



Great Swamp Baptist Church

JANUARY 27, 2019

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January 27, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 438 "heaven Came Down"

Invocation

Wilbur Daley

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Who You Say I Am"

"How Great Is Our God"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

Joyce Gamo

"Jesus Won It All"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

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

Nursery Workers

Today: Vicky Roberts / Emma

Next Week: Diane Thames / Chesney



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole

Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Wilbur Daley

843-305-0110

Next Week: Mack Pope

843-540-6636



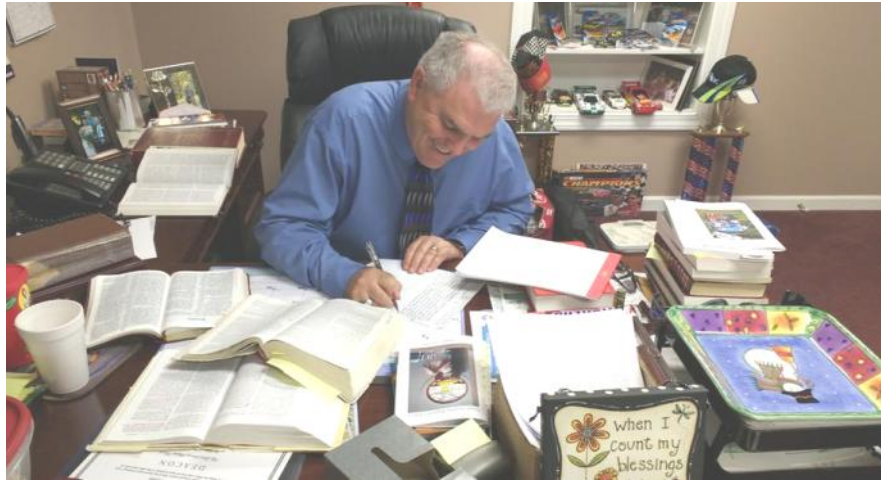
Toll Committee

For the month of February

Bernice Malphrus

Bonnie Pope





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

From the Womb to the Tomb Life Is Sacred

Intro: Last Sunday was Sanctity of Life Sunday. Churches all across our land celebrated this very important event in many ways. We chose to celebrate and honor it by singing songs that reflect this great Biblical teaching and by teaching the topic in our Sunday School Classes. We also brought our children forward to instill in their hearts and minds the truth about the Sanctity of life and then I preached a message about it as well which I am about to share right here. Finally, we passed out baby bottles for our members to collect to fill them up with money which we always donate to the Radiance Women's Center in Beaufort which seeks to help women who are dealing with the matter of pregnancy. They offer hope, help and guidance so that you can have all the knowledge you need to know how to move forward in a way that is helpful to you and your child. It is a great ministry and it is a way of helping particularly young women from having an abortion and instead discovering ways to give the unborn child and the mother a way forward.

Clearly a focus on the great Biblical truth of the Sanctity of the human life is needed now more than ever. A poll taken not too long ago revealed that one out of every four evangelicals believe that an abortion should be legal in almost all situations. To go along with this poll, we discovered that many of the same people believed that right and wrong is always determined by the situation. These poll s clearly reveal that the church has failed in it's responsibility to teach the Biblical truth of the Sanctity of human life. So, let us dive into God's Word and see what it has to say about the Sanctity of human life. I am calling my message From the Womb to the Tomb is Sacred.

I. First, let us notice that life is sacred from the womb to the tomb because it is established and affirmed in the Word of God.

As Christians, we often need to be reminded that our authority does not come from politicians, party affiliation, organizations, denominations, experts, professors, our feelings, emotions, dreams or even the majority. No, rather the authority for our lives, the directions of our lives, the beliefs of our lives is to come from one place and one place alone, God's Holy and inspired Word.

Let us once more remind ourselves why our authority comes from the Word of God. First, let us listen to what the apostle Paul has to say about it. "Bust as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (!! Tim. 3:14-17). So, Paul is telling us that God's Holy Word came to us by God breathing it into existence as He placed it upon the hearts of the men who wrote it. As a matter of fact, the Apostle Peter gave us practically these very words about God's Word and how it came to be. Peter even tells us that the Word of God is even more sure than his very own eye witness of accounts. "And we have the Word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophesy of Scripture came about by the prophets own interpretation. For prophesy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (II Peter 1:19-21).

