

Great Swamp

BAPTIST CHURCH



OCTOBER 7, 2018

Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 7, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Wayne Cooler

The Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn # 407 "Because He Lives"

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Mighty to Save"

"How He Loves"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Special

Sadie O'Connor

"Come Alive (Dry Bones)"

Message

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Latrelle Steedly / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Annette Malphrus / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Carol Davis / Taylor Daley
Next Week: Vandy Amason / Natalie



Children's Church Helpers

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

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Duane Armstrong
843-726-6795
Next Week: Wilbur Daley
843-305-0110



Toll Committee
For the month of October
Bernice Malphrus
Bonnie Pope





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

A Trip to Heaven (Part II)

(Rev. 4:1-11; I Thess. 4:13-18)

Intro: For several weeks now, we've been examining the messages that our glorious Lord gave to the apostle John concerning the seven churches found in chapter two and three. However, when we came to chapter four, we find John in a whole new place (Heaven) and he's receiving a whole new message which has nothing to do with the churches.

Now it is obvious that the new message that John is receiving has to do with the final segment of the Book of Revelation timetable. The timetable is broken down in three segments. The first segment Jesus told John to write down what he had seen. What John had seen at that point is the amazing visions of Jesus in all of His exalted glory and that is found in chapter one. The second segment of the timetable Jesus told John to write is what is now. Well, what was now at the time Jesus was speaking was the messages John was receiving on the seven churches and that covers chapters two and three.

However, when we come to chapter four, in some manner or form, Jesus lifts John up to Heaven. Once the apostle finds himself in heaven, he receives the final segment of the timetable which was to write down what will take place later.

Now, since what the apostle John receives concerning what will take place later is mostly about what we call the tribulation period that will take place upon the earth following the departure or rapture of the church. I want us to take a look at how John's trip to Heaven reminds us of the rapture of the church which means the removal of the church from earth to Heaven. Though John's trip to Heaven is not a perfect symbol of the rapture, it still has enough in common that it is worth examining.

I. First, John's trip to Heaven reminds us of the rapture of the church because of the period when it took place. *In other words, when did John go to heaven? Also, we should ask when does the church rapture out of this world?*

Well let me first answer when was John taken to Heaven. He was taken to heaven after he is finished giving the messages to then seven churches of chapters two and three. Now, this is significant because after those letters to the churches are given, John in the following chapters until the end of the Book, more specifically the last chapter, never mentions the church or churches again. As a matter of fact, in the first three chapters of Revelation, the word church or churches is mentioned twenty times. However, in contrast from chapters four all the way to chapter twenty-two, the word church or churches is only found one time.

So, the question needs to be asked then is, where is the church following chapters two and three? Well the answer is, like John, they have gone to Heaven. Amen and praise the Lord.

II. Second, John's trip to Heaven reminds us of the rapture of the church because the portent revealed to John once in Heaven.

Now, when I use the word portent, I am talking about the message that John first once he got to Heaven. That message first is about the scene he says in Heaven for two chapters. Then the rest of it is about what God is going to do on earth during that horrible period that we call the great tribulation. It will be a period in which Satan, through the wicked Antichrist, will attempt to take over and declare himself to be the messiah. Then God will pour out His wrath on the earth as it has never experienced before or ever again because of the Antichrist and his followers. However, God will protect Israel and ultimately bring the nations to acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, Lord and Savior. So since the topic is not about the churches, it must mean that they must, like John, be in Heaven while all this is going on.

III. Third, John's trip to Heaven reminds us of the rapture of the church because of the promise that Had been made.

The obvious question is, what promise am I referring to? Well it was a promise that John received before his entrance into heaven and it was a promise that came before the last part of the timetable of the Book of Revelation begins. Also, this promise was given to John so that he could pass it on to the churches.

Now, let us take a look at the actual promise itself. Speaking to the church at Philadelphia, Jesus said, "Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth." (Rev. 3:10).

The promise our Lord is making to the church is that He will deliver the church from a very specific hour of trial that the whole world will face. The church has always, since its' beginning, faced one trial after another. But none of them will match up to what will take place during the worldwide hour of testing that we call the great tribulation. The Lord is promising that we will not have to go through that testing and the way He delivers us is by rapturing us out.

