Great Swamp Baptist Church
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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn# 514 "When We All Get To Heaven"

The Welcome

Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Invocation *Robert O'Dell*

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Holy Spirit"

"Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Demonstration of Stewardship

Offertory Special *Kathryn Goretzka*

Message *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Invitation

Benediction

Today:

Mike Mingledorff

Duane Armstrong

Next Week:

Cassandra Bradley

Duane Armstrong

Nursery Workers

Today:

Amanda Hodges

Next Week:

Latrelle Steedly

Kim & Kimberlyn Malphrus

Toll Committee

For

September

Alice Way & Pat Malphrus

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Robert O'Dell

843-422-9521

Next Week:

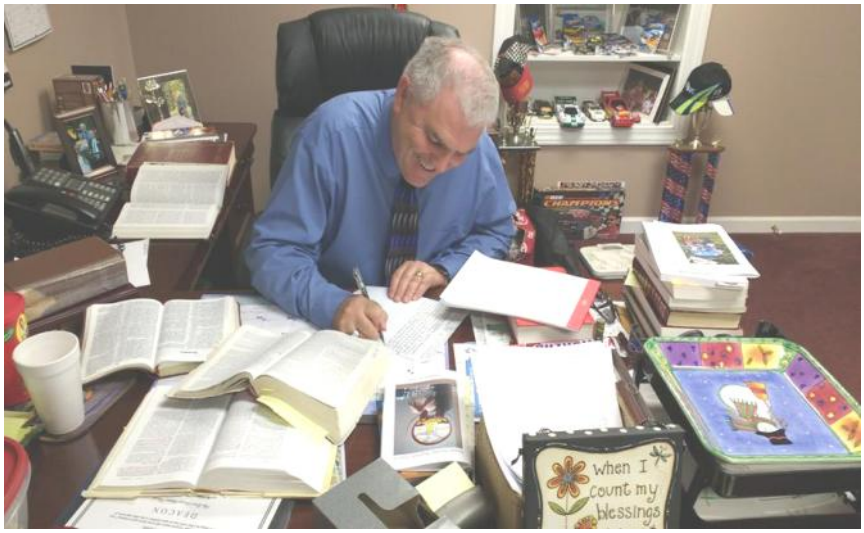
Duane Armstrong

843-726-6795

IF YOUR DEACONS

CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,

CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Hill Highlight the Fact That God is our Helper

(Psalm 121:1-8)

Intro: Since I've returned from our trip to Alaska, I've made the comment more than a thousand times that if I could only make one trip in my life time, there would be no if, ands, or buts about where it would be, Alaska. There are many reasons why that is so. The beauty is unimaginable. The wildlife is truly abundant. The variety is always present and the wow moments are totally unending.

However, there is a reason that stands out above them all which would draw me back to Alaska and that is that those mountains, hills and all the things that were in them constantly reminded me of how awesome our God is. As a matter of fact, that probably was my one statement I made while on the trip. I would say over and over "Wow, look at that, isn't God amazing or awesome or both.!"

Well the various authors of the Book of Psalm also understood that mountains and hills are reminders to us of how great is our God. Probably the most familiar one

of the is Psalm 121. This Psalm uses hills or mountains as objects that remind us that God is our helper and our keeper. So, today I want us to notice that hills highlight the fact that God is our helper.

I. Hills highlight the fact that God is our helper because He sits above them. *Jerusalem was surrounded by mountains and hills. As a matter of fact, Jerusalem sat right in midst of them and on them. So, anyone coming to Jerusalem had to look up and go up. Now the shear size of mountains and the fact that the capital city was in them and especially the fact that the temple was there many would tend to believe that therefore those mountains themselves were saved and held power in them. Obviously, however, to all of us the mountains and hills contain no magical powers within themselves. But what they did do and still do is point in the right direction where we can find our help. They point up to the one who sits above the highest heights to the very throne that sets in Heaven. As the Scripture tells us in Isaiah 66:1, "This is what the Lord says, Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool."*

There is no doubt that our help is high above the hills and the mountains which point to the highest point of all Heaven. There in Heaven we find our help because of what Romans 7:31-34 tells us. These verses remind us that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father pleading our case. So, when you need help let the hills and mountains point you to the One who sits higher than the hills and His name is Jesus. He waits to help you.

