



Great Swamp Baptist Church

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

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February 3, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymn # 224 "Holy Ground"

Invocation

Mack Pope

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Revelation Song"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

The Proclaimers

"Yes I Know"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

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

Nursery Workers

Today: Diane Thames / Chesney

Next Week: Vanessa Smoak / Jennifer Meador



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley

Next Week: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Mack Pope

843-540-6636

Next Week: Robert O'Dell

843-540-2072



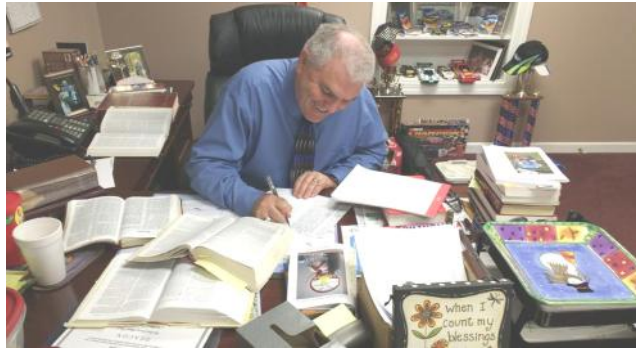
Toll Committee

For the month of February

Bernice Malphrus

Bonnie Pope





From Pastor Ralph's Desk: **Witnessing the Great Exchange**

(Rev. 5:1-14)

Intro: Many documents, titles and contracts require that there be a witness or witnesses to either the signing of the document or to the exchanging of the document. Well, in our chapter we are about to become witnesses to the exchange of the greatest title contract of all times. John was brought up to Heaven so he could participate in this witnessing of the exchange of this most valuable contract. It is through his participation that we are all able to join on this amazing exchange. We actually are not only witnessing this event with John but all the host of glory are there. What a privilege to be a part of so great an event.

Now it is important that the exchange take place in order for the contract to be read. However, the document is so important that only one person is worthy enough to receive it, read it and own it and will witness all of this. Praise the Lord.

I. First, as we witness the great exchange we will first examine the valuable scroll that contains the contract. *This chapter opens up with a scroll in the hand of the one seated on the Throne of Heaven. We are referring to God the Father. When we think of a scroll from that time period it was usually either papyrus or animal skin that would be rolled up from the ends and meets up in the middle. This is how the Word of God was originally recorded and used to be read to the people.*

Now this scroll is extremely valuable because these verses gives us many ways to see its' value. First, we witness that it's extremely valuable because of the place where we find it. We find it in the hand of God and particularly His right hand which is the hand of authority. This alone and for no other reason we would have to say this is indeed the most valuable scroll we've ever witnessed. However, there are some other things as well that points out how valuable this scroll is. The second thing is that the scroll is written on both sides. The Romans and others nations would use both sides of the scroll for really important documents. The inside of the scroll would have the information of the document on it. The outside of the scroll would basically have the table of contents letting you know what you would find on the inside. So, the scroll that God is holding in His right hand is so valuable that He not only has the information that makes up the scroll but also a table of content on the outside to clearly announce what you will find on the inside.

Now, the third thing that let's us know that we are looking at an almost unbelievable scroll with a value greater than anything we have ever seen is the fact that it is sealed on the outside with seven seals, not just one seal, or two or even three but rather seven. Now again from an historical point of view, we know that this indicated that this scroll is valuable because the Romans often used seven wax seals to seal up the most important of documents.

However, even more important the number of seven is the Biblical number for perfection and completion. So, what God was holding in His hand was both a perfect scroll and a complete one. This scroll would bring God's perfect plan into completion.

The fourth thing to reveal the extreme value of this scroll was the fact that it required a strong angel to make the proclamation concerning the value of the scroll. Not just any angel would reveal the value of the scroll. It had to be one that was absolutely a mighty strong one.

The fifth reason why we know that this scroll was extremely important was because John did something that has never happened before or since in Heaven and probably never will again, he wept. The next to the last chapter in this Book, we are told that God would wipe away all of our tears. But for a brief period John managed to well up some tears because he was afraid that no one would be found worthy enough to open what he had come to understand by this time to be an extremely important and amazing valuable document.

