

*Great Swamp
Baptist Church*

August 14, 2016



Great Swamp Baptist Church

August 14, 2016
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn # 546 "Love Lifted Me"

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Overcome"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Demonstration of Stewardship

Offertory

Special Music

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Today:
Annette Malphrus
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Olivia Stanley
Krey Lowther



Nursery Workers



Today:
Pam Stanley
Olivia

Next Week:
Pat Bryan
Alice Way

Toll Committee

*For
August*

Helen Malphrus & Anita Blanton

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



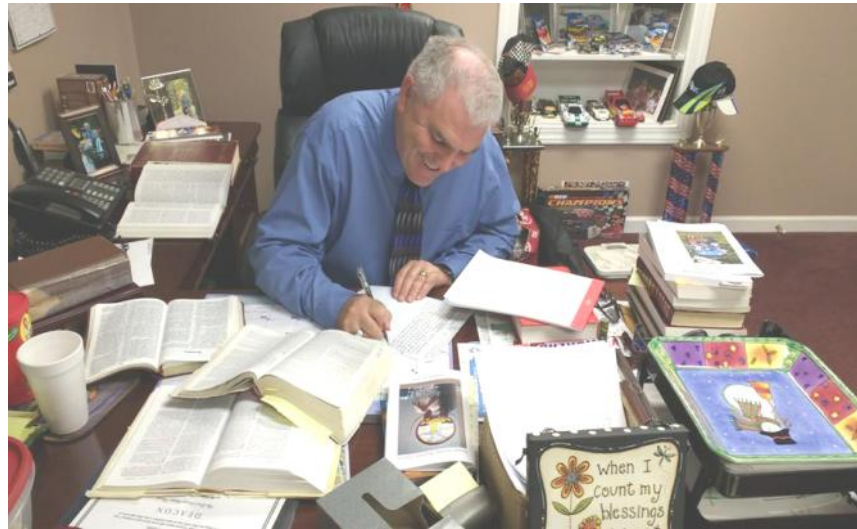
Today:
Duane Armstrong
843-726-6795



Next Week:
Bjo Mills
843-217-2840



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



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Jesus Shows The Full Extent of Love

(John 13:1-17)

This past Sunday, we selected three new Deacons. However, before we carried out the selection of these, I gave us a reminder of the kind of leadership that Jesus Christ our Lord used. That leadership style can be summed up in one word and that word is love. In this chapter, Jesus demonstrates for us that love. Now I need to say that this style of leadership is just the opposite of what secular society expects of their leaders. Their view is that the leaders are in position to control and use their influence and power to benefit themselves and rule over you in such a way as to accomplish their own desires. However, Jesus was just the opposite. He ruled not to benefit Himself rather He ruled to serve us and love us and of course we must not forget that He is the Lord of the universe yet He came to serve and to love. So as we choose Deacons, we were reminded by Jesus' example that our Deacons are not elected to control you or run the church. That is Jesus' business. Rather, they are elected to serve and love as Jesus did. John said in these verses that Jesus showed them the full extent of His love.

I. First, Jesus shows us that the full extent of love is something to be practiced, vs 1. *“...having loved His own who were in the world, He now **showed** them the full extent of His love.”* So, from these words we see that Jesus’ love was not just something that He talked about but was something that He also demonstrated for it says He **showed** the full extent of His love. So, He put His love into action. The first verse of I Corinthians 13, the love chapter says, “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.” Also, James reminds us that faith and works go hand in hand. Romans 5:8 tells us, “But God **demonstrates** His own love for us is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” We must pray that not just our Deacons but that all of us will not just talk about love but that rather we will practice it like Jesus did.

II. Second, Jesus shows us that the full extent of love is something we do regardless of perception, vs 1-3. *Jesus knew that His actions wouldn’t be understood and that by most they would be seen as acts of weakness. However, the truth is that His actions to wash His disciples feet took more courage than the majority of people had. As a matter of fact He could have ordered someone else to do it for Him, but Jesus came to love His disciples and to serve them and not to be served by them. As a matter of fact by willingly going the next set of steps following this particular show of love, when He washed His disciples feet, which was to ultimately go to the cross, He clearly knew He would be misunderstood and the perception would be that He was a total loser. However, He never allowed people’s perception to keep Him from showing love. We, too, must never worry about what others think. Rather, our obligation is to love as Jesus did regardless of how it may look to them.*

III. Third, Jesus shows us that full extent of love is something that will always be patient, vs 6-11. *Peter is the disciple I am probably the most like because Peter always spoke without thinking. In these verses, instead of allowing Jesus to do what He was doing, Peter challenged Him as He did so often. However, Jesus worked patiently with him until he finally submitted to His will. Jesus did this knowing that in just a few hours Peter would deny Him three times before the religious leaders of the Jews. Yet even knowing, that He chose to go right on loving, caring, forgiving, and working patiently with him, Jesus is calling us to show His love by being patient with one another as He has and is and will be with us.*