II. Hills highlight the fact that God is our helper because He made them. *Right here the psalmist clearly states, "My help comes from the Lord, the maker of Heaven and earth." When people journeyed to Jerusalem no matter what direction they came from, they had to climb their way there. This journey helped them to unde5rstand how awesome of a power required to make those mountains. This was the same experience I had growing up in the mountains of North Carolina and when we traveled to Alaska. My constant thought was that our God is so great and can be counted on to be our helper because He had and has the power to create these amazing hills and mountains. As a matter of fact, He had and has the power to create it all and He did.*

According to Isaiah 40:9-12, our God not only created Heaven and earth, He also holds it's vast expanse as Philippians says between His little finger and His Thumb. There is no power greater than that. God is indeed our helper because He made them there hills and everything else. Oh blessed be our amazing Creator.

III. Hills highlight the fact that God is our helper because He came to them. *When this Psalm was written, the temple was existing in the city of Jerusalem on a mountain top. This temple for the Jews symbolized the presence of God with them. However, eventually the presence of God was not just symbolized through the temple building but rather it was made a reality through another temple. By that I mean the Body that the Son of God indwelt when Hen came and actually lived among us. Born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived, worked; did ministry; performed miracles; died for our sins; resurrected from the dead and ascended back to Heaven all right in the hills and mountains of Jerusalem. So, hills and mountains should remind us that Jesus came to us to seek us and save us. They should remind us that He died on a hill call Mt. Calvary to bear our punishment for us.*

They should also remind us that although w need to look up to the throne of Heaven to find our help, we are not having to look for the purpose to trying to find Him because e He came and found us. So, when we look up we already know as God's people He is there eagerly awaiting our call for help. Oh, what a Savior who came to our mountains to rescue us.

Jesus Love You,

Ralph Lee, Jr

Quilt Auction

The Grandmother's Group and the Quilting Club have completed a quilt and a lap robe to be auctioned of beginning Today, August 21st running through September 11th. The proceeds will go towards the Gymnasium Fund.

The Senior Adult Committee is planning a trip to Callaway Gardens, GA to view Christmas Lights and tour the Gardens.

We will leave on Friday, December 9th at 8:00am from the church and arrive back on Saturday Evening, December 10th.

We will stay at Mountain Creek In at Callaway Gardens.

Pricing includes:

1 Nights lodging at Mountain Creek Inn
1 Ticket to Fantasy Light Tour
1– 3hr. Tour of the Gardens
1 Dinner Buffet Friday Night
1 Breakfast Buffet Saturday Morning
1 Bus Fare

Prices:

4 per room: $168.00 per person
3 per room: $180.00 per person
2 per room: $203.00 per person
1 per room: $273.00 per person

Only additional costs will be meals in transit and souvenirs, shopping, etc.

$20.00 deposit due October 2nd per person
$80.00 deposit due November 4th per person
Balance due December 4th per person

A sign Up sheet is in the vestibule—this is **NOT** *limited to Seniors only. A minimum of 50 persons is required.*

