

Great Swamp Baptist Church

NOVEMBER 12, 2017



Pastor Appreciation Day
(Pastor Ralph Lee's 10th Anniversary),
Veteran's Day Recognition Service,
and Thanksgiving Celebration Meal



Nursery Workers



Today:

Debra Daley

Cathryn

Today:

Annette Malphrus

Krey Lowther

Next Week:

Olivia Stanley

Krey Lowther

Next Week:

Vicky Roberts

Emma Grace



Toll Committee

For November

Latrelle Steedly & Dorthie Armstrong

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today:

Wilbur Daley

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Next Week:

Bjo Mills

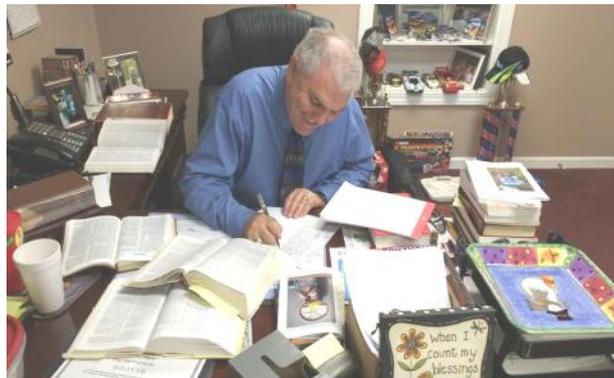
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From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Most Excellent Way (Part 8)

(1 Cor. 12:31-13:13)

Intro: The advertisement say, "It keeps going and going." Well, by now you will recognize that I am referring to the Energizer bunny. He has since 1989, been crossing back and forth across our television screen playing his big drum boldly and confidently, and wearing his large dark sun glasses. At times we've seen him march across in the background of what appears to be an advertisement for a different product. We've also seen him march right past many celebrities and march in many places. We've even seen him march right on out into outer space. Of course, the whole point of the advertizing is that the Energizer bunny never stops going. His Everready batteries keep him constantly on the go.

Well, in our series called the most excellent way, we have discovered the prominence priority of love. We have also investigated the properties of love. Now, however, we are going to move to our third point in the series which is called the persistence of love. Like the Energizer bunny, love is to keep going and going. With God's people love must never run out. Through the energizing power of the Holy Spirit, love must persist on through the words we speak and the actions we display. It should be said of us that we are energized Christians who just keep on loving and loving. We will examine the fact that in the persistence of love that it not only keeps on going and going but it also keeps on giving and giving.

III. Third, love is the most excellent way because of the persistence of love. (vs 7-8)

First, we will notice that love is persistent in its' giving and giving. Love never stops giving.

A. *The persistence of love keeps on giving. Now the question is what does it keep on giving? Well, we're going to answer that question over the next sermon or two. Paul mentions at least four ways in which love keeps on giving. Today we will look at just the first one.*

1. The first way that love keeps on giving that Paul mentions is that it always protects. *So, this raises the question what or who does love always protect? Well, when you read the Book of 1 Corinthians, you will find out, of course, that Paul was quite upset with the church there for the way in which the church members were treating one another. So, the obvious answer is that Paul was emphasizing that love will always seek to protect one another. Within the Body of Christ, we must seek to protect each other from harm, hurt, ridicule or exposure.*

This means, for example, that we are to go out of our way to make sure that we do not participate in such activities as gossip. Not only are we not going to participate in the activity but we are going to do what we can to make the activity stop. That's what it means to protect. I like the way that John MacArthur says it, "Genuine love does not gossip or listen to gossip. Even when sin is certain, love tries to correct it with the least possible hurt and harm to the guilty party. Love never protects the sin but is anxious to protect the sinner." I have looked at a lot of commentaries, but none of them seem to me to do as good of a job of describing each element in detail as John MacArthur does, so let me share more of what he says about this aspect of love. "Love does not justify sin or compromise with falsehood. Love warns, corrects, exhorts, rebukes, and disciplines. But love does not expose or broadcast failures and wrongs. It covers and protects. Henry Ward Beecher said, "God pardons like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness."