The final thing that it reveals is its' extreme worth was that it appeared that no one was worthy enough to be able to receive it, open it and read it. In other words, the person that had to receive this scroll had to be a person like no one else. They had to be someone who was far above the angelic beings in glory and in hell. He had to be someone greater than all humanity tied together. We're talking about someone who exceeds in everyway. For this was a perfect document for a perfect person. That tells you the value was far greater than all our computers combined could come up with. So let's move to our next point to find out if a person this perfect was found.

II. Second, as we witness the great exchange, we will notice the worthy Savior who will receive, open, and read the valuable scroll. When the strong angel asked, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" A search far and wide was made. The search area included the entire universe, from Heaven to hell and all points in between not a soul was found who was worthy enough.

Now, this news so disturbed the Apostle John that he began to weep ferociously. However, his tears are a bit pre-mature and unneeded. One of the twenty-four elders cried out to John to stop his weeping it was not necessary because there was a worthy person all along. As a matter of fact, a search wasn't really required because the worthy person was already in the room so to speak.

The question may arise if there already was a worthy person available in Heaven, then why was a search even made? Well, the answer to this question is an absolute easy answer. The search was made to show that there absolutely was no one else worthy enough to receive the scroll than the one already available in Heaven, and of course the one and only worthy enough was, is and ever will be Jesus Christ the glorious Son of God and our blessed Lord and Savior. I believe that it could be possible that one of the reasons the Apostle John was weeping was because he may have thought and couldn't imagine that Jesus Christ wasn't worthy enough because I'm sure he believed all along that Jesus Christ was worthy enough to receive any scroll or document such as this one. For it was John in his writing who often shared the wonderful truth that Jesus Himself was God.

Now the elder informed John about the reason why Jesus was worthy to receive the scroll. First, he described Jesus as, "the Lion of the tribe of Judah." This reference goes all the way back to the Book of Genesis. It was the blessing that Jacob gave out to his son Judah, and his tribe. It is an indicator that that tribe was lion-like. So, Jesus is worthy to receive this scroll because like the tribe of Judah, which is the flesh he came from, Jesus is strong, fierce and powerful like a lion. He is so strong that He will be able to receive the scroll, protect the scroll and fulfill it's contract.

Also, the Elder told John that Jesus is worthy to receive the scroll because He is "the root of David." This is an old Testament reference found in Isaiah. It means that He is the descendant of King David. He is the Son of David. Isaiah lets us know that the root or stem of Jesse who was King David's father would redeem God's people. (Is. 11:1-12).

Jesus from both of His parents is a descendant of David. He is the descendant of David who is and will forever fulfill God's promise to King David that he would always have a Son of the Throne of Israel who would rule the nations. Jesus is the fulfillment of that promise. Because Jesus fulfills the prophecies and promises God made in the Word of God makes Him and His alone worthy to receive this most important scroll.

Then we are made even more so clearly that Jesus alone is worthy to receive the scroll because as John saw Jesus, He was not only a roaring lion, and not only is He the fulfillment of God's prophecies and promises, as the root of David, but he also saw that Jesus was the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world. It is extremely important to note that the Lamb John saw appeared to have been slain. However, this slain Lamb, unlike all others slain lambs is standing. Jesus Christ like a meek Lamb went to the cross without putting up a fight. For His perfect sacrifice was required to pay the debt for our sins. However, unlike every other sacrificial lamb not all the forces of Hell could hold this Lamb, the Lamb of God in the grave. Up from the grave He arose victoriously defeating and triumphing over all His enemies. Oh, what a Savior. He covers all the bases. He's complete total package.

Also, notice that this Lamb John saw had seven horns on His head and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. This description of the Lamb is letting us know that Jesus Christ is Almighty God whose all powerful, all knowing, and all encompassing because the Holy Spirit of God is working with Him to fulfill what will be found is the scroll.

All of these descriptions of Jesus is letting us know that Jesus Christ is in a league of His own and no person at anytime has, is or will ever attain to His position, perfection and accomplishments. So, like the elders and the host of Heaven, let us join in their hymns of praise and give Him and Him alone all the glory He deserves.

