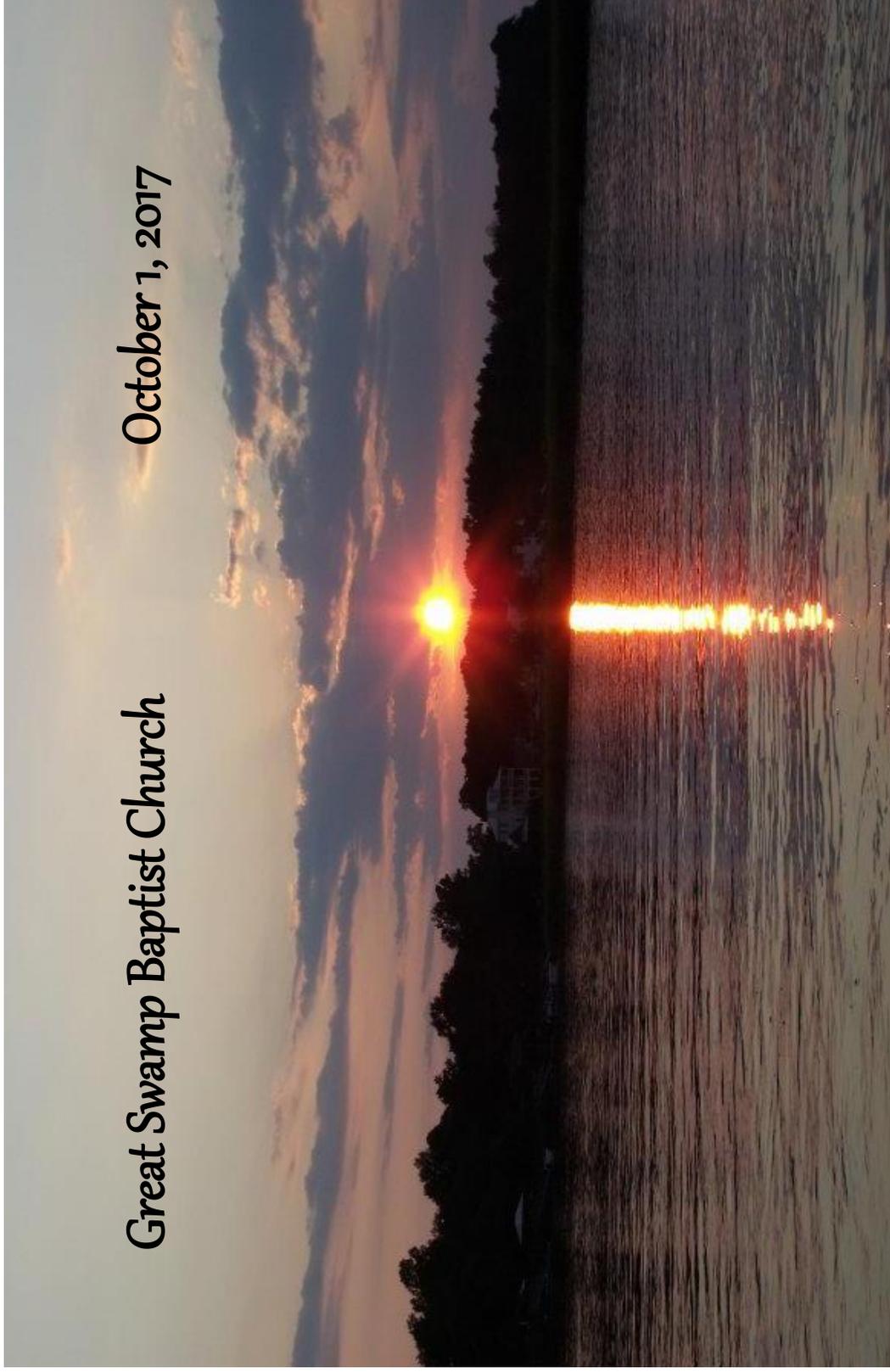


Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 1, 2017



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October 1, 2017
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 361 "We Have Come Into His House"

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Selections of Praise & Worship

"What a Beautiful Name"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory Special

GSBC Praise Band

"Death Was Arrested"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Today:
Olivia Stanley
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Betty Robertson
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Vandy Amason

