

Great Swamp Baptist Church

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

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September 23, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn #206 "Blessed Be the Name"

Invocation

Robert O'Dell

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Elijah"

"How Great Is Our God"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Special Music

Joyce Gamo

"Let It Be Jesus"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Mike Mingledorff / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Dorthie Armstrong / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak / Jennifer Meador
Next Week: Anita Blanton / Alyssa



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Emma Mingledorff / Angel Cole
Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Eviekyn Bradley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

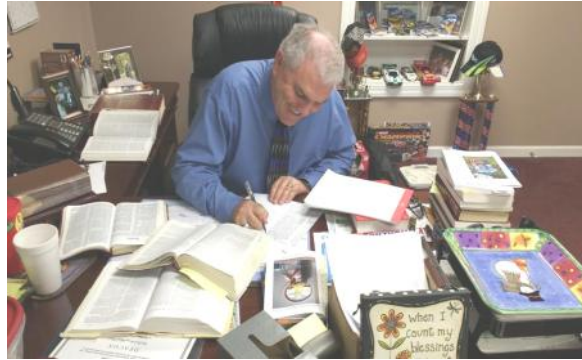


Today: Robert O'Dell
843-422-9521
Next Week: Bjo Mills
843-726-4344



Toll Committee
For the month of September
Alice Way
Pat Malphrus





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Jesus' Final Words To Each Of The 7 Churches

(Rev. 2:7,11,17,26-28; 3:5-6,12,21-22)

Intro: As we examined each of the seven churches in Chapter two and three, I specifically skipped over a particular part of each letter. I did this because I wanted to have one final message on this particular part at the conclusion of my sermon on these churches.

Now, the reason why I chose to deal with this particular part at the conclusion of my sermon on these seven churches is twofold. First because of the similarity found in this particular part of each church's letter. Each of the letters in this particular part either begins with or ends with this statement, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Also, each of them talk about, "To him who overcomes..."

The second reason why we are dealing with this particular part at the conclusion is because this particular part is the concluding words of Jesus to each of the churches. Thus this message is about and is actually called Jesus' final words to each of the seven churches.

I. First, Jesus' final words to each of the seven churches contained a plea. *Now this is the plea that Jesus gave to each of the churches. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Rev. 2:7,11,17,26; 3:6,13,22). So Jesus is pleading to all the churches to hear and heed His messages to them.*

Now, Jesus is not asking them to hear and heed His message just so that He can show them who the Boss is. Though He is indeed, so to speak, one hundred percent the Boss. However, as our Creator; our Lord; our Savior; and our God, He absolutely loves us, cares for us and wants what is going to totally lead us to experience a close walk with Him and turn us into overcomers, and the only way He can make that happen is to encourage us to make His words the only words that really matter.

Of course, the question is, where do we hear His words so we can heed them? Well, that question has been answered a thousand times by me to you and it is still the same answer. That answer is to dive into God's Holy Word. This is where we will hear His voice and understand what we need to heed to.

Recently and on many other occasions I have had conversations with folks who tell me that the letters in red found in the Bible is what really matters to them. To that statement, I say Amen. They should really matter to us all. Of course, if you don't know what we mean by the red letters of the Bible, let me share with you what they are. They are the actual words that Jesus spoke as He walked and lived in our world until he ascended back to glory. However, I want us to understand that we actually need to see the entire Bible as being letters in red. For the Lord gave us both the Old and New Testaments. It is all meant to be taken seriously from Genesis to Revelation. So, let us hear our Lord's plea and let us move to hear and heed His message, the Word of God.

II. Second, Jesus' final words to each of the seven churches was presented in the plural. *We all know that each of these seven churches is a specific church found in a specific location and was written at a specific time period. However, when we come to Jesus' final words to each specific church, He did not say now to the church at such and such place. Rather, He uses the plural form for church which is churches.*

What Jesus is saying to each of the churches is that though I have addressed each one of you individually and specifically, I want all of you to hear, comprehend and heed the message that I have given to all of the churches. The message that I have given before the conclusion of each letter and what is in the conclusion itself.