Menu

Boston Butt / Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Cabbage

Rolls

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

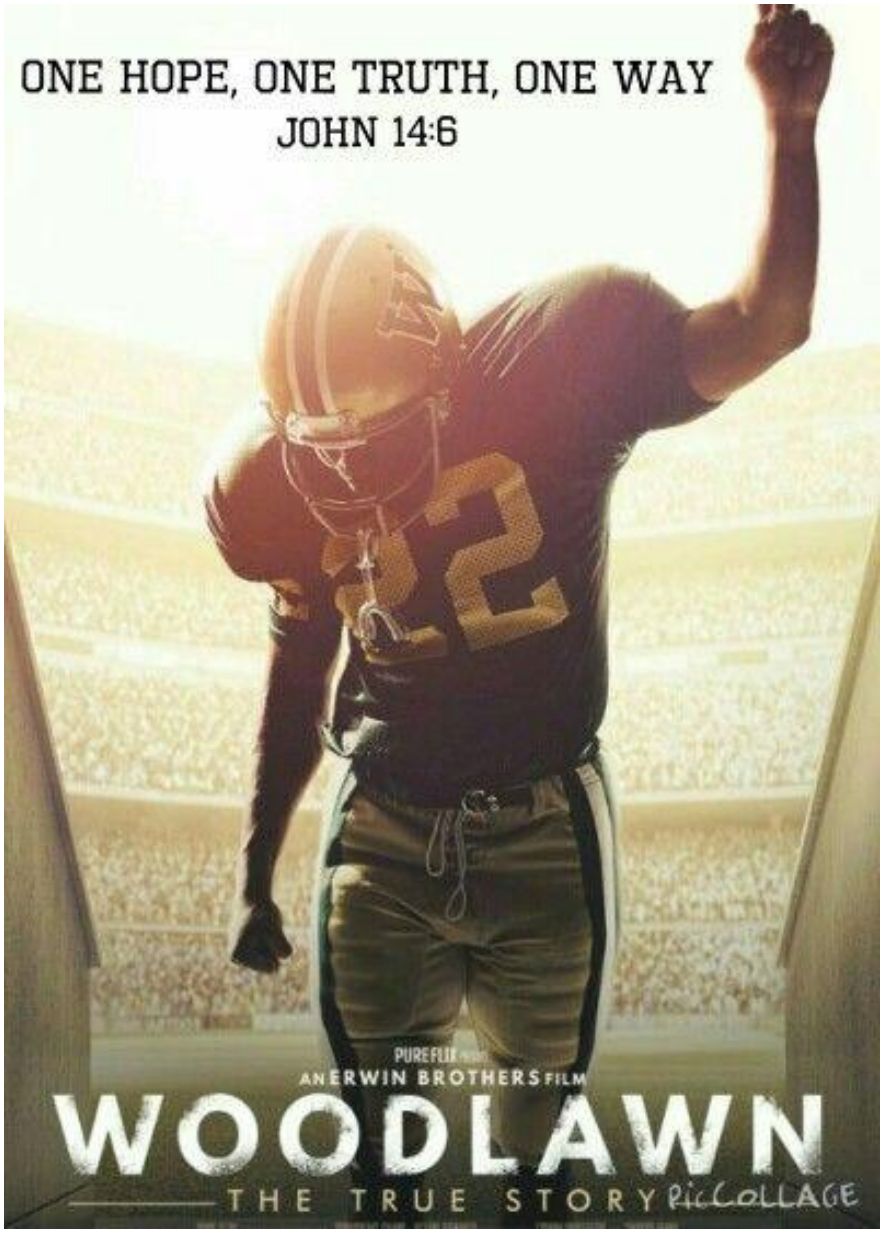
Roberts Cooking Team

Coming in September

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday, September 18th at 6pm

Another Fellowship, Fundraiser & Movie



Operation Christmas Child

For the month of September, we are collecting:

School supplies

Contact Alice Way for more info

Leadership Positions Yet To Fill For 2016-2017

Church Nursery Assistant

Youth Ministry Adult Leader

Sound Room Operators

Sunday School Teachers

Nursery Co-Teacher

Rainbow Kids 1st –2nd Grades

College

Strong Hearts K3-K5

Young Adults

Singles

Seniors Announcement

Balances for the Senior trip are due NOW.

Bus Fees are due by September 30th.

