



*Great
Swamp*
BAPTIST
CHURCH

April 15, 2018

Great Swamp Baptist Church

April 15, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Angell Usher

Invocation

Robert O'Dell

Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn # 524 "We're Marching to Zion"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

Angell Usher

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

Sunday night ~ April 29
Great Swamp Baptist Church



The Greg McDougal Family

A FREE WILL, LOVE OFFERING CONCERT



Greeters

Today: Dorthie Armstrong / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Diane Thames / Chesney



Next Week: Vanessa Smoak / Jennifer Meador



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff
Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Robert O'Dell
843-422-9521

Next Week: Bjo Mills

843-271-2840

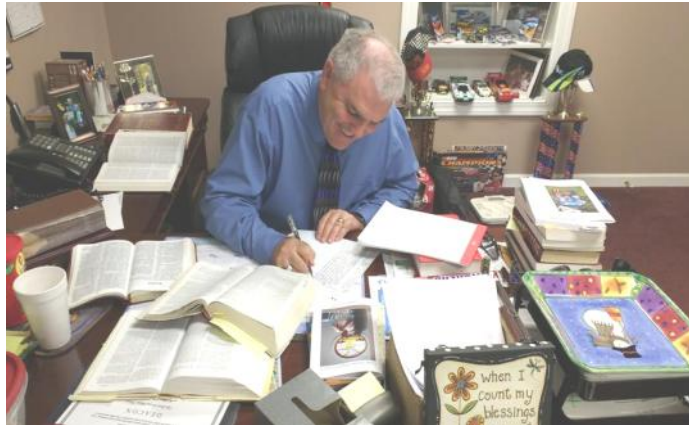


Toll Committee

For the month of April

Helen Malphrus

Anita Blanton



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Coming Attraction (Part I)

Revelation 1:7-8

Intro: The Book of Revelation is slap full of things that the Lord wants us to understand that He is going to do to all the parties that play a role in His plan and purpose for the present and for the future. He is going to show what He is doing to the churches and what He ultimately will do with them. He is going to show what He is going to do with the nation of Israel. He is going to show us what He is going to do with all the kings and rulers of the world and as well with the people they govern. He is going to show us a political take over of the world by a wicked ruler. He is also going to show us the terrible judgment that will be meted out because of the wickedness in the world. Ultimately, He is going to show us of a glorious return and the establishment of His kingdom here on earth.

Now I have just kind of quickly skimmed the surface of things that are to take place in this Book. However, it will take twenty-one more chapters to get through it all. So, instead of making us to wait to get through all these chapters to see the end result of the main purpose of the Book of Revelation., which by the way is the second coming of Jesus Christ. So, John takes two verses at the end of the salutation to give us a fast, quick but powerful preview of the main purpose of the entire book, the second coming of Jesus Christ.

So, let us get excited that in two verses we get to see what I am, calling the coming attractions, by which I mean the coming attraction of His second coming.

I. First, the coming attraction is to be perceived.

The first word of the two verses is “Look.” Some translations use the word, “Behold.” the word behold actually gives the actual flavor of the word itself. This is not asking you if you wouldn’t mind for a moment to take a glance. This is not a word that is asking you to give a casual look if you have the time. No, this word is asking that you drop whatever you are doing with no ifs, ands or buts and give your 100% of attention to what is taking place and what is taking place is that Jesus is coming.

So, what this word is doing is asking us to take our focus off of everything else and place it squarely upon the fact that Jesus is coming again. Now, what that should do is to both inspire and encourage us but also to challenge and convict us.

Whenever someone cries to look at something with the intensity that this word is asking for, it usually does one of two things. It either causes us to rejoice and get excited or to fear and tremble. Well, our look to the coming attraction does both of those things. It should inspire us that He is coming to take us out of the troubled world and it should cause us to fear and tremble because we are not doing the things that He asked us to do. I mean not near enough.

So, the question is, are we looking with the intensity we are being asked to look. May the Lord help us to be watching and waiting with our undivided attention.

II. Second, the coming attraction is given in the present tense.

The next three words following the word “Look” are not He will come; or He might come; or He could come; or He shall come. Rather, they are in the present tense, “He is coming.”

Now because it is in the present tense, He is saying to us I am already on the way. I am not going to eventually come, I am already at your door, so to speak.