Natalie

Next Week:
Cassandra Bradley
Evelyn



Toll Committee

For October
Bernice Malphrus & Bonnie Pope

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

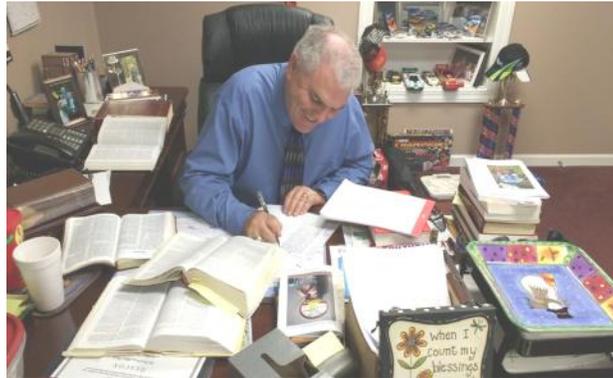


Today:
Duane Armstrong
843-726-6795

Next Week:
Wilbur Daley
843-305-0110



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



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Most Excellent Way (Part 3)

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

Intro: Last Sunday we began examining what we are calling the properties of love. In other words what makes up love or what are its' ingredients? I think, however, that maybe a better question to ask would be what happens to make love what it is suppose to be? For if love is only a word or just a momentary emotions, then it could not be as Paul says, "the most excellent way." No indeed, love is active. It is something that we are doing not just saying. Its' properties clearly reveal that love is alive, well and active.

Now, last week we examined two of those properties. The first one was that love is patient and the second was love is kind. Today we will pickup with more of the properties of love.

C. The third property of love that Paul mentions is that love does not envy. (vs 4) *Another way to describe this is the way the King James version of the Bible does. It says, "Love is not jealous." it is important that we understand just how much envy and jealousy plays no role whatsoever with love. As a matter of fact, it is a sin that goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden. Satan managed to convince Eve, and Eve convinced Adam that God was holding out on them. He is not allowing them to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil because He doesn't want them to become as smart as God Himself. So, out of envy and jealousy they ate the forbidden fruit because they wanted to have what God had.*

Now this attitude still prevails today. People are not content with whom God made them to be. No, they want to be God themselves and so they are still out of envy and jealousy eating, so to speak, the forbidden fruit. Sadly, the bite into the forbidden

fruit didn't help them at all. As a matter of fact, it had the exact opposite effect of what they thought it would do. Instead of moving forward, they went backwards.

Neither example of what envy and jealousy will do also goes back to the early chapters of Genesis. It is the story of the first recorded murder. Two bother, Cain and Abel, brought their offerings of worship to God. Cain brought an offering of the crops he had grown. Abel brought an offering from the flock of sheep he raise. God accepted Abel's but not Cain's. Cain became envious and jealous of his brother which them enraged him and them he murdered him. From that point on his live was ruined. So, we must understand that if we allow envy and jealousy to have its' way in our lives it is going to eat us up and make our lives miserable and then we will not be able to show love.

Paul shares an incident in His live where some people were jealous and envious of him even while he was in prison. Evidently these folks were jealous of his accomplishments. However, Paul understood that anything he had done for the Lord was not because of his own ability but rather because the Lord had empowered him and led him to do these things. However, these followers that were jealous and envious were preaching thinking that somehow their preaching would upset Paul. But their thinking again, created the exact opposite effect. For Paul wasn't upset with them. He was just glad that regardless of their motives, Jesus was being preached. (Phi. 1:15-17)

So, envy and jealousy will lead you to not be a loving person. Rather, it will cause you to do just the opposite. It will cause you to be unloving. We must remember from Phil. 4:10-13, that Paul encourages us to learn to be content. For when you have Jesus, though you may have nothing much by the world's standard, you really have it all. For in Christ you are complete.

D. The fourth property of love Paul mentions is that love does not boast. (vs 4) *This Greek word for boast in this verse means to talk in a conceited way. Dr. John MacArthur said, "Love does not parade it's accomplishments. Bragging is the other side of jealousy. Jealousy is wanting what someone else has. Bragging is trying to make others jealous of what we have. Jealousy puts others down; bragging builds us up. It is ironic that as much as most of us dislike bragging in others, we are so inclined to brag ourselves."*

This was the problem that Paul found with the Corinthian Believers. They all wanted to be spiritual show offs. That is why they all wanted to speak in tongues so that they could possibly out do others doing the same thing. Either they could do it louder or do it longer or have the better interpretation. Then they could boast about doing it better than the guy doing next to them. Sadly, however, Paul gave us chapter 14 to show that most of the tongue speaking going on there was not genuine at all, which shows that all they were trying to do was brag about themselves. There was no love in that.

