



Great Swamp Baptist Church

November 20, 2016

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn # 644 "Count Your Blessings"

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invocation

Robert O'Dell

Selections of Praise & Worship

"At The Cross"

"Good, Good Father"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory Special

GSBC Praise Band

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Today:
Latrelle Steedly
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Annette Malphrus
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Pam Stanley
Olivia

Next Week:
Pat Bryan
Alice Way



Toll Committee

For November
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 Storm That Couldn't Acts 27:9-44

Intro: In this series of messages, we believe we have examined so far the storms of judgment, the storms of salvation and the storms of revelation. The storm that we will examine today reminds me of a childhood story that I often read to my girls. It was called the little engine that could. In this story a little engine was asked if it could haul a heavy load up a steep hill and on a long journey. The little engine responded by saying, I think I can. Once it crested the hill it began saying I thought I could, I thought I could and then simply I could.

Well, our storm today was much like the little engine. It went on its way thinking clearly that it could. It wasn't saying I think I can but rather I, sure I can. At least that is what all the persons involved with this storm thought. They all believed that it could and would destroy and finish them off. Even Paul it says had lost all hope of being rescued from this storm. We too face storms that we often feel like they are going to be the end of us.

However, the good news is that this storm appeared that it could actually couldn't, and didn't. it not only didn't finish them off, but it also couldn't stop a lot of other things from happening even while it was going on. So, Paul finally regained his hope even as the storm raged on because of the things he discovered the storm couldn't prevent. So, let us examine, "the storm that couldn't."

I. First, let us notice that the storm that couldn't, couldn't stop the messenger of God, vs. 23. *Now the messenger I am referring to is not Paul, but rather the angel that came to Paul from God during the storm. This angel or messenger of God brought to Paul a word from God. So, Paul discovered that no matter how strong this storm was, it couldn't stop God from getting through to him. His relationship with God did not end just because he had gotten swept up into a horrible storm. We need to hold strongly onto our hope when we are in the midst of strong storms because they are never stronger than God. So, that means that we will be able to go right on walking and talking with Him and He can go on speaking right back to us even in the midst of the storm. The communication lines are never broken or disrupted in our relationship with God. Praise be to the Lord.*

II. Second, let us notice that the storm that couldn't, couldn't stop the man of God and the mission of God. *The message that the angel brought to Paul was that God had a mission for him to do and that mission was to stand trial before Caesar. So, if this storm had of taken his life he would not have been able to complete the mission that God had for him to carry out. So, there was no way that this storm was going to finish Paul or anyone with him off.*

Therefore, we need to be encouraged that when God has a task or a mission for us to carry out we need not worry about the storms we face. For God will see us through regardless of how tough the storm may be till He allows us to complete our assigned duty. Until God is through with us, we will sail on, and the good news is when He is through with us here, there's no storm that can keep us out of Heaven.

III. Third, let us notice that the storm that couldn't, couldn't stop the message of God. *Now what I am referring to here is that the reason why God wanted Paul to stand trial before Caesar is so that He could testify before Caesar the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before the storm Paul had already stood before several other politicians and each time he shared how Jesus had saved him and how He could save them.*

Now, the point I want to make here is that Paul did not allow this terrifying storm to compromise his message. For chapter 28 tells us that when he finally did reach Rome, he spent his time as the last verse says, "Boldly and without hindrance he preached the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ."

Storms should never cause us to doubt or water down and outright reject the gospel message. For if He won't give up on us in the storm, then we should never give up on Him and His glorious salvation. So, share it come hell or high water.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that the storm that couldn't, couldn't stop the ministry of God. *Now the point I want to make here is that before Paul had lost hope and after he was encouraged, he was doing all that he could to encourage the rest of the crew and passengers. This storm couldn't stop him from caring for all the others on board. He showed Jesus to them by reaching out to them with concerned compassion. Even in this storm he was thinking of others and helping them to hold on.*

We must not allow storms in our lives to keep us from ministering to others. For Jesus didn't allow the storms of His life to keep Him from ministering to us. Even while hanging on the cross, He faced the severest storm of all time. Yet, He commanded John to take care of His mother. He then gave one of the thieves hanging by His side all assurance of being in paradise with Him. He also cried out for the Father to forgive them. As a matter of fact, this battle He faced was for us. Therefore, let the storms move us to act like Jesus who cared for us and cares for us in the storms of live.

V. Fifth, let us notice that the storm that couldn't, couldn't stop the giving of merit to God. *After Paul had received the encouraging message from the Lord, he led the people to eat something and then he gave thanks to the Lord in front of them all. He showed that storms are to never prevent us from giving praise to our God. As a matter of fact, the Word of God encourages us to continually give thanks and praise to our Lord. "Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again; rejoice." (Phil. 4:4) Also we read in I Thess. 5:16-17, "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." God is always worthy of praise.*

*Jesus Love You,
Ralph Lee, Jr*

Gifts

A gift of \$25.00 was given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Johnny Smith by Hilda C. Goode.

A gift of \$100.00 was given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Johnny Smith by Wando Woods Baptist Church.