Jesus cares about all of the churches because He cares about each of the churches, and He cares for each of the churches because He cares about all of them. Now, we need to understand that because what He spoke to these specific churches wound up in the Word of God, then we are to understand that those churches that are to hear and heed His words to those churches includes all churches of all time till Jesus comes again. Are we listening?

III. Third, Jesus' final words to each of the seven churches focused upon certain persons. *The main question is who are these certain persons I am referring to? Well, Jesus referred to in each final comments this statement, "To him who overcomes..." so, the certain persons I am referring to are according to Jesus are the overcomers.*

The second and obvious question is who are these overcomers that Jesus is referring to? Well, first of all let us mention who they are not. They are not some super groups of believers found in each of the congregations who are more faithful than the other believers and are therefore worthy to be given this title.

No, we find the answer as to who they are in another one of the apostle John's writings. "...for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." (1 John 5:4-5). We are overcomers by our faith in Jesus Christ who is the ultimate Overcomer. True Believers will persevere in their faith in Jesus throughout their lives because they belong to Him. (Rom. 8:28-39).

IV. Fourth, Jesus' final words to each of the seven churches contained certain promises. *In His final words to each of the churches, He gave certain promises to those who overcame. These promises are not for a select few as we've already discussed in point two. No, these promises are for all true born again Believers.*

Here is a brief view of them all, "The privilege of eating from the Tree of Life (2:7); The crown of Life (2:10); protection from second death (2:11); the hidden manna (2:17); a white stone with a new name written on it (2:17); authority to rule the nations (2:26-27); the morning star (2:28); white garments symbolizing purity and holiness (3:5); the honor of having Christ confess their names before God the Father and the holy angels in Heaven (3:5); to be made a pillar in God's temple (3:12); to have written on then the name of God, of the new Jerusalem and of Christ (3:12); and finally the right to sit with Christ on His heavenly throne (3:21).

Now, we could spend a lot of time discussing each of these. However, most evangelical scholars believe that most of these promises are a symbolic way of describing the blessings that God's people are going to enjoy eternally in the presence of our eternal Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Concl. Let us rejoice that our blessed Lord's final words to the churches are words of great promises for the overcomers. Now, the question is have you become an overcomer through faith in Jesus? If not, let this be the day that you repent and place your faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Meal Prep Sign Up Sheet

When Pam Stanley comes home from the hospital, our church family will need to help with meals for the first week before she has to return to the hospital to have another bone marrow test done. She will be coming home in one week intervals. So if all the first week dates are taken, more will be coming. You will be notified as to when she will be coming home from the hospital. A sign up sheet is in the foyer for anyone who would like to help with this very important mission effort.

Thank You

Hospitality Staff



Harvest Fest

Saturday

October 27, 2018

4 to 7 pm

Sign up sheets in Foyer



MOVIE NIGHT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th



Finger foods @ 5:30pm
Movie @ 6pm

GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH
9009 Tarboro Rd. / (843)726-3631

[Marriage Conference] 
Look Up Lodge
lookuplodge.com



Two houses sit beside each other in a neighborhood. They look very differently from one another. But when the foundations were laid, they looked almost identical. This is the basic idea behind our marriage conference. Sometimes your marriage is your marriage - the way you communicate, the way you show affection, the way you handle conflict all may be very different from your neighbor. However the foundation of every great marriage is very much the same. It must be built on at least a few foundational principles if it's going to survive, let alone rise above the storms of life. These principles are: *understanding real love, understanding the differing values of sex between men and women, and understanding the basic principles of lasting change.* These are some of the principles we will be focusing on during our marriage weekend.

Details:

Dates: October 12th - 14th
Days: Friday - Sunday
Arrival Time: Friday around 6pm
[Dinner at 6:30pm]
Departure Time: Sunday around 1pm
Reservations: (864) 836-6392
Reservation Name: Great Swamp
Forms Due: Upon Arrival

Total Cost: \$139.00 per couple
Deposit: \$69.50 [50% of total cost]
NON-REFUNDABLE
Balance Due: Upon Arrival
Includes: Food, Lodging & Conference
Address: 100 Look Up Lodge Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC 29690
Taylor Daley: (843) 505-7066 or
tdaley2017@gmail.com

"Please see Taylor Daley for any questions
(843) 505-7066 or tdaley2017@gmail.com".

