

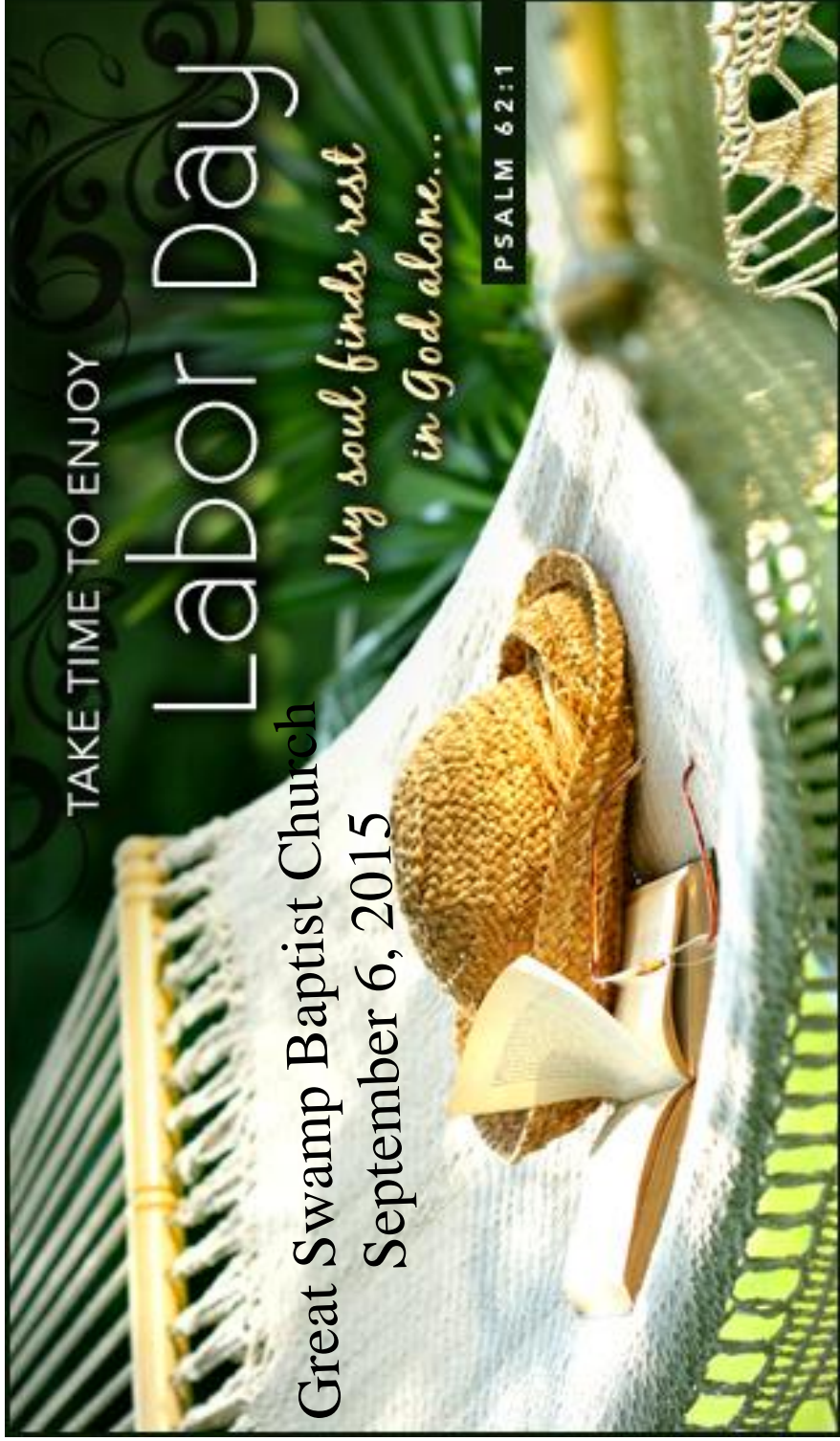
TAKE TIME TO ENJOY

Labor Day

Great Swamp Baptist Church
September 6, 2015

*My soul finds rest
in God alone....*

PSALM 62:1



Great Swamp Baptist Church

September 6, 2015
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn #335 *"Standing On The Promises"*