So, the question is, why did He reveal His return in the present

tense? I believe the answer is primarily for two reasons. The first is to give assurance and certainty to His coming. The second is to make arrangements and preparation for His coming.

A. First, consider the assurance and certainty of His coming.

By saying “He is coming”, He is saying my coming is a stated fact. To doubt my second coming . He’s saying is basically to say I am a liar, because He emphatically says I am coming, or as John puts it “He is coming.”

Now John is by no means the only person who’s claiming that Jesus is coming. Most of the Old Testament prophet proclaimed His second coming. The apostle proclaimed the second coming of Jesus. Therefore, the entirety of the Word of God proclaims Jesus’ second coming.

John MacArthur reminds us just how much the teaching of the second coming of Christ permeates the Word of God. “ It is said that prophecy or future prediction takes up one-fifth of the Scripture. Of that one-fifth of the Scripture that speaks of future prophecy, one-third of that refers to the second coming of Jesus Christ. Some have calculated that there are over 660 general prophecies, 333 about Christ, 109 fulfilled at His first coming, 224 at His second coming. So the Bible has much to say about His second coming.

Of the 46 Old Testament prophets, less than 10 of them speak of His first coming; 36 of them speak of His second coming. There are over 1,500 Old Testament passages that refer in some way to the second coming of Jesus Christ. One out of every 25 New Testament verses directly refers to the second coming of Jesus Christ. For every time the Bible mentions the first coming of Christ, it mentions the second coming 8 times. For each time the atonement is mentioned once, the second coming is mentioned twice. Jesus refers to His second coming 21 times, and over 50 times we are told to be ready for His return.”

As a matter of fact, these two verses that we are looking at her in Revelation has an Old Testament counterpart. It is found in the Book of Zechariah chapter twelve verse nine through fourteen. Therefore, we can absolutely be assured that He is coming.

B. Second, consider the arrangement and preparation for His coming. *The fact that “He is coming” is in the present tense giving us the sense that He is on the way now should absolutely motivate us to do whatever is necessary in our lives to prepare for His coming.*

Growing up wherever my mother got the news that someone was on the way to visit with us, she would immediately start cleaning the home up. She also would start getting a meal ready. Then when the guest arrived they would arrive at a clean home and get a meal ready to dive into.

Now that ‘s the kind of attitude we are to have with the fact that Jesus is on His way. We need to start cleaning up our lives and start doing the things He wants us to be doing when He comes back. Will the Lord find us sloppy and messy when it comes to our lives when He returns, or will He find us cleaning up our lives and carrying on His work. Now of course, we clean our lives and carry on His work by confessing our sins to Him and seeking the power and leadership of His Holy Spirit to do His work.

Concl. I think as we draw this message to a conclusion the third verse of the Son, “What if it were Today/” says exactly what the sentiment of my message today.

“Faithful and true would He find us here. If He should come today?

Watching in gladness and not in fear, If He should come today?

Signs of His coming multiply, Morning light breaks in eastern sky,

Watch, for the time is drawing nigh, What if it were today?”

So, the question is what if it were today? Remember the text says, He’s already on the way!

*Jesus Love You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

VBS 2018

Camp

Moose

On The Loose

Sunday, June 3rd

Thru

Wednesday, June 6th

A VBS Fellowship Meal
Will be on Sunday, June 10th
Following Morning Worship

A sign-up sheet is in the
Foyer.

Also, Registration Cards

1st VBS Meeting will be on
Sunday, April 8th
Following Morning Worship

Any questions or info needed

Please see:

Amanda Bowen

Or

Terri King

RBP's
CAMP
MOOSE
ON THE LOOSE



DISCOVERING GOD'S FOREVER FORGIVENESS

VBS 2018
Sunday June 3rd—
Wednesday June 6th

GSBC Prayer Pages April 15, 2018

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

Church Needs
*Sunday School
Small Groups
SFCA-Donna Carter*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Finance Committee
Annie Armstrong Offering*

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken
Tim Cramer Family

Bereavement
Family Of

Hospitals

Dot Dean-Walterboro Regional

Nursing Centers

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

Surgery / Recovery

*Lloyd Freeman (4/23)
Jeanie Raven (3/8)
Helen Malphrus (3/22)
Gay Littleton (3/29)
Fred Stanley (4/16)
Earl Pope, Sr. (4/12)
Jessie Mae Crapse (4/12)
Randy Reynolds (4/19)*

