

May 14, 2017

GOD BLESS
Mothers
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Great Swamp Baptist Church

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May 14, 2017
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call To Worship

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Your Words"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory Special

Bjo Mills

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

YOUR WORDS

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Let me hear Your words
Above all other voices
Above all the distractions in this world
Let me hear Your words
Above all of the voices
Above all the distractions in this world

For Your words bring life
And Your voice speaks promises
Lord, Your love offers more
Than anything else in this world

Your words give us life that's never ending
Your words bring us love that never fails
Everything else will fade away
But what will remain
Are Your words

Let us speak Your words
More than ours, more than ever
Let us share Your love with all the world

Your words give us life that's never ending
Your words bring us love that never fails
Everything else will fade away
But what will remain
Are Your words

Oh-oh, Oh-oh, Oh-oh-oh, Oh-oh!

The grass will wither and the flowers will fall
But the word of our God will last forever
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Today:
Cassandra Bradley
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Dorthie Armstrong
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
 Donna Carter

Amanda Hodges

Next Week:

Latrelle Steedly
Kim & Kimberlyn Malphrus



Toll Committee

For May
Alice Way & Pat Malphrus

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

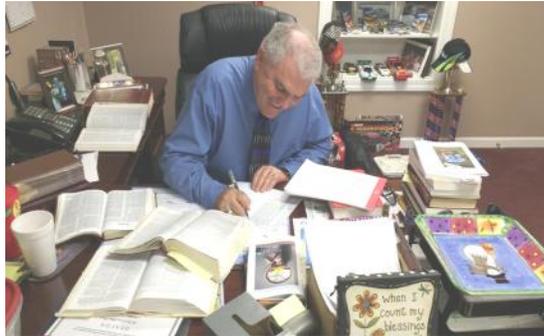


Today:
Robert O'Dell
 843-422-9521

Next Week:
Duane Armstrong
 843-726-6795



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



From Pastor Ralph's Desk: **Love In The Family**

(Genesis 2:18)

Intro: For the last two Sundays, we've been looking at love in the family. The first Sunday that we looked at it our emphasis is where do we go to discover how to get love in the family. Our point was that if we are going to have and experience love in the family then we need to have healthy marriages, and to find out what the Bible teaches us about a healthy marriage where love can have a chance to thrive, we need to go all the way back to the beginning or starting point of marriage. This is exactly what Jesus did about every topic that came to Him. He would say, well, what does the Scriptures say?

Once when asked about the topic of divorce, Jesus said, "Haven't you read, He replied, that at the beginning the creator made them male and female, and said, For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." (Matthew 19:4-5) So, Jesus dealing with marriage and divorce takes us all the way back to the beginning and starting point.

As well, the apostle Paul when discussing the subject of marriage also takes us all the way back to the beginning and starting point in the Word of God on the subject. In Ephesians 5:30-31, he quotes part of the same Old Testament verse that Jesus did. So, it behooves us to go back to the beginning and starting point on the subject of marriage as found in the Word of God which is in the second chapter of the Book of Genesis. So, it really does go all the way back to the beginning.

The main thing that we discovered in that first message is that in the starting point of marriage as found in Genesis 2:18-25, the main thing to understand is what God teaches us in the definition of marriage. From the very beginning, when God created marriage and through Jesus and Paul, we see that it has never changed, God wanted us to understand that marriage is two people, a man and a woman, who through His leadership becomes one. So, if we are to have healthy marriages where love can thrive, then the constant duty of the husband and wife is to constantly be working on becoming one.

Now, in our message last week, we looked at what should motivate us to have healthy marriages. We discussed three things that should move us as husband and wife to keep on becoming one, and what I mean by becoming one is that we are continually together seeking to honor God in marriage putting each other ahead of our own selfish agendas. What this will take is something far greater than emotions. Our emotions are so up and down that we can't count on them making us one. No, the greater means of becoming one is commitment and commitment requires strong motivation and assistance to make it happen. There are three things I believe that our text does that will motivate us and show where our help and assistance will come from in order to remain committed to becoming one with each other. So, let us examine these motivations to fulfilling the definition of marriage.

I. First, motivation for creating a healthy marriage where love can thrive, we must recognize that God is the one that created marriage.

Before God created a family, a community, a town, a city, a county, a state or a nation, He first created a marriage. He is the One who said to Adam, the first human being, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

So, God, not man or any human institution came up with the idea of marriage, and He did so in the very beginning. Therefore, because it is His creation, we have to take the commitment of marriage extremely serious. Whenever we decide that because we're angry, sad, depressed or have a complete loss of feeling altogether toward our mate, that we're going to walk away from our commitment, hopefully we will remember that, regardless, we are to remain faithful and committed because God is The One who created marriage to begin with, there remaking it more important than our selfish desire and feeling. Thus helping and motivating us to work on becoming one at all times.

II. Second, motivation for creating a healthy marriage where love can thrive, we must recognize that God is the One that caused marriage.

Now, I may be nit-picking with words a little bit in this point and my first point. For creating and causing go hand in hand. However, my point is simply this, God not only said to Adam that I'm going to create you a helper, but rather, He actually indeed and in fact did it. He did it when He put Adam into a deep sleep and removed one of his ribs and from that rib made Adam a wife, of course, called Eve.

Now, Adam did not in and of himself have the means of taking his own rib out and from it create his own wife. That is a cause far beyond the ability of man. But, it was never beyond God's ability. He had no problem making it happen and He alone was the One who did it.

