



Great Swamp
Baptist Church
September 13,
2015

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship

“Hosanna! Praise Is Rising”

The Welcome

Announcements

Invocation

Robert O’Dell

Selections of Praise and Worship

Song of Praise

“Above All”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee

A Demonstration of Stewardship

Offertory Special

GSBC Praise Band

“Name of Jesus”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

A Time to Respond

Invitation

Benediction



Nursery Workers



Today:

*Mike Mingledorff
Duane Armstrong
Next Week:*

Today:

Next Week:

*Cassandra Bradley
Duane Armstrong*



Toll Committee

*For
September*

Alice Way & Connie Benton

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today:
Robert O'Dell
843-422-9521*



*Next Week:
Duane Armstrong
843-726-6795*

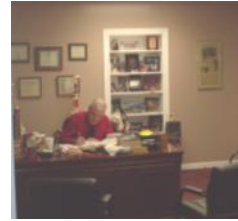


**IF YOUR DEACONS
CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,
CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631**

From

Pastor Ralph's Desk:
**Salvation:
Works or Not or Both**

(Ephesians 2:1-10)



Intro: In 1887, President Grover Cleveland established a Labor Day celebration as a national holiday so that the country could celebrate the important role of the labor movement. Last weekend, we continued to celebrate this long weekend holiday as a time to recognize and appreciate the hard work and labor that so many do across our great country that makes our lives better everyday.

As I thought about what that weekend celebration stands for, it drew me to the issue of salvation and such questions came to mind as: "Does hard work and labor have anything to do with salvation?"; or "Do we absolutely do nothing when it comes to salvation?"

Well, I am going to make a statement that I need you to listen to all the way through. For many of you the first statement will turn you off, but hear the whole thing out, (Salvation is all about works and yet it is not.) Now I can see your heads spinning as you think, well, it can't be both and yet my answer is, yes, it is exactly both. So, let me explain this to you by examining our set of verses that I have chosen for us to look at.

I. First of all, let us examine the part of the statement that says, "And yet it's not" vs 8-9.

Now of course, that part means that salvation is not about works at all. So, what I need to do is qualify this statement, and the qualification that I am referring to is the works of man. Mankind according to verse one was "dead in their transgressions and sins," and verse four says we were, "objects of wrath." Since we were dead (Spiritual death meaning separation from God) and objects of wrath, we were so utterly lost that no means of human effort can save us and make us alive. As verses 8 and 9 tell us salvation is by grace; it 's a gift of God; it's not of ourselves; and it's not by works. He also tells us that because it's not by works so we can't brag or boast about saving ourselves.

So, human beings, stop thinking that you will get any credit for gaining your salvation. For Paul says you can neither brag or boast.

II. Second of all, let's examine the part of the statement that says, "salvation is all about works."

If mankind can't work out their salvation, who can? Someone has got to work it out. Someone has got to do all the hard labor required to make us right with God. Well, according to these verses that we have read, it leaves no doubt as to the fact that salvation is all about

works and it leaves no doubt as to who does those works. From verses 4 thru 10, God or Jesus Christ or a pronoun representing them is mentioned 14 times.

Also, as we saw with the previous point, Paul clearly and undeniably shows that man is incapable of saving himself for he is dead in his sin and no amount of work he can do will save him.

Therefore, the answer is that God through Christ did all the necessary work required to save us. It is God who loved us and was rich toward us in mercy. It is God who makes us alive with Christ. It is God who raised us up with Christ and seated with Him in Heavenly places. It is God who saves us by His grace. Grace means unmerited favor. It means God demonstrated His favor toward us even though we didn't deserve it.

Yes, salvation is all about works but they are God's works and most of us understand that no one has ever performed harder labor or work than what Jesus Christ did when He came to save us. Just taking on human flesh was incredible enough. Then living a perfect and holy life too is beyond incredible. Finally, however for Him to go to the cross and bare our punishment and take an eternity of hell for us in those hours is beyond comprehension. In those hours on the cross, He labored harder than all the labor and efforts of all of mankind for all of time.

