

Great Swamp Baptist Church



MARCH 18, 2018

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

“Days of Elijah”

Invocation

Bjo Mills

Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn # 149 “Blessed Redeemer”

Hymn # 531 “Redeemed”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Special Music

Sadie & Sophie O’Connor

“Come to The Altar”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

Special Sunday Evening Service

Tribute to Billy Graham

Story of his life & a segment of his funeral service

Finger Foods Following

(Church members are asked to bring finger foods)



Greeters

Today: Annette Malphrus / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges

Next Week: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole

Next Week: Evelyn Bradley / Olivia Stanley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Bjo Mills

843-271-2840

Next Week: Duane Armstrong

843-726-6795



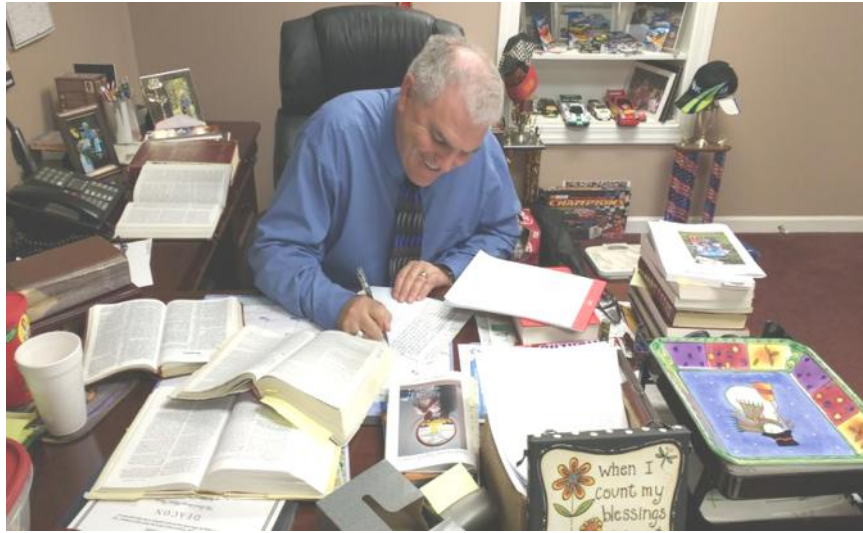
Toll Committee

For March

Latrelle Steedly

Dorthie Armstrong





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Revelation Salutation (Part III)

(Revelation 1:4-8)

Intro: This is the third message from the Salutation verses. The first message we examined those who are addressed in the salutation. We discover that it was seven particular churches which are mentioned in verse eleven and chapter two and three.

The second message is dealing with those attributed with giving the salutation. First, John attributed the salutation to one person and then secondly to three persons. So, obviously John is telling us that it was God as one and God as three. Otherwise known as the Holy Trinity. We examined it from the point of God as one and now we are examining each of the three that make up the one. Last week we looked at the first mentioned and that would be the Father. He is described as the One who is; Who was; and Who is to come. This lets us know that our Blessed God is both Eternal and Almighty. So, today, we will look at the other two persons. Of course, we're referring to the Son and the Spirit.

II. Now, we are noticing the second person attributed with the Revelation Salutation of the three persons mentioned.

John mentioned before He mentions the Son, the Spirit first. He describes the Holy Spirit not as the Holy Spirit but rather as “The Seven Spirits before His throne.” the Holy Spirit is described this way at least three other times in the book. So, the questions is how do we know that the Seven Spirits before His throne is the Holy Spirit?

Well, this answer is found first of all with the number seven. Seven is the Biblical number for perfection and completion. The Holy Spirit is both perfect and complete. Also, since He is before the throne, He has to be the Spirit of God. Another reason I believe it refers to the Holy Spirit is because of the sevenfold ministry of the Spirit of God. The Book of Isaiah describes these sevenfold ministries of the Spirit, “the Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—” (Is. 11:2) From this verse we find out that the Holy Spirit {1st} is the Spirit of the LORD {2nd} He is the Spirit of wisdom {3rd} He is the Spirit of understanding {4th} He is the Spirit of counseling {5th} He is the Spirit of might {6th} He is the Spirit of knowledge and finally {7th} He is the Spirit of the Fear of the LORD.

So, the blessing of being addressed by the Holy Spirit is knowing that the Spirit of God being both perfect and complete as well as having His sevenfold ministry, then, we know that because He indwells in His people, we can be and do all that He wants us to do. Praise His Holy name.

II. B.3. Now, we are noticing the third person attributed with the Revelation Salutation of the three persons mentioned.

So, if we are going to use the process of elimination, then we would know that the one person left is the Son of God. However, we

don't have to use the process of elimination because John clearly shows us that it is Jesus Christ the glorious Son of God. John gives us three descriptions of Jesus Christ. First, John describes Him as the Faithful Witness. As the Faithful Witness, Jesus shared the truth. He displayed the truth. He was and is the Truth. He didn't come to make suggestions. Rather, He came with the truth, "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and come into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." (John 18:37) therefore, this means that the church can speak with boldness for Jesus has been the Faithful Witness to us.

