

GREAT SWAMP

BAPTIST CHURCH



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VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Great Swamp Baptist Church

November 11, 2018, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude *“Our Military Veterans”* *Slideshow*

Invocation *Duane Armstrong*

The Welcome

Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Parade of Veterans

Posting of the Colors

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Patriotic Hymn # 630 “America the Beautiful”

Veteran Recognitions

Hymn # 493 “Onward Christian Soldiers”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special *Sadie O’Connor*

“Reckless Love”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

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

Nursery Workers

*Today: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus
Next Week: Vicky Roberts / Emma*



Children's Church Helpers

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

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

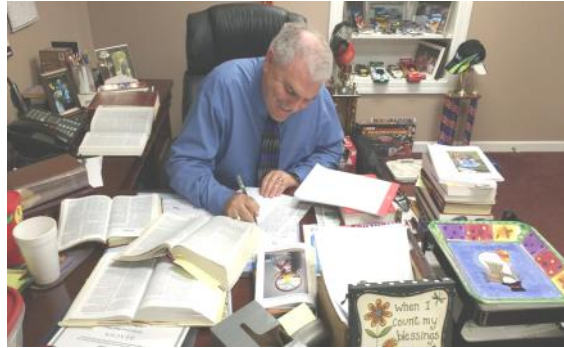


*Today: Duane Armstrong
843-726-6795
Next Week: Wilbur Daley
843-305-0110*



Toll Committee
*For the month of November
Latrelle Steedly
Dorthie Armstrong*





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

John's Trip to Heaven (Part IV)

(Rev. 4:1-6)

Intro: Last week we began to take a look at what John actually saw and heard once he was taken up to glory. What we discovered is that the very first thing John saw and what really became central to his experience in Heaven was a throne. Now, it is obvious and assured that any throne in Heaven would be God's throne and indeed it is.

Therefore, since God's throne is the first thing John saw, much of chapter four and five centers around the throne. Then as we preached last week the centrality of the throne in Heaven must be our focus and attention. In the message today, we will take a close look at the person who is seated on the throne in Heaven.

Although we already know that it is God's throne, at first we are not told this. However, we are given a description of the person seated on the throne and the description leaves us with no doubt that this person on the throne is our sovereign God Almighty. Actually a little later in the chapter all the praise going on around the throne clearly points to God Almighty.

Last week we looked at the centrality of the throne in Heaven. This week we will look at the Sovereignty on the throne in Heaven.

II. Second, let us notice that John saw that Sovereignty was and is seated on the throne in Heaven. *Now, in the introduction I have already noted that it is obvious that if there is a throne in Heaven, and we know there is because John saw it first thing, then the only obvious person to be on it would have to be God. For no one in Heaven, and for that matter all of creation, ranks higher than Him.*

However, to begin with the Apostle John is not told specifically who it is that is seated on the throne. But he is given a description of the person on the throne and the description given will make it possible to see and

understand beyond any doubt that the person on the throne is indeed our Sovereign God Almighty.

John tells us that the person on the throne, “had the appearance of jasper and carnelian.” These are two stones which most scholars today believe are actual a diamond and a ruby. Now the reason we believe that the jasper stone is a diamond is because near the end of the Book of Revelation we are told that the jasper stone was, “clear as crystal,” and brilliant in appearance. (Rev. 21:11).

Now it is clear that God is the One sitting on the throne because His Being best portrays a diamond over all others. For the diamond being the most brilliant of all the precious stones reminds us of God because God Himself is the most brilliant person of all eternity. He is completely full of glory, purity and holiness till like a diamond He outshines them all as the song says.

Listen to the words of the gospel song, “Jesus will outshine them all.” it really expresses how like a diamond Jesus in all of His glory stands completely out above all others. Verse one says, “Oh, what glory awaits me in Heaven’s bright city when I get there such sights I’ll behold! A million scenes of rare beauty will demand that I view them, still Jesus will outshine them all.” then verse two says, “The sparkling river is flowing, happy faces all glowing Land of splendor where night never falls; The golden glass gives reflection to that city’s perfection, still Jesus will outshine them all.” now finally the chorus says, “Mansions will glitter on the hills of glory. Happy reunions on streets of gold. Angel choirs singing glad praises forever still Jesus will outshine them all.”

Not only is a diamond brilliant representing all the glory of the Lord on the throne, but a diamond also is the most valuable of all precious stones. Thus this let’s us know that the person on the throne of Heaven is more valuable than them all. His value is so off the chart that there is no one in no place and at anytime, who has, is or ever will measure up to His value. He has no comparison.

Now the other thing about a diamond is that it is the hardest of all the stones. Whenever a person wants to buy a saw blade that will cut through just about anything, they will buy one with a diamond tip blade. Also, when they need to drill through hard material, they will buy a diamond tip drill bit.

This also means that the One on the throne in Heaven is the Sovereign Lord God Almighty for only He has the means

to cut right through whatever He needs to cut through in order to accomplish His will.

John is about to find out about all that God is about to unleash upon the world in the end times. He is about to find out that God will bring judgment upon the entire earth like it has never experienced before. He will come against all the ungodliness and the ungodly in the world at that time who refuse to believe in Him as their lord and Savior. These wicked nations and leaders will seek to come against God, His Son, Jesus Christ, and all of His chosen people. However, they will fail miserably because the One seated on the throne in Heaven has the appearance of a jasper or diamond. He has the appearance because He is God Himself and as God there is no one else like Him. He is brilliant like a diamond because of His purity, His glory, His majesty and His holiness. He outshines them all. Also, like a diamond He is more valuable than all, and finally like a diamond He is hard enough to cut through anything.