Let us sing the old hymn, "Jesus Paid It All". The chorus says, "Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow."

Now, however, let me point out that though God does all the work to save us and we do none of it, yet salvation, works and man do also come together. And you are asking, where do those points intersect together? They come together once salvation has taken place in our lives. Once a person places their 100% trust in the finished work of Calvary, the work that God did to save us and we become a child of God, we are to, by God's leadership, push forward to carry out good works as verse ten says. We do these good works as verse ten says because God created us in Christ Jesus to do them and He planned it our in eternity past that we would.

So the point is, that because Jesus Christ has saved us by the works that He did, then it will result in our doing good works because we belong to Him. We don't do them to get saved or stay saved but because we are saved.

In conclusion on this Labor Day weekend, let us get up each day and give praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ that He did it all, all the required work to save us. Also, let us get up and say and pray that we will carry out the work God created us to do to show our appreciation for the great work He did to save us. O what a Savior we have!

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

VOLUNTEERS
for the
BUILDING A FAMILY LEGACY FILM SERIES

*We will meet briefly, following the morning worship service **TODAY (SEPT. 13th)** to go over what is needed for the events and assign you to your gifted ministry.*

Thank you for volunteering and those of you who have not yet signed up, there are still spots open.

We will be needing help with the mealtime (fixing, serving, and cleaning) and we'll also need help during the registration time before the film starts. Come early for registration for door prizes!

Schedule

- 5:30 *Supper for SFCA Families*
- 6:00 *Registration for Door Prizes Opens*
- 6:10 *Kitchen Closes*
- 6:25 *Registration for Door Prizes Closes*
- 6:30 *Family Legacy Film Series Begins*