The point I am making is that we must choose to honor human life from conception to the tomb because the Word of God both establishes it and affirms it as we will see in my points to proceed this point. So, Child of God, do not be sucked in by secular society's point of view on this. Nor let our desire not to upset the cart determine where we stand on the sanctity of human life. Rather, let nothing but what thus says the Lord be our guide on this teaching plus all other teachings. For God alone will be the final authority we must answer to and His assessment of our lives will be determined by whether we obeyed His Holy Word or not.

II. Second, let us notice that life is sacred from the womb to the tomb because our creation was unique.

The uniqueness of our creation is established in the very first chapter of the entire Bible. God let us know from the very beginning that nothing else in all of His entire creation was created in the fashion that humanity was. We indeed are unique above all else.

So the question arises as to how was and therefore is our creation unique compared to all the rest that God created? Well, as you examine each day of creation leading up to the last day on which He created mankind, God simply spoke, we are told each thing up to our creation, into existence. He would basically say let there be whatever it was and simply it was. However, when it came to mankind, the blessed Holy Trinity called for an assembly to decide on how they were going to carry out our creation. From that meeting of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, it was determined that they would create us in their image and likeness. Now, we are not going to take the time today to go over everything that that implies. However, in its simplest terms, God created us and us alone with the means and possibility of having an intimate and personal relationship with Him.

Then the Bible gives us a more personal view of God's creation of humans. It shows that God did not just speak us into existence but rather He scooped up dust from the ground with His own hands. He molded and fashioned us and then finally He breathed into us the breath of life and we became a living soul.

This uniqueness of being created is the image of God making us God's supreme out of creation and therefore makes us more sacred to God than all the rest of creation. Therefore, we must not in anyway belittle what God has honored with His likeness and image, and means from the womb to the tomb.

Well, you might say that the image of God is not there until they are born. Well, that's a total fallacy because God also created the means whereby human beings would come into existence on a regular basis, and that begins with conception. No one living since Adam and Eve's creation have come into existence apart from being conceived. Everyone living or who has ever lived started their live at conception, no ifs, ands or buts.

At the moment of conception, the new child developed already has its' own unique 23 chromosome pairs taken from each parent, which immediately determines all the unique things about the child from his or her sex to the color of their eyes and hair and so on. No wonder David said, "For you create my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful I know that full well." (Amen).

President Reagan said, "I noticed that everyone who is for abortion is already born." God has made us fearfully and wonderfully from our conception. Praise His Name!

III. Third, let uys notice that human life is sacred from the womb to the tomb because God instituted capital punishment. (Gen. 9:4-6).

Now, I don't have to spend a lot of time on this point because these verses are quite clear on the matter. Let me share it with you from the New Living Translation. "But you must never eat animals that still have their lifeblood in them. And murder is forbidden. Animals that kill people must die and any person who murders must be killed. Yes, you must execute anyone who murders another person, for to kill a person is to kill a living being made in God's image." (Gen.9:4-6).

A lot of folks are against capital punishment because they think that it is cruel or it is not civilized. Some people are against it because humans make mistakes and therefore we might condemn the wrong person. Also some are against it because to them tragically murdering someone else is not necessarily a bad thing.

Well the list could go on and on about why people are against capital punishment but the fact is that God instituted it to reveal the sacredness and sanctity of the human life. If we don't carry out capital punishment then we are saying that we don't believe human life was created in the image of God and is worthy to be protected, honored and respected. See, capital punishment upon the one who committed the murder. It is also about saying human life is sacred and therefore must not be murdered.

Can God forgive a murderer? Of course, He can and has. All they must do is the same as anyone else coming to Christ. They must repent and believe and Christ will save them. However, that still does not negate the consequences of their murder. Life is sacred and God doesn't want us to forget that. That is why He instituted capital punishment.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that life is sacred from the womb to the tomb because God sent His Son to redeem us. This is the most obvious point of the text and we will use the most obvious set of verses in the Bible to prove the point. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." (John 3:16-17). These verses and so many more from the Word of God reveals the sacredness and sanctity of the human life more than anything else I've said today. Simply put, we are sacred because of the value God put on our lives by sending His Son Jesus Christ into the world to redeem us by paying the necessary price required to redeem us which, of course, was to go to Calvary's old rugged cross and die in our place and take our hell for us. Oh what price He paid and Oh how it drove our value and price up. As Peter said, "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these times for your sake. Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified him and so your faith and hope are in God.” (I Pet. 1:18-21) Oh, Blessed be our Lord who above all made us sacred not only by creating us in His image but also by coming and redeeming us.