Announcements

Monday, September 5th

Tuesday, September 6th
Grandmother's Group
11:30am in MPB / Bring Finger Foods
Slide Show Presentation by Pastor Ralph

The Quilting Club is meeting in the Old Parsonage
Thursday, September 8th@ 10:00am
Needed: At Home Sewers
To put together quilt blocks already cut out
Call: Bernice @ 843-726-5622

Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, September 10th@ 8:00 am

Kairos
Saturday, September 10th

GSBC Prayer Pages September 4, 2016

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

Hospitals

Unspoken

Jonathan Malphrus-Job Search
Ann Malphrus
Max Cole
Laycock Family
Ray & Peggy Michael
Ryan & Elizabeth Tuyls
Jeff & Leigh Laycock

Bereavement

Family
Of
Audrey Rushing Altman
Edward Hughes

Nursing Centers

Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham County Rehab. Center
Dot Nettles-NHC

Expecting / Births

Vanessa Smoak -December 17th

Surgery / Recovery

Brad Tindal (8/10)
Bonnie Sauls (9/8)
Debbie Hodge (9/1)

Cancer / Treatments

Barry Jones (8/11)
Troy Altman (8/11)
David Davenport (8/15)
Wanda Lowther(9/01)
Dale Robiston (9/1)
Jerry Sutterland (9/1)
Susan Vaigneur (9/1)

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family
Robin Gray-Central Asia

Other Health Needs

Saylor Moser (8/18)
Lanell Smith (8/18)
Patricia Malphrus (8/18)
Marie Smith (8/4)
Jimmie Mills (8/4)
Pat Azzarelli (8/4)
Tim Jones (8/4)
Robert Sauls (8/4)
Diane Malphrus (8/4)
Inez Scoggins (8/4)
Sue Brinson (8/4)
Daniel Morgan (8/8)
Wanda Davis (8/11)
Deanna Dvenport (8/15)
Tucker Byrd (8/15)
Kanoa Buorus (8/25)
Mary Ann Beariss (8/25)
Gary Way (8/25)
Allison Neal (9/01)
Sally Smith (9/01)
Mike Hodge (9/1)
Dr. Mill's Children (9/1)
Wallace Malphrus (8/4)
Jane Waitt (8/4)
Joanna Daring (8/4)
Clarice VanCuren (8/4)
Eula Cooler (8/4)
Cheryle Hensley (8/4)
Pam Head (8/4)
Harry Hodges (8/4)
Kistler Malphrus (8/4)
Zoe Ann Fleury (8/4)
John Stanley (8/4)
Mack Pope, Sr. (8/4)
Melinda Stanley (8/11)
Arturo Nava (8/15)
Gabriel Padron (8/15)
Gail Malphrus (8/18)
Nancy Rivera (8/25)
Sue Tuten (8/25)
Jimmie Cleland (8/25)
Brenda DeLoache (9/1)
Thomas Tyler, Jr. (9/1)
Brian Freeman (9/1)
Valerie Mingledorff (9/1)

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 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
Lisa Koon
Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley
Leonard Steedly
Barbara Mills
Joyce Sutler

What is in your hand? Jesus was a carpenter's son. His hometown had trouble seeing him for whom he really was—God's Son. How do you look at others? Do you see them as Jesus sees them? Prayer keeps us alert to others and their needs. What is your "Tool" of the trade. What is that in your hand?

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

September 4th *Jessa Byrd*
William Holland
September 5th *Anita Blanton*

September 6th *Ashley Duncan*

TODAY

Proceeds to benefit the
Senior Trip in October
to
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

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Calendar of Events

For

September 4th through September 10th

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

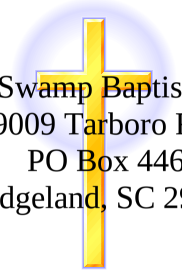
Stewardship

Budget Offerings	**This Week**	**Weekly Budget**	**Surplus/Deficit** + / -
Tithes & Offerings	*$3,722.11*	*$ 4,828.76*	*-$1,106.65*
Designated Funds	**This Week**	*********	**Acct. Balances**
PLO	*$155.00*	**********	*$387.00*
Sr. Trip	*$1,559.00*	**********	*$9,234.45*
SMB	*$58.00*	**********	*$58.00*
OCC	*$50.00*	**********	*$515.57*
WNS (Youth)	*$222.00*	**********	*$250.33*

Coming in September

SFCA Blood Drive 9/9

1st Responders Sunday 9/11 Special
Military Bible Stick Outreach 9/11 Offering
Janie Chapman State Missions Offering (9/11-18)



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