The Welcome

Announcements

Invocation

Fred Stanley

Selections of Praise and Worship

Hymn #438 *"Heaven Came Down"*

Hymn #205 *"Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know"*

Hymn #196 *"We Shall Behold Him"*

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee

A Demonstration of Stewardship

Offertory Special

Bjo Mills

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

A Time to Respond

Invitation

Benediction



Today:

*Betty Robertson
Duane Armstrong
Next Week:*

*Mike Mingledorff
Duane Armstrong*

Nursery Workers



Today:

*Diane Thames
Chesney Thames*

Next Week:



Toll Committee

*For
September*

Alice Way & Connie Benton

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**

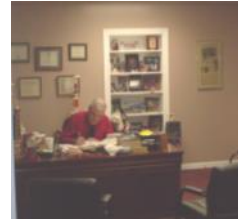
From

Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Thessalonians Road

Part III

(II Thessalonians 2:1-17)



Intro: In this series, we've already examined a number of things. What we have examined is what the Thessalonian Road provides for us. The things that we have already noted that it provides are, first, certainty, the absolute certainty that Jesus will indeed and in fact return. Second, we've noted that it provides, clearance. By this I am referring to the clearing out that our blessed Lord is going to do and the ones that He will clear out are all true followers of Jesus Christ. We call this event the rapture because we are snatched out of this world by the Lord. The third thing that we noted that the Thessalonian Road provides is, comfort. This comfort comes from the fact that we will clear out of this world before the period known as the tribulation period begins. That is indeed comfort beyond imagination because the tribulation period will be a time of unprecedented and unparalleled period of judgments on the world it has never known. Finally, we have noted that the Thessalonian Road provides, clarification, and there were many things that the Thessalonian believers needed clarification about. There are three things that we have already seen that Paul attempted to clarify for them. Now the reason Paul had to clarify things for them is because there were false teachings being spread around that said that the Day of the Lord already had come. So, the Believers were confused and needed clarification.

The three things that we have already seen that he clarified for them was first, the matter of the Rapture. What he basically reminded them was that the second coming of Jesus could not have happened yet because the Rapture had not happened yet. The second thing he sought to clarify them on was the Rebellion that had not yet happened and must be before Jesus could come again. The third thing that had not yet happened that was required before Jesus could come again was the revealing of the Rebel, called here the lawless one. We also know him as the anti-Christ.

None of those things had or have happened yet. Therefore all the false teachings were just what they are called false, and none of these things can happen until the next thing takes place which is the church, then and now, needed and needs clarification about. Its clarification is about the Restrainer. In order to get clarification about the Restrainer we need to ask some questions.

I. The first question that we need to ask in order to get clarification about the Restrainer is just what does he do?

Well, that is where the word Restrainer comes from because restraining is exactly what he does. The Restrainer is holding back all these events until the appointed time has come for them to take place. Verses six and seven tell us that he is holding back.

II. The second question we need to ask in order to get clarification about the Restrainer is just what is he restraining?

Well, the answer is quite clear in verse six through eight. He is holding back the lawless one. The one we call the Rebel or the anti-Christ. He is also holding back the rebellion itself for the lawless one will be the one who promotes the rebellion and gives it life.

III. The third question we need to ask in order to get clarification about the Restrainer is just who is the Restrainer?

Well there has been a lot of discussions about this question but the overall consensus of Biblical scholars is that He is the blessed person of the Holy Spirit of God. The blessed third person of the Holy Trinity.

IV. The fourth and final question we need to ask in order to get clarification about the restrainer is why the Holy Spirit?