Concl. So, let us on this Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, take our stand for the sacredness of the human life from the womb to the tomb because God has, is and always will. He is already proved it.

*Jesus Love You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Women on Mission Tea

Saturday, February 9, 2019

2:00 pm

Savannah River Baptist Association Building

*Join us for a time
of fellowship and
celebration of
Woman's
Missionary Union*



RSVP appreciated but not required:

Cindy Rhodes (843)726-8294 cindyrhodes@savannahriverbaptist.org

Joyce Bunton (843)812-0638 buntonj2@hargray.com



Salisbury Steak / Chicken Tenders

Mashed Potatoes / Gravy

Green Beans / Rolls

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Youth Cooking Team

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

Announcements

*Quilting Club
Thursday, January 31st*



This Weeks Birthdays

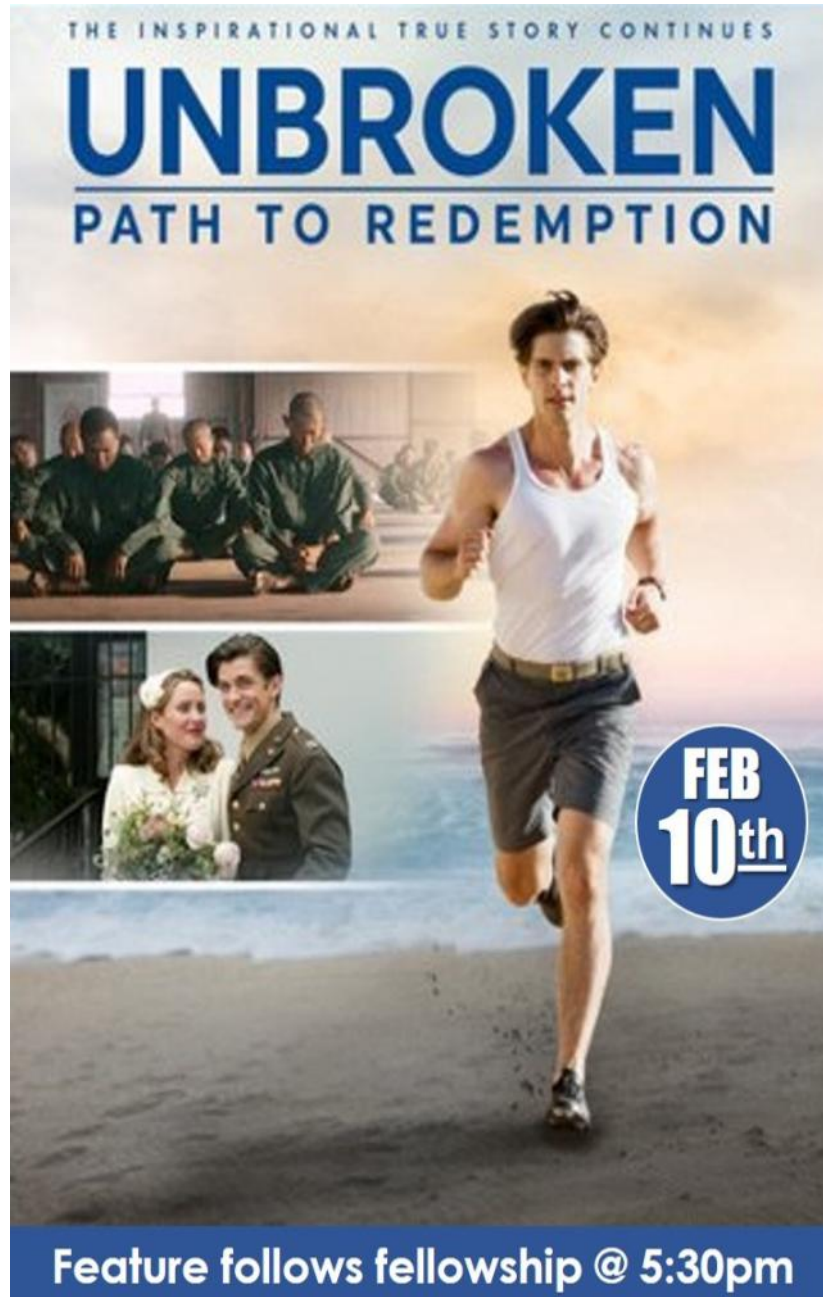


<i>January 28th</i>	<i>Ben Mills Burnette Pinckney</i>
<i>January 29th</i>	<i>Rodney Malphrus, Jr. Keith Gamo</i>
<i>January 31st</i>	<i>Sawyer Smoak</i>
<i>February 1st</i>	<i>Gary Way</i>
<i>February 2nd</i>	<i>Rinley Dennen</i>

Fill a bottle, save a life!