Save the Date

SFCA
Blood Drive
November 22nd





September 23rd

*Sophie O'Connor
Joseph Laycock*

September 26th

*Emily Carter
Ron Malphrus*

September 28th

Tom Benton

September 29th

Patrick Malphrus

September 30th

Chris Scherger



September 24th

*Rodney & Patricia Malphrus, Sr.
Franklin & Sherri Fryman*

Announcements



*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, September 27th @ 10:00am*

*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, September 29th @ 8:00 am*



*Kairos
Saturday, september 29th*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



September Collection for OCC

School Supplies
Pencils
Pens Sharpeners
Scissors
Crayons
Colored Pencils

GSBC Prayer Pages September 23, 2018

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

Church Needs
*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Dev. Ministries*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry*

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken
Tim Cramer Family

Bereavement
*Family of
Jamie Into*

Hospitals
Pam Stanley-MUSC

Special Requests
*Trip Fogle-Guidance
Enriqueta Torres-Spiritual Guidance
David Peacock-Spiritual Guidance
Robert O'Dell-Job*

Surgery / Recovery
*Judy Smith (9/20)
Joyce Pope (8/23)
Michelle Tuten (8/17)
Dorthie Armstrong (8/23)
Carol Davis (8/30)
Patrick Malphrus (8/31)
Vanessa Smoak (10/30)*

Cancer / Treatments
*Mitzi Cramer (8/23)
Jane Chapman (8/23)
Becky Broxton (8/23)
Jeanie Raven (8/23)
Jimmy Mixson (8/23)
Andy Hughes (9/10)
Donna Garrett (9/20)
Ken Nettles-(9/20)*

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Thelma Ashing-RNC
Maureen Malphrus-RNC
Becky Jones-Anderson
Dot Tindal-NHC*

Other Health Needs

Called to Ministry
Chris Carter & Family

*Rodney Malphrus, Sr. (8/30)
Talmadge Malphrus (9/20)
Mike Mingledorff (8/30)
Chelsea Cooler (9/6)
Eva Calhoun (9/13)
Thelma Reynolds (9/13)*

*Elena Brannen (8/24)
Barbara Solley (9/6)
Madison Cooler (9/6)
Chad (9/10)
Jerri Nettles (9/20)
Grace Boyles (9/20)*

Expecting / Births
Amanda Fletcher

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



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

Michael Sottile-Depolyed

Owen White-Fort Benning

Please Continue To Remember

*Ricky Cleland
Mike Hodge
Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley
Joyce Sutler
Redden Tuten
Vera Floyd*

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Lois Bootle
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Dot Dean
Ellen Langford*

*Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley
Leonard Steedly
Barbara Mills
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith
Brian Freeman
Dot Tindal*



Today's Prayer Team

Group II

*Barbara Mills-Leader
Betty Robertson*

**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
752 Great Swamp Rd.
Ridgeland, SC 29936*

In this time of national destruction and sorrow, we need to take time for reflection of the principles on which our nation was founded. Contrast yesterdays with today's principles. I believe you will agree we have strayed. Would you use the power of prayer to return us to right thinking and actions?

E.L. Ambrose



BBQ Sandwiches

Tater Tots

Cole Slaw

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Youth Cooking Team

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

Church Staff

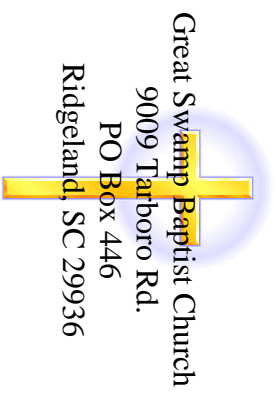
Pastor: Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.....*jehu27@gmail.com*
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Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$3,962.00	\$4,973.36	-\$ 961.36
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	\$782.00	*****	\$10,891.46
<i>Janie Chapman Offering</i>	\$125.00	*****	\$190.75
<i>SMB</i>	\$147.00	*****	\$222.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$174.00	*****	\$260.24

Senior Celebrator's Trip

It's that time of year again for getting prepared for our Annual Trip. A sign-up sheet and brochure is in the foyer. We are putting together our room list. Your Balances are due NOW.



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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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