The mercy seat, where the blood of atonement was sprinkled (Lev. 16:14), was a covering not only for the ark itself, but for the sins of the people. The mercy seat was a place of covering. That covering prefigured the perfect and final covering of sins accomplished by Jesus on the cross in His great propitiatory sacrifice. (Rom. 3:25-26; Heb. 2:17; 1 John 2:2). In the cross, God through the great mantle of His love over sins, forever covering it for those who trust in His Son. By nature, love is redemptive. It

wants to buy back, not condemn, to save, not to judge.

Love feels the pain of those it loves and helps carry the burden of the hurt. True love is even willing to take the consequences of the sin of those it loves. Isaiah wrote of Jesus Christ, "Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried;...He was pierced through for our transgressions, our well being fell upon Him." (Is. 53:4-5). As Peter knew first hand from Jesus, great patience and kindness, "love covers a multitude of sins." (I Peter 4:8).

During Oliver Cromwell's reign as lord protector of England, a young soldier was sentenced to die. The girl to whom he was engaged pleaded with Cromwell to spare the life of her beloved, but to no avail. The young man was to be executed when the curfew bell sounded, but when the sexton repeatedly pulled the rope, the bell made no sound. The girl had climbed into the belfry and wrapped herself around the clapper so that it could not strike the bell. Her body was smashed and bruised, but she did not let go until the clapper stopped swinging. She managed to climb down, bruised and bleeding, to meet those awaiting the execution. When she explained what she had done, Cromwell commuted the sentence. A poet beautifully recorded the story as follows: At his feet she told her story, showed he hands all bruised and torn, and her sweet, young face still haggard with anguish it had worn, touched his heart with sudden pity, lit his eyes with misty light, "Go, your lover lives," said Cromwell; "Curfew will not ring tonight."

Concl. So, we must ask ourselves, does our love protect and buildup or does it hurt, harm and tear down? If we do the latter, then we are not loving. May the Lord help us to protect one another. For we must remember that the Devil, Peter says is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. (I Pet. 5:8) The Devil also has his crowd who are out to get us. Since the Devil and his crowd is after us, let us make sure we are not assisting him. Rather, let us stick together seeking to protect one another against the Devil and his crowds' onslaught.

Most of all we must remember that the Lord is our eternal protector. (Ps 121). Jesus said in John 10:27-29, " My sheep listens to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." You can not be anymore protected than this.

Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.

Support our Troops

Donate \$25 today to support a soldier and his family with the Military Biblestick.

Military BibleStick Player

Children's Church Helpers

Today:

Emma Mingledorff

Kaylee Standard

Next Week:

Olivia Stanley

Angel Cole



*Come join us for the
Proclaimers Choir
Practice every
Wednesday Evening
following
Bible Study.*



*November 13th Alicia Holland
November 14th Michelle Waitt
November 16th David Raines
Vicky Roberts
November 17th Josie Duncan
Eddie Amason*



Family Info Updates

It's that time of year again! The church office is updating everyone's records. If the office does not have your correct birth date, anniversary date, or you have a change of phone numbers or addresses, please



*At the church office:
843-726-3631
e-mail : greatswampbc@gmail.com
Or leave information in offering plate.
Your promptness is greatly appreciated.
Sybil Reynolds*

Announcement

*All 2017-2018 Leadership Committees need to elect new chairpersons and turn into the church office NOW.
Thank You*

Christmas Country Store Gift Bags

Women

1. *Ponytail sponges / Bangle Bracelets/Hairbows*
2. *White Socks*
3. *Lotion*
4. *Hair Brush*
5. *Tissues*
6. *Chapstick*
7. *Toothpaste*

Men

1. *Aftershave*
2. *White Socks*
3. *Lotion*
4. *Comb*
5. *Tissues*
6. *Chapstick*
7. *Toothpaste*

*All items need to be placed in a Christmas gift tote bag
and brought to the church by Sunday, November 20th.
The Christmas Country Store will be held at the Nursing Home
on Saturday, December 2nd.*

*Thank You
Grandmother's Group*

Christmas packets for prisoners

(They're due at the association office by Nov. 30)

