00*	**********	*$0.00*
SFCA Security	*$51.90*	**********	*$0.00*
SFCA Church Repairs (Grayco)	*$16.19*	**********	*$4,651.25*
OCC	*$301.00*	**********	*$616.55*
Annie Armstrong	*$25.00*	**********	*$50.00*
Gleaners SS Class	*$19.00*	**********	*$103.35*
Easter Lillies	*$15.00*	**********	*$62.26*

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