Therefore, this all means He is fully capable to carry out His plans against sin, Satan, the world and the ungodly. They can't stop Him not for even a moment. This also means He is capable to carry out all the promises and good that He is going to do for His people.

The second stone, the carnelian or ruby stone, is a brilliant red color. So why is the One on the throne of Heaven displaying a brilliant red like a ruby? Because I think of two reasons. The first being that the bright ruby red can be seen as a color of judgment which God is about to bring upon the earth, and as we've already seen He is capable of making that happen. However, that red also on the flip side of the coin represents mercy, grace, forgiveness and love since God from His throne sent Jesus His Son into the world to bring us our eternal salvation. So, though God will wipe out the ungodly, He will also through His love, mercy and grace redeem His chosen people. Amen and praise the Lord.

Finally, let me mention about both of these two particular stones. They are found on the breastplate that the high priest wears. There are twelve stones all together on His breastplate, one for each of the tribes of Israel. The first son of Israel and tribe is Reuben. Reuben's stone is the carnelian stone. The last

tribe is Reuben. Reuben's stone is the carnelian stone. The last Son and tribe is Benjamin. His stone is the jasper or diamond stone. This let's us know that the One on the throne cares about His earthly chosen nation and people of Israel. It lets us know that He intends on keeping His covenant contract with the people of Israel to ultimately bring the entire nation to full and free salvation. Therefore, because the One on the throne is God, He won't have any problem of fulfilling His covenant with the nation.

Concl. As we struggle along in this old sin ridden world with its many hardships and as well enemies, let us remember that the One seated on the throne in all of His brilliant glory and brilliant red has all the means of fulfilling all of His prophesies and His promises to His people. Our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He's really got this thing.

Jesus Love You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Announcements



Deacon's Meeting
Monday, November 12th

Business Conference
Wednesday, November 14th



The Quilting Club is meeting in the Old Parsonage
Thursday, November 15th @ 10:00am

Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, November 17th @ 8:00 am



For Collection Week, volunteers will be needed for each day, Monday thru Friday, 9:00am –11:00 am. Saturday from 10:00am until 1:00 pm. Sunday will start following Morning Worship until 4:00pm.

GSBC Prayer Pages November 11, 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
Mandy Drew*

Bereavement
Family of

Hospitals
Pinky Rushing (CCH)

Spiritual Guidance
*Trip Fogle
Enriqueta Torres
David Peacock
John Woodyly
Mary Lou Torres
Emerald Trujillo*

Special Requests
Robert O'Dell-Job

Surgery / Recovery
*Judy Smith (10/18)
Vanessa Smoak (10/30)
Shirley Malphrus (11/1)
Pat Bryan (11/13)*

Cancer / Treatments
*Mitzi Cramer (11/1)
Jane Chapman (11/1)
Becky Broxton (11/1)
Jeanie Raven (11/1)
Jimmy Mixson (11/1)
Pam Stanley (11/1)*

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

Called to Ministry
Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

Expecting / Births
*Amanda Bowen
Victoria Keiffer*

*Eva Calhoun (10/18)
Mark Davis (10/8)
Royce Malphrus (10/18)
Catherine Daley (11/8)*

*E.L. Ambrose (11/1)
Betty Miles (10/18)
Al Burnsed (10/18)
Cohen Freeman (11/1)*



Pray For Our Military



*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-Deployed
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
Alice Way*

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



Is your life cracked or broken by wrong decisions? Are you hemmed in by seemingly unmendable bad decisions? They can be mended and you can be of service to the Lord again. The Maker can put you on the potters wheel and you can be shaped again into a vessel fit for service. Prayer will take you there.

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group I

*Leader-Patricia Malphrus
Truett Vaigneur
Shirley Malphrus
Vera Miles*

**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*

This Weeks Birthdays

November 13th Alicia Holland
November 14th Michelle Waïtt
November 16th David Raines
Vicky Roberts
Tony Standard
November 17th Josie Duncan
Eddie Amason



If you would like to place a Poinsettia in the church in Memory of or in Honor of a special person or persons, fill out a form and drop it in the offering plate along with your funds. Plants will be ordered only if the money is turned in with the form. The cost is \$16.00 per plant. They will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 2nd. They will be wrapped in green foil with a red bow. There are a limited number of Poinsettias, so orders will be filled on a first come basis. The deadline for placing your order is Monday, November 26th.

Forms are on the Message Board.



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
 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	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
Tithes & General Budget	\$4,846.36	\$4,973.36	+\$ 106.68
Online Offerings	\$233.68		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
Youth Camp	\$513.43	*****	\$1,012.00
WNS (Youth)	\$135.00	*****	***
SMB	\$86.00	*****	\$259.45
George Pepper Scholarship	\$100.00	*****	\$561.03
Dot Lee Scholarship	\$50.00	*****	\$320.00
OCC	\$40.38	*****	\$1,254.55



Intercessory Prayer

Due to E.L.'s health, as of the end of November, he will no longer be leading the Watchman's prayer group. At the present time, Mack and Timmy are planning to continue the program and we will be making changes in December. We will continue the Sunday morning prayer at 11:00am and will need volunteers to come aboard as prayer warriors as we pray for our pastor, deacons, leaders, etc. for our church family. A sign up sheet will be on the information board. Please be in prayer about this ministry. For more information contact Mack or Timmy.

Celebrating  **175 years of God's Faithfulness**

and the journey will continue until God returns...

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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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