List of Approved Items

2017 Christmas Prisoner Packets

- (1) BLACK non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color pens)
- (1) Writing tablet 5" x 8" (no wire bound or composition books)
- (5) First class #10 STAMP EMBOSSED envelopes (no regular stamps accepted)
- (1) ADULT toothbrush (factory sealed, no multipacks)
- (1) 4 oz. - 6 oz. toothpaste (no travel size)
- (1) 3.2 oz. - 6 oz. bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped/unboxed bars)
- (2) ROLLS OF HARD CANDY like LifeSavers/BreathSavers/Mentos (no Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- (1) GALLON zipper bag (no other sizes accepted)

GSBC Prayer Pages November 12, 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
Finance Committee*

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken
*Tim Cramer Family
Kevin & Nicki Gwinn*

Bereavement
Family Of

Hospitals

*Peggy Fludd-Bft. Memorial
Bernard Malphrus-MUSC*

Surgery / Recovery

*Duane Armstrong (10/12)
Robert Sauls (11/6)
Dora Reynolds (10/19)
Allen Perry (11/2)
Donnie Pinckney (11/2)
Hayride Accident (11/2)
Kevin Youmans (11/9)
Sheila (11/9)*

Expecting / Births

Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (10/12)
Mitzi Cramer (10/12)
Diane Thames (11/9)
Maxie Mason (11/9)*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham
County Rehab. Center
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Thelma Ashing-RNC
Mack Pope, Sr.-RNC
Ellen Langford-NHC*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Lloyd Freeman (10/12)
Joyce Sutler (10/03)
Eva Calhoun (10/12)
Shelby Green (10/03)
Bobby Harris (10/5)
Jenna Bodiford (10/16)
Nicole Cole (10/24)
Shirley Malphrus (10/26)
Joe Barwick (11/2)
Burton Lavon Malphrus (11/2)
Jane Waitt (11/2)
Kelly Scherger (11/2)
Nell Freeman (11/9)
Sherry Reynolds (11/9)*

Praise Report

Wallace Roberts

*Rodney Malphrus, Sr (11/9)
Dale Robiston (11/9)
Ron Davis (10/19)
Lonnie Russell (10/19)
Vera Floyd (10/19)
Ben Jo Smith (10/26)
J R Horton (10/26)
Jeffrey Stanley (10/26)
Lula Floyd (11/2)
Alice Way (11/2)
Patricia Malphrus (11/2)
Freddie Malphrus (11/9)
Barbara Solley (11/9)*

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson— South Korea-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 a@726-3631 or E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479.

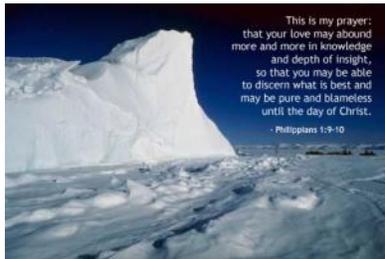
Thank You

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
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*



It is Paul in Philippians 1:10 who gives some good prayer language to us. "It is my prayer that your love will abound (full and overflowing) more and more with knowledge (of God and His Word) and discernment (seeing and defining things through the eyes of Christ) to the Glory and Praise of God." (Parenthesis are mine).

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

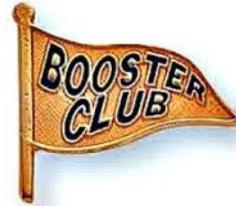
*For emergencies
a prayer chain
is available for needs.*

*You may access
by calling the
church @ 726-3631*

*Or
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Announcements

Booster Club
Monday, November 13th



Deacon Meeting
Monday, November 13th

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage*
Thursday, November 16th @ 10:00am



Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, November 18th @ 8:00 am

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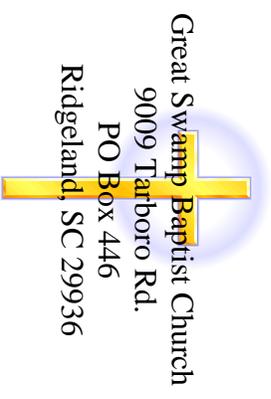
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Calendar of Events

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>	\$5,404.00	\$ 4,943.56	+\$460.044
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Youth Look Up Lodge</i>	\$585.00	*****	\$1,644.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$150.00	*****	\$332.57
<i>George Pepper Fund</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$623.03
<i>SMB</i>	\$82.00	*****	\$708.37
<i>Church Repairs</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$650.74
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$120.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$52.85	*****	\$556.89



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