Now, the Book of Revelation is not the only place where we find this promise in the Bible. The apostle Paul, under the Holy Spirit's leadership, also reveals this great truth. Speaking to the Thessalonian Believers, Paul said, "For they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God. And to wait for His Son from Heaven, whom he raised from the dead-Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath." (I Thess. 1:9-10. in this same Book, he repeats the promise again. "For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Thess. 5:9).

So let us rejoice today that our blessed Lord has delivered us from this coming world-wide trial as the world has never known.

IV. Fourth, John's trip to Heaven reminds us of the rapture of the church because of the people John found when he got there.

Now, through the apostle Paul, the Lord teaches us that the rapture is going to be all about an eternal reunion of God's people. First, He says the dead in Christ will arise first and we know, of course, that means their bodies

because their souls are already with the Lord. Then it teaches us that we who are left and are alive will immediately follow the resurrected dead where we shall meet the Lord in the air and together we will be for all eternity.

Then Jesus taught His disciples that He was going away to prepare a place for us and then come back and get us so we could be together with Him.

When John got to Heaven, he discovered first that he himself was there, a member of the church of Christ. Then he discovered that our blessed Lord was there just as Jesus said He would be. Finally, he found that there were the twenty four elders who were there encircled around the throne of our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The question is, who are they? Who do they represent? Well, most scholars believe that they represent the church of our Lord and the Old Testament Saints. The reason being is because they are dressed in white robes signifying that through Christ they have been made pure. Also, they are wearing golden crowns which indicate that they have been rewarded by our Lord. Later on they take those crowns and cast them down before our blessed Lord and worship. Then in chapter five, these Elders worshipped the Lord for the redemption which He brought upon the earth. Therefore, these reasons seem to let us know that the people saved before the period of the tribulation are already in Heaven because, like John's trip to Heaven, they have been taken out of the world and brought to glory. Amen and Amen.

V. Fifth, John's trip to Heaven reminds us of the rapture of the church because of the parallelism of John's trip and our rapture. *Now, the main rapture text which we have already referred back to in this message which is I Thess. 4:13-18, and John's own trip to Heaven have some similarities to one another. First, John finds an open door to Heaven when he gets there. In the rapture the Lord doesn't meet us on earth, rather He brings us up to where He is. Second, John hears a voice like that of a trumpet and of course that is the voice of the Lord. So, in the rapture text, we are told about the trumpet call of God.*

Also, the voice that John heard told him to, "come on up." though the rapture text doesn't tell us exactly what the voice says, it is obvious that it is the same message that John heard, because immediately following the voice the church is raptured out.

Third, when John got to Heaven, he encountered other Believers there. So, in the rapture all Believers are going to wind up in Heaven together and we all will be with Jesus forever. Amen and Amen.

Concl. Now, John's trip to Heaven is not in everyway a perfect symbolism of the rapture, but it is certainly close enough to give us a great reminder of our blessed hope in Jesus Christ our Lord who will deliver us from the coming wrath. Praise be to His glorious name. Amen. Will you be in the rapture? If you have turned your life over to Jesus, you will and that is my prayer for you.

*Jesus Love You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Celebrating  *173* years of God's Faithfulness

and the journey will continue until God returns...

HOME COMING

Sunday, October 14th

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Bobby Thompson



*Dinner on the Grounds
Following Morning Worship Services*

*Church will provide the
BBQ Pork, Hash & Drinks*

Rice, side dishes and desserts are needed.



Harvest Fest

Saturday

October 27, 2018

4 to 7 pm

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd. Ridgeland SC







Costume Contest



Cake Walk \$1 per walk
Bingo \$1 per 3 cards
Face Painting-Donations
Hot Dog, Chips & Drink-\$2
Desserts for additional donations



Chili Cook-Off



Sunday, October 21st
All proceeds will go toward
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox shipping costs.