DR. JAMES DOBSON'S
BUILDING A FAMILY LEGACY
FILM SERIES

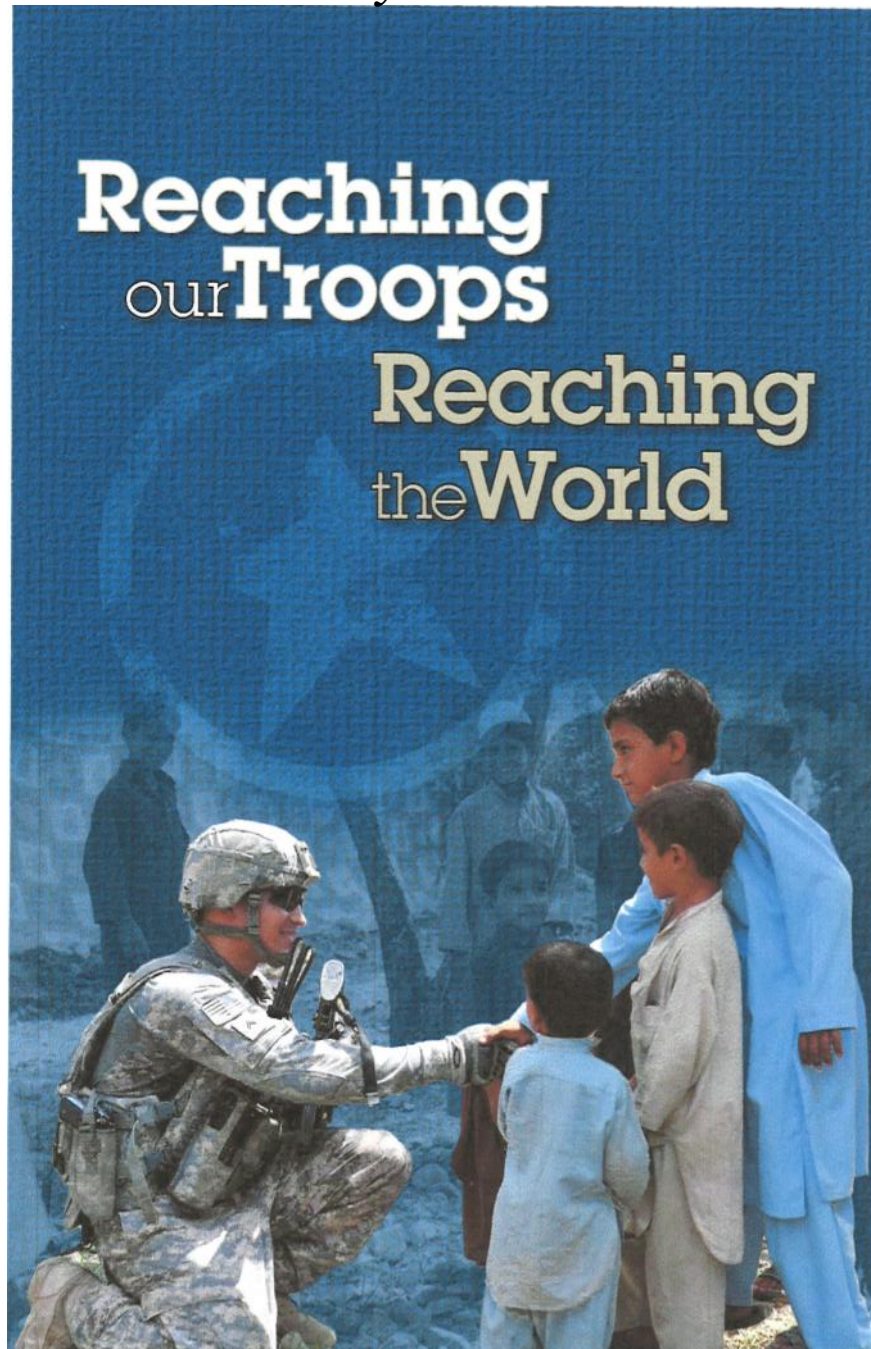
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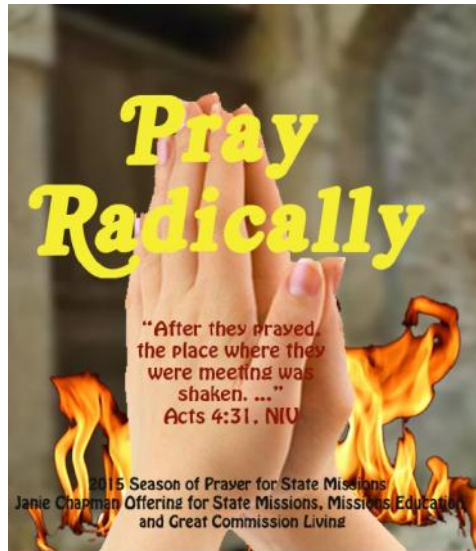
- > Bringing Up Boys
- > Bringing Up Girls
- > Dare to Discipline
- > Love for a Lifetime
- > Straight Talk to Men
- > The Strong-Willed Child
- > Wanting to Believe
- > Your Legacy

6:30pm – 8 SUNDAY NIGHTS – STARTING SEPT 20th

Faith Comes By Hearing

Military Bible Sticks





2015
Season
of
Prayer

Janie Chapman
Offering
State Missions



HELP SUPPORT

Operation Christmas Child 2015

*Donations of any amount
will be greatly appreciated.*

*Check mark box 043
on your tithing envelope.
See Alice Way for more info.*

GSBC Prayer Pages September 13, 2015

Church Needs

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

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

Jeffrey Stanley-Greenville

Nursing Centers

Elaine Degler-RNC

Surgery / Recovery

Mack Pope, Sr. (9/3)
Olivia Stanley (9/3)
Gail Malphrus (8/20)
Barbara Mills (8/20)
Suzie Mitchell (8/24)
Jim Davis (8/27)
Tommy Taylor (9/3)