Jesus is the perfect example of someone who had the reason of the whole universe to brag upon Himself. None had, has or will ever have all the reasons to brag upon themselves like Jesus. Yet, He chose not to do that. In contrast, however, we who have nothing in comparison to boast about are always bragging. No, true love will always lead us to boast about one thing and one thing only and really we are not talking about a thing but a person. The person of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul says this very thing in Gal. 6:14, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

Concl. So as we see if we are going to practice love, these are not only things we do, these are also things we don't do because if we do those things they will rule out our ability to do the other things required to practice love. Two of those things are don't envy and don't boast. These two things only lift you up but not Jesus. True love always ends exalting Him.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Come join us on October 9th at 7:00 pm at the Ridgeland Nursing Home to fellowship with the residents.



Gopher Hill

S.O.F.F.E. group will have a booth set up Friday night and Saturday during Gopher Hill. We will be handing out free water and information about our church. We need you to bring cases of water and also to volunteer to take a shift to help us spread the love of Jesus to our community. More details will be coming. Gopher Hill dates are October 6-7



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

Calling All Ladies!!!!

We need to update our telephone tree with names & telephone numbers. This list is for providing food for funerals within our church.

*For more info
Contact Dorthie Armstrong @ 843-726-67945
Or
Church Office @ 843-726-3631*



Sign-Up Today



Operation Christmas Child

Collection Totals for August

41 and over:

Crayons:123 Pencils:435 Scissors:38

40 and under:

Crayons:50 Pencils:322 Scissors:34

Let's see if we can beat those totals for August

Collection Items

For

September 3rd—10th—17th—24th



Matchbox /Hot Wheel Cars or Trucks

Jump Ropes



Yo-Yo's

Jackstones



Great Swamp Baptist Church Homecoming

October 15th

Morning Worship Hour

11:00am

9009 Tarboro Rd

Ridgeland, SC

Dinner on the grounds to follow

Guest Speaker



Rev.
Reiny
Koschel

The church will provide the meats and drinks for the church dinner. Everyone is asked to bring side dishes and deserts.

Worship Services will be held in the Old Sanctuary.

Associational Meeting

October 17th

Anyone who would like to attend the associational meeting as a messenger, please contact Vicky Roberts.

Wednesday Night SUPPER

Menu

Grits

 Sausage / Bologna

Biscuits

Dessert

Tea & Coffee



Roberts Family

Cooking Team

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



Men's Wild Game Banquet

Jubilee Market (Old Door Plant) 767 E Palmetto Avenue
Varnville, SC 29944

Thursday, October 26, 2017 7:00pm

DOOR PRIZES
(MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)

MENU:

Venison Wild Hog Boiled Shrimp Turkey Rice
Fried Frog Legs Quail Cole Slaw Banana Pudding

GUEST SPEAKER

Lieutenant General William G. "Jerry" Boykin

LTG (Ret) William G. "Jerry" Boykin was the United States Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence under President George W. Bush from 2002 to 2007. During his 36-year career in the military, he spent 13 years in the Delta Force and was involved in numerous high profile missions including the 1989 Iran Hostage Rescue attempt, the 1992 hunt for Pablo Escobar in Colombia, and the Black Hawk Down incident in Mogadishu, Somalia.

"A Wildlife Supper for Men with a Spiritual Flavor"

For FREE tickets and information call Wade Freeman at 803-943-5050 or Jim Vincent at 803-943-6105 or register online for your FREE ticket at www.varnville.com

Harvest Fest

Sponsored by
"S.O.F.F.E."

(Sisters On Fire for Eternity)

October 29th

4:00-7:00 pm

(Hot Dogs & Chili Provided)



Hayrides



Chili Cook-Off



*Child
Friendly
Costumes*





THEATER IN THE ROUND

Theater in the round will be held October 21st at 6pm in the multi-purpose building. Tickets may be purchased in the front office of the school: \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students. The price of tickets includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, clowning, skits, black light presentation, and SO much more!

Proceeds will benefit the Step of Faith Christian Academy Drama Program.

For more information contact the school office at 843-726-6100

KRAZY KAMP THE MUSICAL

Step of Faith Christian Academy will be presenting Krazy Kamp the musical on November 10 starting at 7pm in our new gym. Tickets will be \$8 for students and \$10 for Adults. This price includes entertainment and a light meal. Tickets may be purchased in the school office.



After School Care

*A safe place for your children to stay
while you finish up your work day.*

FUN
FOR THEM.
PEACE
OF MIND
FOR YOU.

Now enrolling

2017-2018 School Year

K3—6th Grade

Call School Office @ 843-726-6100

for more info

and

to sign up.

Attention

Church Family!