There are three reasons why I believe that He is the Holy Spirit. First, because verse nine tells us that the lawless one will be controlled by Satan, and the only person who has the power to hold Satan back is the Holy Spirit. Second, because the removal of the Holy Spirit will come when the Rapture takes place. For the Holy Spirit indwells the church. When we are gone, He is removed with us for He is in us. Third, because when He is removed and the church is gone it will allow for a time for Satan to be able to go about his rampant wickedness and rebellion which must take place before Jesus' second coming.

Conclusion: let me say that the above questions and answers are the reason that I believe is the pre-tribulation rapture. For in order for the rebellion and the rebel to have their brief but sure time of wickedness we need to get out of the way for all that must take place, takes place.

So, let us rejoice that once again we are greatly encouraged and comforted that we will not be left behind for the tribulation.

However, let me also remind you that if you are not saved now and Christ raptures the church out, you will be left for that terrible time. So, repent today of your sins and trust in Jesus Christ for your salvation.

*Jesus Loves You,
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

VOLUNTEERS
for the
BUILDING A FAMILY LEGACY FILM SERIES

We will meet briefly, following the morning worship service next week (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.

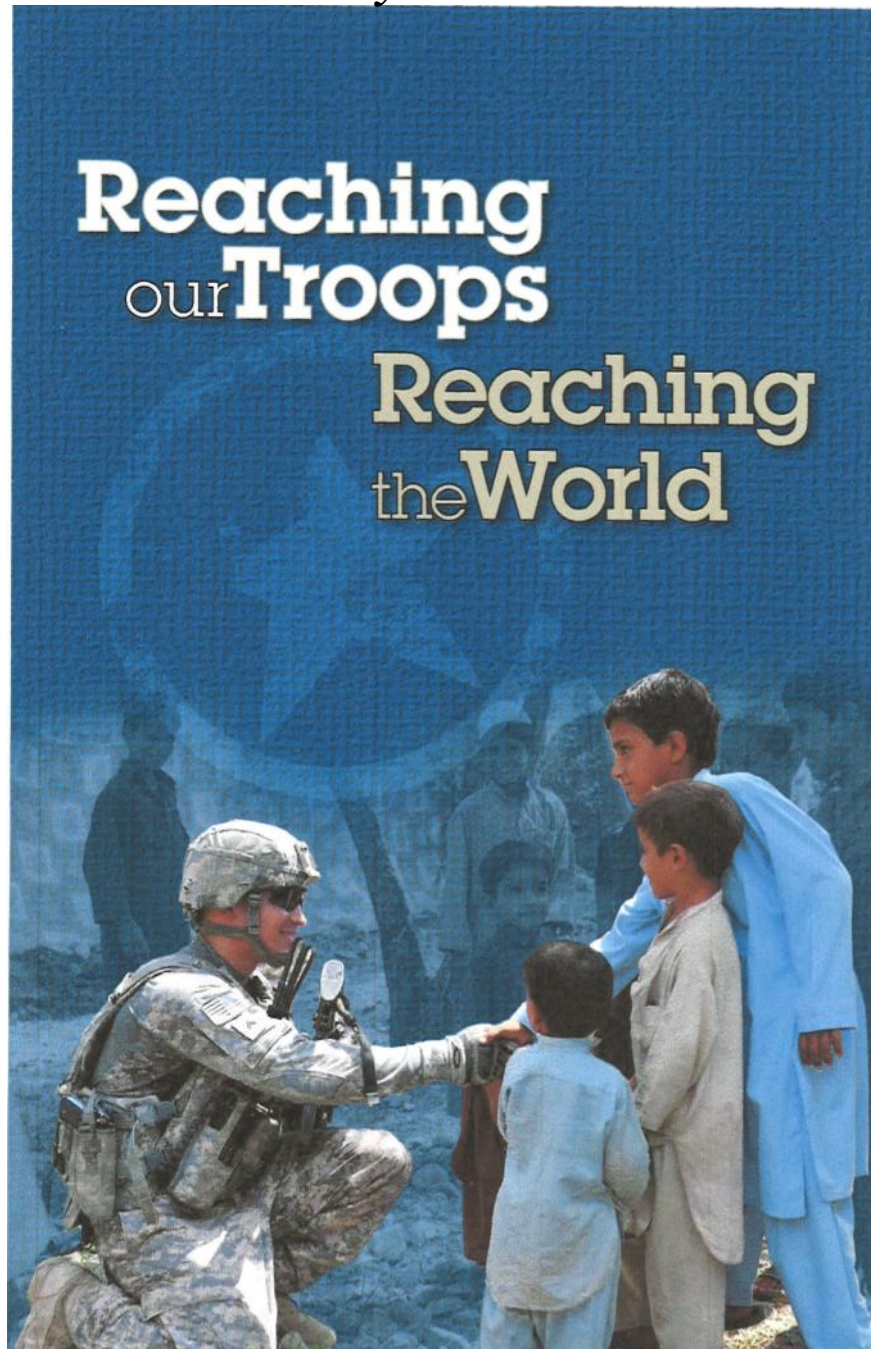
Sign up as soon as possible and we will meet with you as well, on the SEPT. 13th.