Cancer / Treatments

*Ricky Tindal (3/15)
Mitzi Cramer (3/15)
Becky Broxton (3/29)
Allen Perry (3/15)
Jenna Bodifer (3/22)
Berma Coleman (3/23)
Jane Chapman (4/5)*

Other Health Needs

*Wallace Roberts (3/15)
Vanessa Carter (3/22)
Bob Malphrus (3/29)
Vera Floyd (3/15)
Bobby Mohn (3/15)
Wayne & Alice Malphrus (3/22)
Dot Dean (4/5)
Trip Fogle (4/5)
Scottie Graham (4/5)
Omer Dubose (4/5)
Mary Cope (4/5)
April Malphrus (4/5)
Bernard Wynn (4/5)
Redden Tuten (4/5)
Bobby & Judy Smith (4/12)
Erma Cooler (4/12)
Wilbur Daley (4/12)
Kimberlyn Malphrus (4/12)
Elena Brannen (4/12)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Special Requests

*Lee Laycock—Home
Amy O'Connor-Selling Home*

Expecting / Births

Amanda Fletcher

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson– South Korea-Army
Jared Blanton-Fort Benning
Isaac Martin Malphrus Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard
Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force / Oklahoma City. OK

Please Continue To Remember

Ricky Cleland
Mike Hodge
Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
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



Would you follow a risen Savior? Would you be a true follower of Christ? Would you be in touch with Him? His Word is His instruction and prayer is the line of communication. Open up your resources today and know the power.

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



Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Keith Gamo Cooking Team

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



April 14th
April 15th

Trudy Vaigneur
Erma Cooler
Mike Hodge

April 16th
April 18th
April 19th

Melanie Williams
Grace Boyles
Lisa Cartin

May your marriage be blessed with love,
joy and companionship for all the years of your lives.

A very happy
Wedding Anniversary
to both of you

April 15th
April 19th

Max & Nicole Cole
Wilbur & Debra Daley
Keith & Joyce Gamo



Announcements

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, April 19th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, April 21st @ 8:00 am*



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



Calling all Knitters & Crocheters

*Anyone who would like to participate
in a craft project for
Operation Christmas Child,
please contact
Dorthie Armstrong @ 843-726-6795
For more info.
If you need yarn, we have plenty to share.*



Church Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.**.....jehu27@gmail.com
 Music Director: **Richard Waitt**.....waittfamily@embarqmail.com
 Sunday School Director: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com
 Pianist: **Michelle Waitt**.....waittfamily@embarqmail.com
 Administrative Assistant: **Sybil Reynolds**.....greatswampbc@gmail.com
 School Administrator: **Donna Carter**.....dcarter@hargray.com
 Custodian: **Ann Malphrus**.....ramalphrus@hargray.com
 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com
 Finance Director: **Timmy Sauls**.....greatswampbc@gmail.com

Stewardship

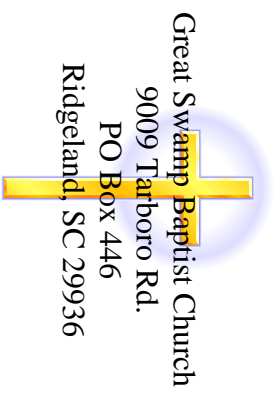
Budget Offerings	Last Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
Tithes & General Budget	\$3681.00	\$4,973.36	-\$1,267.36
Online Offerings	\$25.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
Seniors Fund	\$20.00	*****	\$1,067.46
Easter Lilies	\$60.00	*****	(\$ 9.40)
WNS	\$165.00	*****	\$731.00
George Pepper Scholarship	\$5.00	*****	\$1,042.03
SMB	\$75.00	*****	\$397.00

A Gift of \$10.00 was given to the General Budget in Memory of Bobbie Jo Lowther by G. Dwaine & Becky M. Malphrus.

A Gift of \$150.00 was given to the General Budget in Memory of Lula Floyd by her family.

Recommendation

The Nominating Committee recommends to the church for Wallace Malphrus to be the Sunday School Director for the 2018-2019 church year. It will be voted on at the May Business Meeting.



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Ridgeland, SC 29936

Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:30AM
Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM
Evening Worship 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Supper 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00PM
Saturday Watchman Prayer 8:00AM

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