*The church family is invited to
the marriage of*

Courtney Donae Thames

to

Micheal Lee Humbert

*Saturday, November 3, 2018
at 3:00pm*

*Hundred Oaks
7630 Calf Pen Bay Road
Pineland, SC*

*Reception to follow
RSVP to 843-321-0806*



Save the Date

SFCA

Blood Drive

November 22nd



This Weeks Birthdays

October 7th Donna Carter
October 8th Nicole King
October 9th J C Goethe
October 10th Tom Hinely
October 13th Rob Smith

Announcements

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, October 11th @ 10:00am*



Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, October 13th @ 8:00 am

Kairos
Saturday, October 13th



Senior Celebrator's Trip

Your Balances are due NOW.

Gifts

A gift of \$5,000.00 was given to the SFCA Gymnasium Bleachers Fund in Memory of Jessie Lee Cleland and in Honor of Beverly Hodges Cleland by Avery Cleland.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



October Collection for OCC

Items	Amt. Needed
<i>Brushes</i>	<i>150</i>
<i>Scissors</i>	<i>152</i>
<i>Colored Pencils</i>	<i>35</i>
<i>Toothbrushes</i>	<i>232</i>
<i>Jump Ropes</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>Paddle Balls</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>Yo yo's</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>Pocket Tissues</i>	<i>200</i>

GSBC Prayer Pages October 7, 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
Rosemary Bowen

Hospitals
Pam Stanley-MUSC
Leonard Steedly-MUSC

Spiritual Guidance
Trip Fogle
Enriqueta Torres
David Peacock
John Woodyly

Special Requests
Robert O'Dell-Job

Surgery / Recovery
Judy Smith (9/20)
Joyce Pope (9/27)
Carol Davis (10/4)
Vanessa Smoak (10/30)

Cancer / Treatments
Mitzi Cramer (9/27)
Jane Chapman (9/27)
Becky Broxton (9/27)
Jeanie Raven (9/27)
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. (10/4)
Talmadge Malphrus (9/20)
Mike Mingledorff (8/30)
Eva Calhoun (9/13)
Thelma Reynolds (9/13)
Nicole Cole (10/1)
Lynn Glasser (10/1)
Rose Boyles (10/4)

Chad (9/10)
Jerri Nettles (9/20)
Grace Boyles (9/20)
Rodney Malphrus, Jr. (9/27)
John Woodyly (10/01)
E.L. Ambrose (10/4)
Dot Nettles (10/4)
Vera Miles (10/4)

Expecting / Births

Amanda Fletcher / Elizabeth
Amanda Bowen



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



God. Sometimes it may be appropriate to let these words be our entire prayer. To desire all of God should be the heart cry of all Christians. To allow him to control our every thought and action should be our goal. O God. Mediate—Muse—Pray.

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
752 Great Swamp Rd.
Ridgeland, SC 29936



Chicken 'n Fixins

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Dorthie Armstrong

Cooking Team

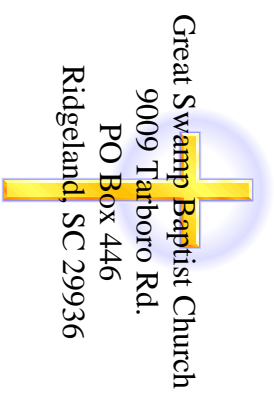
\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family
of 4 or more

Church Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.**.....jehu27@gmail.com
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 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com
 Finance Director: **Timmy Sauls**.....greatswampbc@gmail.com

Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$2,119.00	\$4,973.36	-\$ 2,466.26
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$388.10		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	\$738.00	*****	-\$43.54
<i>Office Supply</i>	\$16.00	*****	\$23.97
<i>Janie Chapman Offering</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$350.75
<i>SFCA Repairs</i>	\$121.99	*****	\$4,168.58
<i>SMB</i>	\$115.00	*****	\$437.00
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$182.00	*****	\$262.00
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$123.89	*****	\$123.89
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$125.00	*****	\$125.00
<i>SFCA Exterminator</i>	\$197.50	*****	\$197.50
<i>SFCA Insurance</i>	\$741.50	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$4,176.69	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Janitorial Supplies</i>	\$500.00	*****	\$15.99
<i>OCC</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$627.40
<i>Sojourners SS Class</i>	\$23.00	*****	\$217.04



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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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