IV. Fourth, Jesus shows us that the full extent of love seeks to give purity vs 6-11. *In these verses, Peter thinking he was doing the right thing told Jesus that He wasn't going to wash his feet. Peter was thinking that the Lord of lords shouldn't be washing his feet, but Jesus said that , "unless I wash you, you have no part with me." Now what Jesus was referring to was not physical cleaning but spiritual cleaning. He was saying that I alone can wash a person with my cleansing blood poured out at Calvary so that they can be made right with God. As He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life and no one comes to the Father except through me." So, the point is that the full extent of love will seek to bring people to Christ so they can be made pure through His cleansing blood. Let us pray that Jesus will lead us to show His love by seeking to bring people to Him.*

V. Finally, Jesus shows us that the full extent of love sets a precedent vs 12-17. *Jesus reminds His disciples that they are right in calling Him both teacher and Lord because that is exactly who He is and because He is they have a responsibility to follow His example. Now that example must be carried on and passed down. So, the full extent of love will always be covered that it is passed on to future generations by all of us who are His disciples now in the world will demonstrate it as an example for others to follow. So, ask your selves, are you an example of Jesus' love and service for others to be able to follow? Paul often said follow as I follow Christ. Lord help us to show the full extent of your love.*

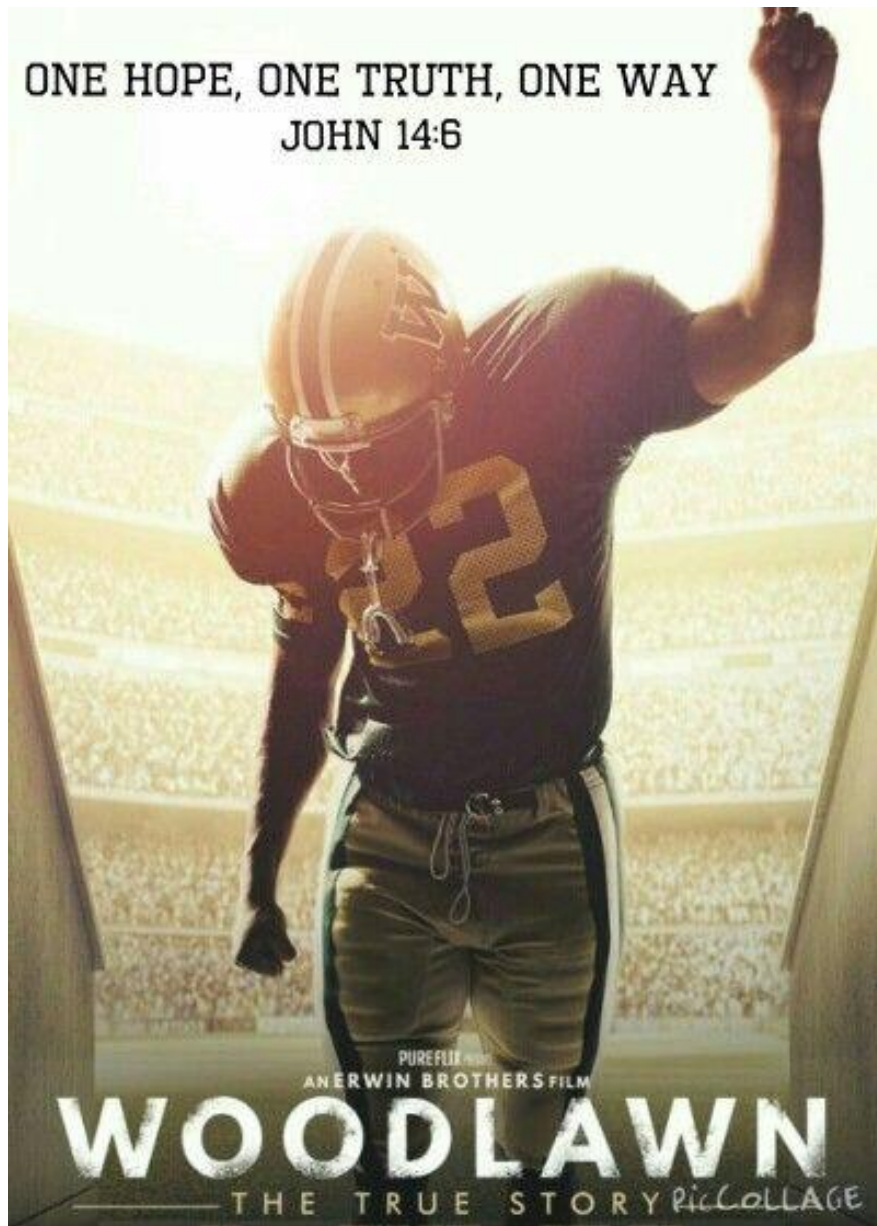
*Jesus Love You,
Ralph Lee, Jr*



Sunday, September 4th

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

Coming in September
Great Swamp Baptist Church
Sunday, September 18th
More info next week.



