



Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 2, 2016

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invocation

Fred Stanley

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Even So Come"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Demonstration of Stewardship

Offertory

Special Music

"Hallelujah"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

Operation Christmas Child

We are in need of the following items:



Scissors

Combs

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste



Money works good too!

Contact Alice Way for more info



Today:
Annette Malphrus
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Olivia Stanley
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
 Diane Thames
 Chesney

Next Week:
 Vanessa Smoak
 Jason Smoak



Toll Committee

For October
 Bernice Malphrus & Bonnie Pope

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

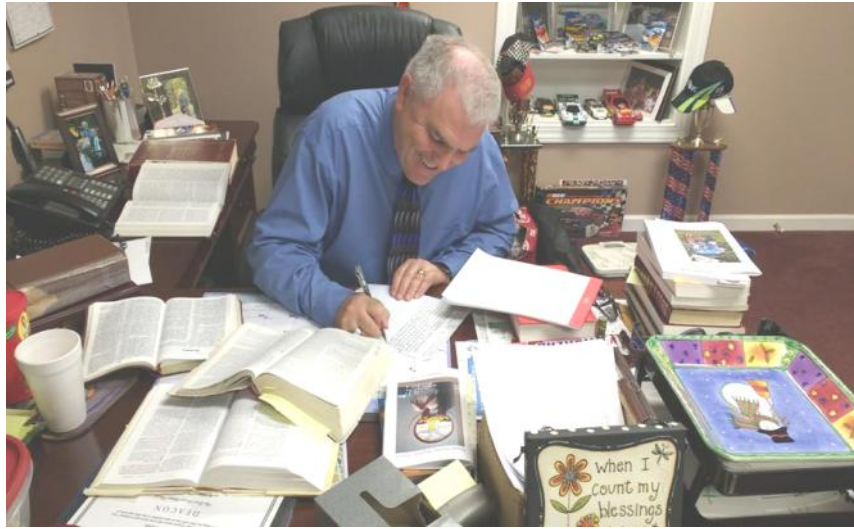


Today:
Fred Stanley
 843-226-5641

Next Week:
Robert O'Dell
 843-422-9521



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



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:
We Are Blessed Beyond Measure

(Ephesians 1:1-14)

Intro: In verse three of our text, it begins with depending on your translation, either "Praise or Blessed be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." Now that first word either Praise or Blessed in the Greek language means to speak well of. So, the verse is telling us that as God's people we are to speak well of God directly to Him and speak well about Him to others. So the question may arise why should we speak well about Him to others?

The answer to those questions is found in these verses as well. The general answer is that we are to bless God because He has blessed us. Possibly no greater set of verses in the New Testament describes God's blessings to His people more than this chapter does. These blessings of God to His people are amazing beyond measure. As we said the Greek word for blessing to God means to speak well of. However, the word for blessing which God directs toward us means to benefit. So when God blessed us and blesses us, He is benefitting our lives. This is why I have titled my message, "We Are Blessed Beyond Measure." So, let's examine these blessings so that we may in turn bless and praise our blessed Lord. We will begin today looking at a couple of those blessings.

I. First, we are blessed beyond measure because of the persons involved in our blessings, vs 3, 13-14. *If we fail to understand this point, then we will most likely fail to give our God the praise He is worthy of on the other points. For this is where the blessings truly come from and this is what makes them so amazing and so beyond measure. That its from God the Father through His Son Jesus and sealed by the Holy Spirit.*

So, stop and think about it my friends . It is not just another human being or another great person or some celebrity that is blessing you. Rather, it is the God of the universe, it is the God of all ages that is reaching down to you. This is so amazing that the perfect, holy and eternal God who has no flaws has chosen to bless and benefit the very ones who chose to ignore His laws, His will and His ways. As the result of that, the Bible says we became ungodly and separated from Him and even described as His enemies. Yet even than God chose to bless us and God the Father chose to bless us through His glorious Son whom He loved and loves. He chose that His Son would deliver directly to us by stepping into humanity leading all the way to Calvary then conquering the grave. He imparted to us our eternal salvation. The Savior blessing the sinner. The Holy blessing the unholy. The Perfect blessing the imperfect. The Righteous One blessing the unrighteous. As so famously stated in Romans 5:6-8, "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

If a famous person gives you a gift through some other person as happened to me once when Ned Jarrett and Dale Jarrett and Jason Jarrett all signed a hat for me and sent it to me through another individual. I was on top of the world. I showed that hat to many folks and told many more about it. However, they are just men. They may be famous race care drivers but they like me are just men. Oh, praise the Lord . However, when God blessed me it was not just a great person but it was through His Holy Son He came to me. Let us grasp that God is even more worthy for us to bless Him because He has blessed us. This is worthy of speaking well of.

II. Second, we are blessed beyond measure because of the period we received our blessing, vs 3-4. *In verse three Paul tell us these words to describe the period or timing of our blessing from God, "Who has blessed us..." Now this is a past tense phrase. In other words this phrase is letting us know that the blessings of God to us have already taken place. So the question is just how far back was it that God poured our His blessings upon us? The answer to that question is found in verse four where it says, "He chose us in Him before the creation of the world..." The answer to the question just how far back did He give our blessing is eternity past.*

This means before the first human beings breathed their first breath and knowing that before they were created, they would sin against Him. God still chose that He would give His Son to die to save us. He chose that in His Son our salvation would be complete and eternal for before we even came into existence.