Baby Bottle Boomerang



Everyone is asked to bring their favorite finger foods and desserts.

GSBC Prayer Pages January 27, 2019

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

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals
Mackenzie Cooler-TN

Surgery / Recovery
Mike Mingledorff (12/7)

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

Special Requests
Robert O'Dell-Job

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

Unspoken
*Tim Cramer Family
Mandy Drew
Olivia & Juan Garcia*

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

Cancer / Treatments
*Mitzi Cramer (12/1)
Jane Chapman (12/1)
Becky Broxton (12/1)
Jeanie Raven (12/1)
Jimmy Mixson (12/1)
Pam Stanley (12/1)
Heidi Crosby (12/26)
Bill Martin (12/30)*

Called to Ministry
Chris Carter & Family

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Lottie Moon Offering*

Bereavement
Family of

Other Health Needs
*E.L. Ambrose (12/1)
Bobby Mohn (1/10)
Ann Blocker (1/10)
Lyman Malphrus (12/4)
Pinkie Rushing (12/4)
Lanell Smith (12/31)
Patricia Malphrus (1/10)
Briar Tracey (1/17)
Mike Hodge (1/25)*

Expecting / Births
*Amanda Bowen
Victoria Keiffer*

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
Ellen Langford
Alice Way*

*Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Barbara Mills(Knee)
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith
Brian Freeman
Dot Tindal
Pam Stanley
Nadine Smoak
Vanessa Smoak*



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 Bragg
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ Navy Seals*



Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team

*Truett Vaigneur
Mike Mingledorff*

For Prayer Needs

*You may access by calling the church at
843-726-3631*



Operation Christmas Child 2019 is collecting shoeboxes in January & February. We are also accepting donations for wash cloths and soap.

Great Swamp Baptist Church goal for 2019 is 400 boxes. Thank you for all your help.

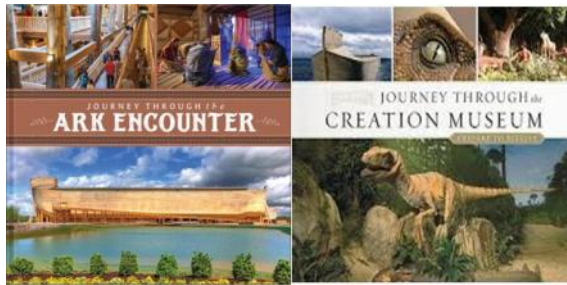
Dorthie Armstrong



VALENTINE'S Day
Luncheon

*For our Senior Adults
Thursday, February
14th*

*A sign up sheet is in
the foyer
Transportation will be
provided for anyone
that needs it.*



*The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum
information on Bulletin Board*

Complete Package Plan
(Includes lodging, travel & tickets)

(A continental breakfast is free daily, all other meals are not included.)

*Persons
Per Room Total Monthly*

1	\$531.00	\$106.20
2	\$367.50	\$73.50
3	\$313.00	\$62.60
4	\$285.75	\$57.15

*The January Payment is due by
Thursday, January 31st.*

*More Info:
Contact the Church office @
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Sybil Reynolds or Timmy Sauls*

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Finance Director: Timmy Sauls.....*greatswampbc@gmail.com*

Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$4,922.00	\$4,982.79	+ \$36.01
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$96.80		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	\$161.40	*****	\$161.40
<i>SMB</i>	\$80.00	*****	\$395.64
<i>WNS</i>	\$186.00	*****	\$460.34
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$123.89	*****	\$123.89
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$125.00	*****	\$125.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$2,381.86	*****	\$2,381.86
<i>SFCA Janitorial Supplies</i>	\$500.00	*****	\$368.01
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$114.79	*****	\$146.42

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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