Operation Christmas Child



For the month of August, we are collecting:

School supplies

Contact Alice Way for more info

Leadership Positions Yet To Fill For 2016-2017

Church Treasurer

Church Nursery Assistant

Youth Ministry Adult Leader

Sound Room Operators

Sunday School Teachers

Nursery Co-Teacher

Strong Hearts K3-K5

Rainbow Kids 1st –2nd Grades

Young Adults

College

Singles



Seniors Announcement

Balances for the Senior trip are due by August 31st. Bus Fees are due by September 30th.

Announcements



*SFCA School Begin
Monday, August 8th*



*The Quilting Club is meeting in the Old Parsonage
Thursday, August 18th @ 10:00am
Needed: At Home Sewers
To put together quilt blocks already cut out
Call: Bernice @ 843-726-5622*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, August 20th @ 8:00 am*



*Kairos
Saturday, August 20th*

S.O.F.F.E.

There will be no S.O.F.F.E meeting for August. We will resume meetings beginning in September. More info to come of when and where via fb page and group text.

GSBC Prayer Pages August 14, 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*

Unspoken

*Jonathan Malphrus-Job Search
Ann Malphrus
Max Cole
Laycock Family
Ray & Peggy Michael*

Bereavement

*Family
Of*

Hospitals

Expecting / Births

*Beth Reynolds Cabiness & Baby
Boy
Vanessa Smoak -December 17th*

Surgery / Recovery

*Grace Boyles (7/21)
Fred Stanley (7/25)
LiLi Carter (7/25)
Rick Orlick (7/21)
Brian Freeman (7/21)
Robin Malphrus (7/21)
Gary Way (7/25)
Brad Tindal (8/10)*

Nursing Centers

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

Called to Ministry

*Chris Carter & Family
Robin Gray-Central Asia
Bjo Mills*

Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (8/11)
Troy Altman (8/11)*

Other Health Needs

*Saylor Moser (7/14)
Jimmie Cleland (7/14)
José Arturo Nava (7/14)
Lanell Smith (7/14)
Patricia Malphrus (7/14)
Lilly Smith (7/21)
Richard Mason (7/21)
Tim Jones (7/21)
Scottie Graham (7/21)
Scott Boyles (7/28)
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)*

*Wallace Malphrus (8/4)
Jane Waitt (8/4)
Joanna Daring (8/4)
Ernie Barefield (7/7)
David Lee (7/7)
Jeanie Raburn (7/7)
Theo Drayton (7/21)
Joyce Hopkins (7/26)
Melonia Williams (7/28)
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)
Timmy Jones (8/10)
Melinda Stanley (8/11)*

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 @ 726-3631 or E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479.

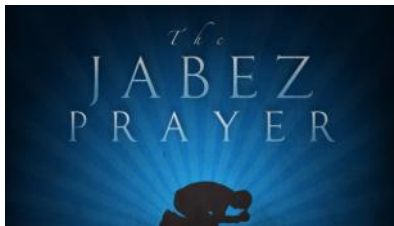
Thank You

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*

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



The first line of the prayer of Jabez reads "Oh, that you would bless me indeed." I Chronicles 4:10. His prayer was one for himself. I believe he meant he desired every blessing to be experienced. It would consist of all God's graces and supplies God desired for him. Do you want the same for your life? Then pray along with Jabez for such blessings.

E.L. Ambrose

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



August 15th

*Debra Hale
Wanda Davis
Betty Colletti*

August 17th

Thomas Cooler

August 18th

Iola Daring

August 19th

Brittnie Goethe

August 20th

*Reed Smith
Majorie Davis*



August 13th

Noah & Gay Littleton

August 14th

Bobby & Judy Smith

August 14th

Pat & Irwin Malphrus

August 19th

Richard & Michelle Waitt

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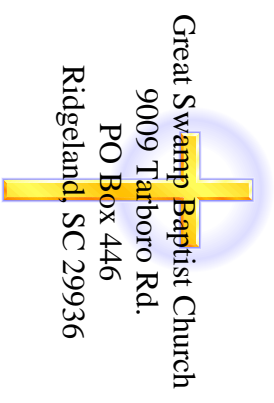
Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.**.....jehu27@gmail.com
 Music Director: **Richard Waitt**.....waittfamily@embarqmail.com
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 Administrative Assistant: **Sybil Reynolds**.....greatswampbc@gmail.com
 Treasurer: **Faye Lowther**.....kreyleesmom98@gmail.com
 School Administrator: **Donna Carter**.....dcarter@hargray.com
 Custodian: **Ann Malphrus**.....ramalphrus@hargray.com
 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com

Calendar of Events For August 14th through August 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 + / -
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,669.00	\$ 4,828.76	-\$159.76
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
Sr. Trip	\$468.00	*****	\$6,520.45
SFCA Gymnasium	\$5.00	*****	\$1,523.51
OCC	\$21.00	*****	\$464.57
Race Donation	\$440.00	*****	\$0.00
Cemetery Fund	\$25.00	*****	\$235.00



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