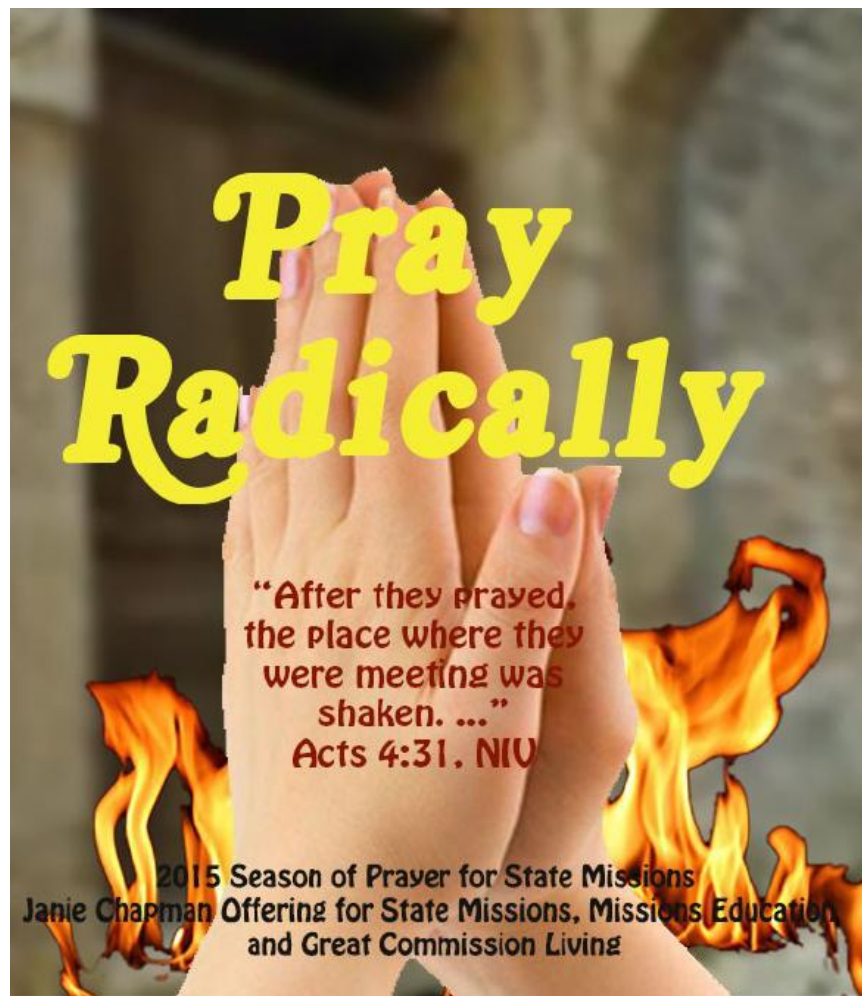
SEPTEMBER 20TH at 6:30pm
Come early to register for door prizes