**Help Step of Faith raise money
to purchase extra equipment
for the school**

by clipping

Boxtops for Education

and

Labels for Education.

A collection box is in the Foyer.

It will be emptied weekly.

A list of products is also available.



Earn Cash for Our School!



Thank You



PRAY, PROCLAIM, PERMEATE.

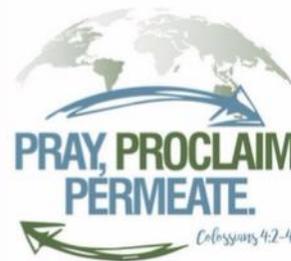


Colossians 4:2-4

Janie Chapman

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

During the month of September we will observe a season of Prayer and Giving for SC State Missions. Please prayerfully consider your gift to this offering.



GSBC Prayer Pages October 1, 2017

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

*J W Jarrell-MUSC
Peggy Fludd-Bft. Memorial
Mack Pope, Sr.-HHH Rehab
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.-CCH*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham
County Rehab. Center
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Thelma Ashing-RNC*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Church Needs

*Sunday School
Small Groups
SFCA-Donna Carter
Janie Chapman Offering*

Unspoken

*Tim Cramer Family
Amanda & Kent Fletcher*

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
Nominating Committee*

Bereavement

*Family Of
Brandy M. Blaisdell
Donna Kaye Gaymon*

Expecting / Births

Victoria Keiffer

Surgery / Recovery

*Duane Armstrong (9/14)
Ron Davis (9/21)
Grace Boyles (9/25)
Irwin Malphrus (9/21)
Barbara Lowther (9/21)*

Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (9/14)
Mitzi Cramer (9/14)
Wallace Roberts (8/31)
Diane Thames (8/31)
Maxie Mason (8/31)
Mack Pope, Sr (9/14)
James Byron Baker (9/21)
Allen Perry (9/28)
Steve Yaresba (9/28)*

Other Health Needs

*Lloyd Freeman (9/14)
Joyce Sutler (8/24)
Marylyn Potts (8/31)
Nicole Cole (9/5)
Victoria & Cora Lee Keiffer (9/14)
Kelly Chapman (9/14)
Eva Calhoun (9/14)
Buddy Darden (9/28)*

*Bonnie Pope (8/31)
Ricky Mears (8/31)
Victoria Standard (9/14)
Billy Fennel (9/14)
Joe Lowery (9/14)
Andy Groover (9/14)
Marvin & Wanda Patterson (9/28)
Gary Way (9/28)*

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*



Prayer makes one highly conscious of the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Many times one is prompted to go and sometimes He prompts one not to go. Either requires discipline on one's part to respond appropriately and a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's wishes. In like manner the Holy Spirit directs our praying as to what and how one should pray.

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group III

*Timmy Sauls-Leader
Mary Daley
Gail 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



Grandmother's Group
Tuesday, October 3rd @ 11:30am

**The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage**
Thursday, October 5th @ 10:00am



Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, October 7th @ 8:00 am

Kairos
Saturday, October 7th
8:00 am / MPB



October 2nd Timmy Sauls

October 7th Donna Carter



HELP NEEDED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN CHILDREN'S DEPT!

Now that school has started and Wednesday suppers will start soon, the GA and RA classes are growing to the point that these classes need to be divided based on age. But we need YOU! Please speak to Diane, Debra, Mike or Kim and let us

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Pianist: Michelle Waitt.....waittfamily@embarqmail.com
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School Administrator: Donna Carter.....dcarter@hargray.com
Custodian: Ann Malphrus.....ramalphrus@hargray.com
Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus.....Josie6@embarqmail.com

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

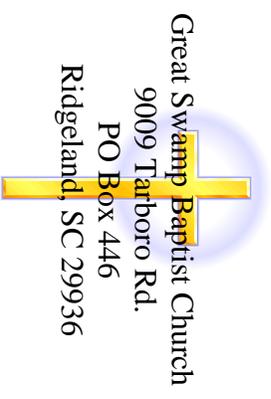
Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$2,438.00	\$ 4,943.56	-\$2,505.56
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Sr. Celebrators</i>	\$443.00	*****	\$13,705.46
<i>Janie Chapman Offering</i>	\$125.00	*****	\$199.00
<i>FAST</i>	\$70.00	*****	\$70.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$178.00	*****	\$541.99
<i>SMB</i>	\$97.00	*****	\$229.37
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$409.51	*****	\$0.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$662.07

Announcement

All 2017-2018 Leadership Committees need to elect new chairpersons and turn into the church office no later than the end of September.

Thank You



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