Step of Faith Christian Academy is selling Boston Butts for \$30 each (8-10lbs) to raise needed money for basketball goals in the new gymnasium. Pick up is Saturday, December 17th, 7am to 12:00 Noon. See a member of the CDMC: Margie Malphrus, Wilbur Daley, Chyleen Mock, Allene Malphrus or Michael Fitzhugh for a ticket. Tickets are also available in the church office. Deadline for sale of the Boston Butts is Friday, December 9th.



<i>November 20th</i>	<i>Leonard Steedly</i> <i>Ricky Maldonado</i>
<i>November 21st</i>	<i>Wilton Altman</i>
<i>November 22nd</i>	<i>Nathaniel Morgan</i>
<i>November 24th</i>	<i>Margaret Floyd</i>
<i>November 25th</i>	<i>Randy Reynolds</i>
<i>November 26th</i>	<i>Krey Lowther</i> <i>Carol Hudgens</i> <i>Renee Malphrus</i>

Christmas Cantata Practice Times



Sunday nights @ 7 and Wednesday nights @ 8

GSBC Prayer Pages November 20, 2016

*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*

Leadership
*President Barack Obama
United States of America*

Unspoken
*Jonathan Malphrus-Job Search
Ann Malphrus
Max Cole
Ray & Peggy Michael
Dean & Cookie Daley
Deanna Davenport*

Bereavement
*Family Of
Eleanor Drafts (Husband)*

Hospitals
*James Lang-Savannah
Tony Cabiness-Spartanburg
Jimmy Mills-Sav. Memorial
Jimmy Cleland-CCH*

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham
County Rehab. Center*

Surgery / Recovery
*Keith Gamo (11/2)
Brandy Freeman (10/25*11/3)
Donnie Pinckney (11/14)
Gerald Morgan (11/10)
Bernice Malphrus (11/17)*

Expecting / Births
*Vanessa Smoak -
December 17th*

Cancer / Treatments
*Barry Jones (10/27)
Troy Altman (10/27)
Dale Robiston (10/13)
Mack Pope, Sr. (11/3)*

Called to Ministry
Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Patricia Malphrus (10/27)
Mike Hodge (10/20)
David Lee (10/27)
Saylor Moser (10/20)
Jason Jordan (10/20)
Rodney Malphrus, Sr (10/27)
Mitzi Cramer (10/27)
David Davenport (11/1)
Paula Mendez (11/1)
Dora Mendez (11/1)
Rebeca Torres (11/1)
Ronald Davis (11/10)
Shannon Youmans (11/10)*

*Jimmie Cleland (10/27)
Osiel Mendez (10/13)
Victoria Standard (11/3)
Libby McGill (11/7)
Randy Tuten (11/10)
Paula Bishop (11/10)
Brenda DeLoach (11/10)
Allen Tindal (11/10)
Nancy Rivera (11/17)
Denise St. Lawrence (11/17)
Ethel Cleland (11/17)*

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Home

Matthew Mills-Parris Island

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
Myia Angala Ellis
Susan L. Vaigneur
Lula Floyd
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley*

*Dot Nettles
Jimmie Mills
Betty Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Lois Bootle
Lane Malphrus
Grace Boyles
Jeanie Raburn
Scott Boyles
Brian Freeman*

*Myrtle Rowell Smith
Billie Langford
Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley
Leonard Steedly
Barbara Mills
Joyce Sutler
Lanell Smith*



"Now thank we all our God!" it is the season of giving, thanks to God for His blessings. To thank Him for those things which are ours because we belong to Him. Sins forgiven eternal life, gift of the spirit and fruit of the spirit. Prayers of thanksgiving each day need to be uttered from a grateful heart.

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group II

*Barbara Mills-Leader
Betty Robertson*

**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



S.O.F.F.E.

Monday, November 21st

7:00 PM



SFCA Thanksgiving Program

Tuesday, November 22nd

8:30 am

Wednesday, November 23rd

NO WNS

NO Evening Service

No School



The Quilting Club is meeting in the Old Parsonage

Thursday, December 1st @ 10:00am

Needed: At Home Sewers

To put together quilt blocks

already cut out

Call: Bernice @ 843-726-5622



Watchman Prayer Group

Saturday, November 26th @ 8:00 am

It is time to update our Family Telephone & Address directory.

Please contact the church office with any changes to your contact info or new addresses.

Thank You

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Calendar of Events

For
 November 20th through November 26th

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

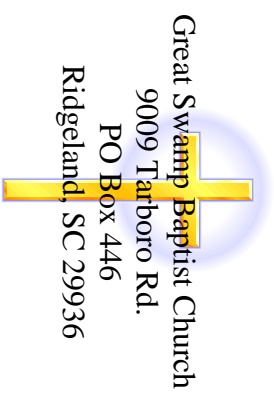
Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$2,030.00	\$ 4,828.76	-\$2,798.76
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Flowers</i>	\$15.00	*****	\$85.00
<i>Seniors + WNS</i>	\$571.20	*****	\$689.20
<i>Cemetery</i>	\$125.00	*****	\$360.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$40.00	*****	\$403.57
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$185.00

Total Gideon International Offering

\$517.36

383 Pocket Testaments or 103 Hotel/Motel Bibles



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