Faith Comes By Hearing

Military Bible Sticks





2015
Season of Prayer

Janie Chapman Offering
State Missions

GSBC Prayer Pages September 6, 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
Ralph Bashlor

Hospitals

Jeffrey Stanley-Greenville

Nursing Centers

Elaine Degler-RNC

Surgery / Recovery

Mack Pope, Sr. (9/3)
Olivia Stanley (9/3)
Barry DeMay (8/4)
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

Dot Tindal (8/6)
Katelyn Morgan (8/6)
Lynn Glasser (8/6)
Saylor Moser (8/6)
Mary Cope (8/6)
Betty Nettles (8/6)
Vera Floyd (8/6)
Davey McGill (8/6)
Dwaine Malphrus (9/3)
Faye Cleland (9/3)
Krey Lee Lowther (9/3)

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)
Sara Tuten (9/3)

Expecting / Births

Vanessa Smoak (10/6)

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family
Robin Gray-Central Asia

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.

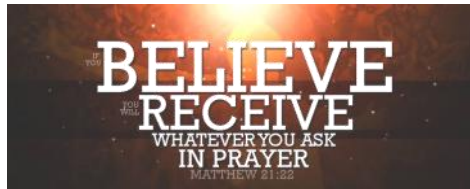
Thank You

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*



Is your faith in trouble? Do you have difficulty in believing the Bible is truth? It is not realistic to pray for something you don't believe. Prayer must be made in the belief God is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do. To pray otherwise is meaningless.

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



*Wednesday, September 9th
Business Conference
7:00 pm*



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



*Saturday, September 12th
Watchman Prayer Group
8:00 am*

SFCA
Blood Drive

September 11th
Starting @ Noon
MPB





This Week:

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| <i>September 6th</i> | <i>Ashley Duncan</i> |
| <i>September 7th</i> | <i>Jerri Firth</i> |
| <i>September 11th</i> | <i>Leon Langford</i> <i>Robert Lynch</i> <i>Emma Grace Mingledorff</i> |
| <i>September 12th</i> | <i>Shirley Malphrus</i> |



This Week:

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| <i>September 6th</i> | <i>Bo & Bonnie Mathis</i> |
| <i>September 12th</i> | <i>Patrick & Kim Malphrus</i> |

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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 Custodian: **Ann Malphrus**.....ramalphrus@hargray.com
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Calendar of Events

For
 September 7th through September 13th

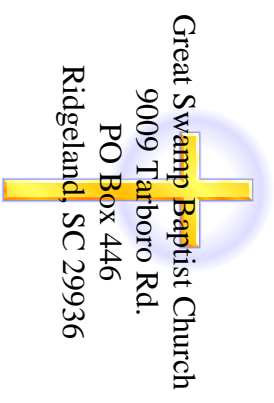
Sunday Morning Breakfast (September thru May Only)..... 8:30AM
 Sunday School..... 9:45AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00AM
 Evening Worship.....6:00PM
 Wednesday Night Supper (September thru May Only)..... 6:00PM
 Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM
 Saturday Watchman Prayer.....8:00AM

Stewardship

| Budget Offerings | This Week | Weekly Budget | Surplus/Deficit + / - |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Tithes & Offerings | \$2,198.10 | \$ 4,616.28 | -\$2,418.18 |
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| Designated Funds | This Week | ***** | Acct. Balances |
| Church Repairs (Grayco) | \$213.64 | ***** | \$248.10 |
| SFCA Security | \$51.90 | ***** | \$0.00 |
| SFCA Trash Pick Up | \$125.00 | ***** | \$0.00 |
| SFCA Electric | \$2,026.50 | ***** | \$0.00 |
| OCC | \$1.00 | ***** | \$346.55 |
| | \$ | ***** | \$ |

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.



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