Cancer / Treatments

Lane Malphrus (9/3)
Barry Jones (8/20)
Billy Benton (9/3)
Gene Bryan(8/20)
Randy McClendon (8/24)
Bobby Emerson (8/31)

Other Health Needs

Mary Cope (9/10)
Betty Nettles (9/10)
Vera Floyd (9/10)
Dwaine Malphrus (9/3)
Faye Cleland (9/3)
Krey Lee Lowther (9/3)
Wanda Cooler (9/10)
Sherry Rupert (9/10)

Lois Bootle (8/27)
Judy Smith (8/20)
Ann Malphrus (8/20)
Patrick Malphrus (8/27)
Lynn Glasser (8/31)
Kenneth Cleland (9/3)
David Lee (9/3)
Sue Tuten (9/3)

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family
Robin Gray-Central Asia

Expecting / Births

Vanessa Smoak (10/6)

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Afghanistan

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
Norris Sauls
Lula Floyd*

*Dot Nettles
Jimmie Mills
Betty Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Joyce Sutler
Kevin Roach
Wofford Malphrus*

*Myrtle Rowell Smith
Billie Langford
Lisa Koon
Mitzi Cramer
Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley*



The great towers fell on September 11th. Loss of life and properties was tremendous. After the smoke and dust have cleared and the dead buried, our God is yet alive. What will take us as a country and each as individuals through these times will be the eternal God who answers prayer.

Today's Prayer Team

Group IV

**E. L. Ambrose- Leader
Mack Pope, Jr.
Kevin 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



*Tuesday, September 14th
Deacon's Meeting*



*Thursday, September 17th
10:00 am
Home of Shirley Jean Wing*



*Saturday, September 19th
Watchman Prayer Group
8:00 am*

Nursery Workers Needed

More nursery workers are needed for the 2015-2016 church year. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Diane Thames @ 321-0806.

S.O.F.F.E.

(Sisters On Fire for Eternity)

Our ladies group will have their first meeting on Monday, Sept. 21st at 7:00pm in the MPB at the church. Please bring light finger foods/drinks. For more info, please contact Kim Malphrus.

College and Career Sunday Class

There will be no class this morning, September 13th as I will be out of town; but we will resume on Sunday, September 20th at 9:45am.

Your teacher

Kim Malphrus



This Week:

<i>September 13th</i>	<i>Grace Malphrus</i>
<i>September 16th</i>	<i>Doby Cleland</i> <i>Sherry Landis</i>
<i>September 17th</i>	<i>Angel Madison</i> <i>Olivia Broschard</i>
<i>September 19th</i>	<i>Kim Wilson</i>



This Week:

<i>September 16th</i>	<i>Krey & Faye Lowther</i> <i>Kelly & Michelle Baim</i>
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Gifts

A gift of \$50.00 was given for Military Bible Sticks by the Grandmother's Group.

Senior Trip



Balances Due:

Room Balances:
NOW

Bus Fees (\$50.00 each):
Monday, October 5th

Call Timmy Sauls for more info: 321-0789

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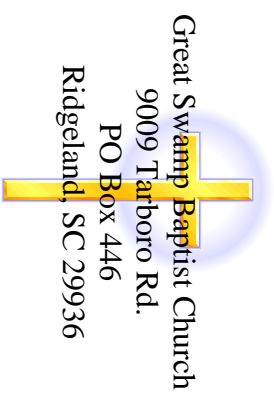
Calendar of Events

For
 September 14th through September 20th

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>	\$4,423.00	\$ 4,616.28	-\$193.28
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Janie Chapman Offering</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$20.00
<i>Military Bible Sticks</i>	\$70.00	*****	\$70.00
<i>Youth</i>	\$8.02	*****	\$147.82
<i>George Pepper Fund</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$1,658.03
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$630.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$222.00	*****	\$450.03
<i>SMB</i>	\$70.00	*****	\$218.65
<i>New Properties</i>	\$600.00	*****	\$4,750.61
<i>Darlington Tickets</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$0.00



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