Now, the point that we get out of all of this is that for a marriage to be healthy because the couple is seeking to become one, they are totally dependant upon the One who created it and caused it to happen throughout the entire life and journey of the marriage.

Now, let me make an important point and that is that Adam was doing the work God had called him to do when God decided to make him a wife. So, it is far easier for us to allow god to be actively involved in our marriage when we are seeking to carry out the work He has called us to do in this life.

III. Third, motivation for creating a healthy marriage where love can thrive, we must recognize that God crowned marriage.

Now, what I mean here is that God did everything to make marriage to become a reality. He stated the need for it. He was the anesthesiologist that put Adam into a deep sleep. He was the surgeon that opened Adam up and removed the rib and closed up the womb. He was the reconstruction specialist that turned the rib into a beautiful woman. He was the Father that walked the bride down the aisle and finally He was the preacher that married them together. Because God did all those things, He put His stamp of approval in a big way upon this institution that He just created it. He crowned it big time and time has not changed that in any shape, form or fashion. As we've already seen that Jesus, Paul and Peter continued to magnify this great and Godly institution of marriage through their writings and proclamations.

Jesus clearly showed His stamp of approval upon the marriage institution by blessing the wedding at Cana with His presence and by His actions of turning the water into wine.

So, because God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and because of the writings of the apostles and all of the Word of God, exalt the institution of marriage, then so must we.

Conclusion: Therefore, since we know that marriage was created by God and that it was caused by God and finally that it was crowned by God, should give us all the motivation we need to continually seek to become one with our Maker. It, also, should remind us that all the help and assistance we need to become one, also, comes from God. When that happens, we will be able to focus on becoming one, creating a healthy marriage then creating an environment where love can thrive in the family.

Jesus Love You

Ralph Lee, Jr



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GSBC'S MILITARY SLIDESHOW



If you have, or a member of your family has served (or is currently serving) in one of our nations armed forces, we invite you to be a part of the GSBC Military Slideshow to be presented May 28th during our Memorial Day Service. Simply submit your pictures along with a brief bio (name, rank, branch, years served, medals, honor, etc.), to Sybil Reynolds in the church office by May 18th to get them in (in time) for the slideshow to be presented on May 28th.



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.

GSBC Prayer Pages May 14, 2017

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

Church Needs

*Sunday School
Small Groups
SFCA-Donna Carter
Gymnasium*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Nominating Committee*

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken

*Lloyd Freeman
Fred & Pam Stanley & Family
Ryan Tuyls
Tim Cramer Family*

Bereavement

*Family Of
Suzanne May*

Hospitals

*Jane May—Bft. Memorial
Lydia Sauls*

Surgery / Recovery

*Gail Malphrus (4/27)
Robin Holmes (5/4)
Duane Armstrong (5/4)
Bess Parnell (5/4)
Carol Carter (04/11)
Timmy Sauls (5/11)*

Expecting / Births

Victoria Keiffer

Nursing Centers

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

Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (4/20)
Mitzi Cramer (5/4)
Susan L. Vaigneur (4/27)
Becky Floyd (5/4)
David Lee(Cancer Free) (4/9)
Wallace Roberts (4/13)
Diane Thames (4/13)
Maxie Mason (4/20)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Jimmie Cleland (5/4)
Connie Benton (4/20)
Raymond (Lloyd Freeman's Friend) (4/13)
Tony Blanton (4/27)
Brandy Freeman (5/11)
Donnie Pinckney (5/11)
Paul Malphrus (5/11)*

*Ron Davis (4/27)
Betty Robertson (4/27)
Vera Floyd (5/4)
Vera Miles (5/4)
Justin Lane (4/20)
Judy Smith (4/20)
Ronnie Malphrus (4/20)
David & Iola's Grandson (5/4)*

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Home

Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines

Jericho Malphrus-Air Force

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*

*Billie Langford
Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley
Leonard Steedly
Barbara Mills
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith*



'Tis Mother's Day. God's Word is clear about her standing. She is to be honored. She is to be held in respectful regard and esteem. Some of us have only memories because our mothers are no longer with us in life. Some of you can reach out and touch her in this life. Whatever the case she is to be honored and to thank God for her. Give thanks in prayer.

E.L. Ambrose

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

Announcements



Baccalaureate
Wednesday, May 17th

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, May 18th @ 10:00am*



SFCA Sport's Banquet
Thursday, May 18th

Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, May 20th @ 8:00 am



SFCA Senior Graduation
Saturday, May 18, 2017
4:00 pm

Save The Date

Saturday, June 10th @ 6:30pm
Wedding of
Michael Allen Daley & Taylor Corley Bur-
nette
2003 Bees Creek Rd—Ridgeland, SC
RSVP by May 1, 2017
By email: tdaley2017@gmail.com



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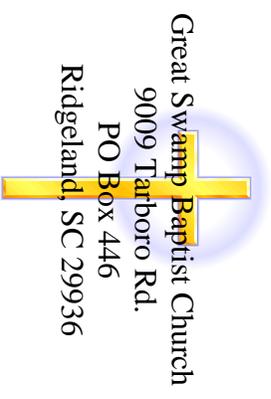
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Calendar of Events

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>	\$4,025.00	\$ 4,943.56	-\$918.56
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>SMB</i>	\$57.00	*****	\$805.87
<i>WNS</i>	\$179.00	*****	\$893.76
<i>Youth Yard Sale</i>	\$1,241.50	*****	\$2,144.24
<i>VBS Fundraiser</i>	\$856.00	*****	\$896.50
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$75.13
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$588.03



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