Now the blessings He determined were not fleshed out of course until creation came into existence and Jesus came to us over 2,000 years ago. But in God's heart, mind and will, they were already done, accomplished and poured out in eternity past. That is how much God loves us. Oh what a Savior.

Now we have not received all the blessings yet but they are already determined and granted to us. Much like a will when they are written. The person making the will determines who will get what. However, what the will specifies, will not be metered out until the time the will indicates. However, it is already a done deal. It is just a matter of time before what is determined will be granted.

Let me say, you do not have to beg for God's blessings. They are yours to be appropriated by faith.

Thank you Lord that your blessings are from eternity past. For this we have blessed your name forever.

Jesus Love You,

Ralph Lee, Jr



Dear Great Swamp Family,

We would like to express many thanks for all the calls, cards, visits and prayers during my recent illness. Thank You and God Bless.

Wallace & Audrey Roberts & Family



Trunk or Treat is just around the corner. If you would like to open your trunk for this year's Harvest Fest, please let us know by signing up on the sheet in the foyer.



October 2nd

Timmy Sauls

October 5th

Roxane Adesso

October 7th

Donna Carter

GSBC Prayer Pages October 2, 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*

Bereavement
Family Of

Hospitals
James Lang-Roper Hosp.

*Ray & Peggy Michael
Jeff & Leigh Laycock
Jim & Mindy Davis & Family*

Johnny Smith

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

Surgery / Recovery
*Brad Tindal (8/10)
Bonnie Sauls (9/8)
Debbie Hodge (9/1)
Lane Malphrus (9/14)*

Expecting / Births
*Vanessa Smoak -
December 17th*

Called to Ministry
Chris Carter & Family

Cancer / Treatments
*Barry Jones (9/22)
Troy Altman (9/22)
Dale Robiston (9/1)
Jerry Sutterland (9/1)
Susan Vaigneur (9/1)
Joyce Smith (9/29)
Kim Bonds (9/29)
Mack Pope, Sr. (9/29)*

Other Health Needs

*Patricia Malphrus (9/22)
Kanoa Buorus (9/29)
Gary Way (9/29)
Allison Neal (9/01)
Sally Smith (9/01)
Dr. Mill's Children (9/1)
Wallace Roberts (9/8)
Carol Johnson (9/15)
Ruth (9/15)
Mike Hodge (9/15)
Ann Malphrus (9/22)
Jeff Brown (9/22)
Amanda Bradley (9/22)
David Lee (9/29)*

*Jimmie Cleland (9/29)
Brenda DeLoache (9/1)
Thomas Tyler, Jr. (9/1)
Brian Freeman (9/1)
Valerie Mingleorff (9/1)
Dot Nettles (9/8)
Ironhead Racer (9/8)
Jason Peeples (9/8)
Vera Floyd (9/15)
Madison Cooler (9/15)
Ronald Davis (9/22)
Mickey Reed (9/22)
Shelby Green (9/29)*

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Abroad

Matthew Mills-Parris Island

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
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley*

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

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



Praying 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 disciples 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**

**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,, October 3rd @ 7:00 pm



Grandmother's Group
Tuesday, October 4th
Bring Finger Foods
11:30 am



Kairos
Thursday, October 6th thru
Saturday, October 8th



**The Quilting Club is meeting in
the Old Parsonage**
Thursday, October 6th @
10:00am
Needed: At Home Sewers
To put together quilt blocks
already cut out
Call: Bernice @ 843-726-5622



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



Sunday, October 16th

Great Swamp will be having our annual Homecoming on Sunday, October 16th. The church will provide the mat and the drinks as usual. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite side dishes and desserts. There will be NO Sunday Morning Breakfast. Services will be held in the Old Sanctuary.

Chris Malphrus will be our Special Speaker for the day. Also we will be having baptism at the end of the Morning Worship Service.

There will be NO Evening Worship Services.

Thank You

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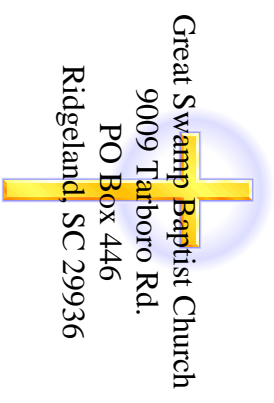
Calendar of Events

For
 October 2nd through October 8th

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> | \$4,612.25 | \$ 4,828.76 | -\$216.51 |
| Designated Funds | This Week | ***** | Acct. Balances |
| <i>Sr. Trip</i> | \$284.00 | ***** | \$13,334.45 |
| <i>SMB</i> | \$75.00 | ***** | \$319.10 |
| <i>PLO</i> | \$90.00 | ***** | \$592.00 |
| <i>WNS</i> | \$202.00 | ***** | \$556.10 |
| <i>Janie Chapman Offering</i> | \$50.00 | ***** | \$175.00 |
| <i>SFCA Electric</i> | \$3,689.50 | ***** | \$0.00 |
| <i>SFCA Janitorial Supplies</i> | \$500.00 | ***** | \$500.00 |
| <i>SFCA Security</i> | \$51.90 | ***** | \$51.90 |
| <i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i> | \$125.00 | ***** | \$0.00 |
| <i>SFCA Repairs (Grayco)</i> | \$335.32 | ***** | \$1,626.17 |
| <i>SFCA Office Supplies</i> | \$23.04 | ***** | \$23.04 |



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