Second, John tells us that He is "the Firstborn from the dead." Paul the Apostle also tells us this same truth in the Book of Colossians, (Col 1:18). First, this verse means that no one had risen in the manner that Christ had risen. He was the first to resurrect in a glorified body that would never taste death again. All other persons resurrected in a body eventually died again.

Second, this phrase is referring not primarily to chronological order, but rather to rank and position. As one Biblical scholar said, "It simply means that of all those who rise from the dead, He retains supremacy in rank and dignity over all. He was raised never to die again and exalted to a position above all, awaiting the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:8-11). Oh, Child of God, because of His rank, we have all power to be successful in the work and will of God, Amen.

The third way John describes Jesus is that He is, "The ruler of the King of the earth." Christians since their beginning have had to face up to wicked leaders and rulers of men who have done their best to wipe out the people of God and until Jesus returns, they will continue to try. But God's people need not fret over these wicked rulers because Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Their days of terror of God's people will one day cease when Jesus returns to set on the throne to never be dethroned because He is the eternal Son of God. Two great chapters I would encourage you to dive into that nails this point is Psalms 2 and 24. through Christ and with Christ, we will reign victorious. Oh, blessed be His Holy name.

Concl. So, let us rejoice exuberantly that the One who has been addressed is our blessed God in all of His personhood as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From this we know that we win. Thank you Lord.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us on Psalm Sunday during Children's Church Hour for Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children's Ages 3 thru 10.

All children Church Helpers,
Please see Robert O'Dell for more info.



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Times: Begins 7:00 pm Friday, ends at Noon on Saturday

(May arrive anytime after 2:00 pm on Friday)

Registration Deadline: April 9, 2018

For more information or to register contact:

Lonnie Russell, SRBA, (803)842-1903

Bernie Richburg, AHA, 943-8726 Camp Jackson (803)584-5996

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Sign-Up today

*The church will be covering the cost of the tickets
for the men in our church family.
Donations will also be accepted.*

GSBC Prayer Pages March 18, 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
Susan Vaigneur*

Hospitals
*Betty Nettles –NHC
Dean & Cookie Daley grandchild-
MUSC
Dot Malphrus-CCH*

Surgery / Recovery
*Lloyd Freeman (3/15)
Emma Mingleдорff (3/1)
Carol Davis (3/1)
Milton Woods (3/5)
Jeanie Raven (3/8)*

Expecting / Births
Sophia Sineath & Baby Boy

Cancer / Treatments

*Ricky Tindal (3/15)
Mitzi Cramer (3/15)
Becky Broxton (2/23)
Stan Mortimer (3/5)
Allen Perry (3/15)*

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham
County Rehab. Center
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Thelma Ashing-RNC
Maureen Malphrus-RNC*

Special Requests

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

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Wallace Roberts (3/15)
Jeffrey Sims (3/5)
Trip Fogle (3/8)
Lanelle Smith (3/8)
Dot Smith (3/15)
Lloyd Freeman (3/15)*

*Vera Floyd (3/15)
Irwin Malphrus (3/1)
Josephine Moore (2/23)
Jack Nettles (3/15)
Bobby Mohn (3/15)*

Praise Report

Pray For Our Military



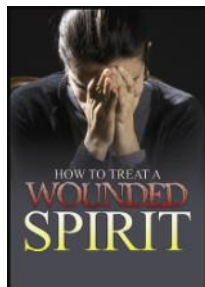
*Bobby Emerson– South Korea-Army
Jared Blanton-Fort Benning
Isaac Martin Malphrus Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard
Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force / Oklahoma City. OK*

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*



Prayer opens up our lives to God for repentance and healing. Wounded spirits, for whatever reason cannot be healed until we deal with God. What he says about any given situation we must first satisfy god's requirements. Prayer is an agent God has provided for this task.

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



Pulled BBQ Chicken

Tater Tots

Corn

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Keith Gamo

Cooking Team



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



March 21st *Sherri Fryman*

March 22nd *Jane Himes*

March 23rd *Wayne Cooler*
Leanna Maldonado



March 19th *Leon & Kathy Langford*

Announcements

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, March 22nd @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, March 24th @ 8:00 am*

Gifts

*A gift of \$10.00 was given to
General Fund in
Memory of James S. Munday, Col USAF (Ret)
by G. Dwaine & Becky M. Malphrus.*

*A gift of \$139.00 was given to the
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
by the Grandmother's Group.*



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.*



Church Staff

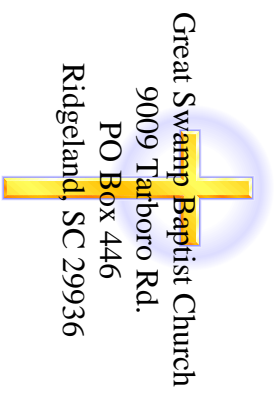
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Stewardship

Budget Offerings	Last Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$3,373.00	\$4,973.36	-\$1,600.36
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Annie Armstrong</i>	\$207.00	*****	\$332.00
<i>Special Event (McDougal Family)</i>	\$565.00	*****	\$87.30
<i>Missions</i>	\$10.00	*****	\$644.91
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$931.03
<i>SMB</i>	\$70.00	*****	\$70.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$172.00	*****	\$234.00



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



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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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