Now, the question must certainly arise by this time what exactly is found written in the scroll? What is the contract that we are called to witness the exchanging of from the right hand of God the Father to the right hand of His glorious Son Jesus Christ? Let me answer that question with the words of Dr. John MacArthur who does a clear, concise job of revealing what the contract is and what Jesus must do about it.

"The scroll John saw in God's hand is the title deed to the earth, which He will give to Christ. Unlike other such deeds, however, it does not record the descriptive detail of what Christ will inherit, but rather how He

will regain His rightful inheritance. He will do so by means of the divine judgments about to be poured out on the earth (6:1ff.). While the scroll is a scroll of doom and judgment, it is also a scroll of redemption. It tells how Christ will redeem the world from the usurper, Satan, and those men and demons who have collaborated with him. Ezekiel describes this same scroll in his vision of heaven: "Then I looked, and behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll was in it. When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back, and written on it were lamentations, mourning and woe" (Ezek. 2:9-10)."

Oh, let us rejoice that our Blessed Savior and Lord is all that is needed to take the scroll and carry out its' directives and totally fulfill its' mission, which is to claim His title and once and for all put an end to all that is evil and establish forever all that is perfect.

Concl. In conclusion let me share with you the words of the late great preacher Dr. W. A. Criswell about the tears John shed.

"[John's tears] represent the tears of all God's people through all the centuries. Those tears of the Apostle John are the tears of Adam and Eve, driven out of the Garden of Eden, as they bowed over the first grave, as they watered the dust of the ground with their tears over the silent, still form of their son, Abel. Those are the tears of the children of Israel in bondage as they cried unto God in their affliction and slavery. They are the tears of God's elect through the centuries as they cried unto heaven. They are the sobs and tears that have been wrung from the heart and soul of God's people as they looked on their silent dead, as they stand beside their open graves, as they experience in the trials and sufferings of life, heartaches and disappointments indescribable. Such is the curse that sin has laid upon God's beautiful creation; and this is the damnation of the hand of him who holds it, that usurper, that interloper, that intruder, that alien, that stranger, that dragon, that serpent, that Satan-devil. "And I wept audibly," for the failure to find a Redeemer meant that this earth in its curse is cosigned forever to death. It meant that death, sin, damnation and hell should reign forever and ever and the sovereignty of God's earth should remain forever in the hands of Satan."

However, as I shared earlier John's tears were pre-mature and unnecessary. For a person already existed as a matter of fact, had always existed who was worthy enough to take the scroll and fulfill the contract. That contract is a recorded one in glory and that settles the matter. Jesus in all His might will come again soon and hold that title up for all to see and then He will claim His people and His property and no one will be able to stop Him from it. Oh, what a day that will be. So, my question is, whose side are you on? I pray that it is with the Lion of Judah, the root of David and the Lamb that was slain who overcame because He and He alone can redeem you, save you and ultimately bring you into His Eternal Kingdom.

*Jesus Love You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



“The Gideons would like to thank the congregation of Great Swamp Baptist Church for the recent contribution made to the worldwide ministry of The Gideons International. As a result of your contribution, we will be able to distribute 63 Hotel/Motel Bibles or 236 Pocket Testaments somewhere in the 199 countries where we are represented.”

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:

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



Wednesday Night SUPPER



Fried Fish
Grits
Coleslaw
Dessert
Tea & Coffee
Roberts Cooking Team

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

Announcements

*Quilting Club
Thursday, February 5th*



*NO Grandmother's Group this month due to
Valentines Luncheon on the 14th.*



<i>February 6th</i>	<i>Jason Smoak</i>
<i>February 7th</i>	<i>Davey McGill</i>
<i>February 8th</i>	<i>Wilbur Daley</i>
<i>February 9th</i>	<i>Bonnie Pope</i>
	<i>Katelyn Morgan</i>

I would like to thank the church for all the prayers, thoughts, visits and kitchen supplies during the passing of my mother, Dorothy Dean. Please continue to pray for us.

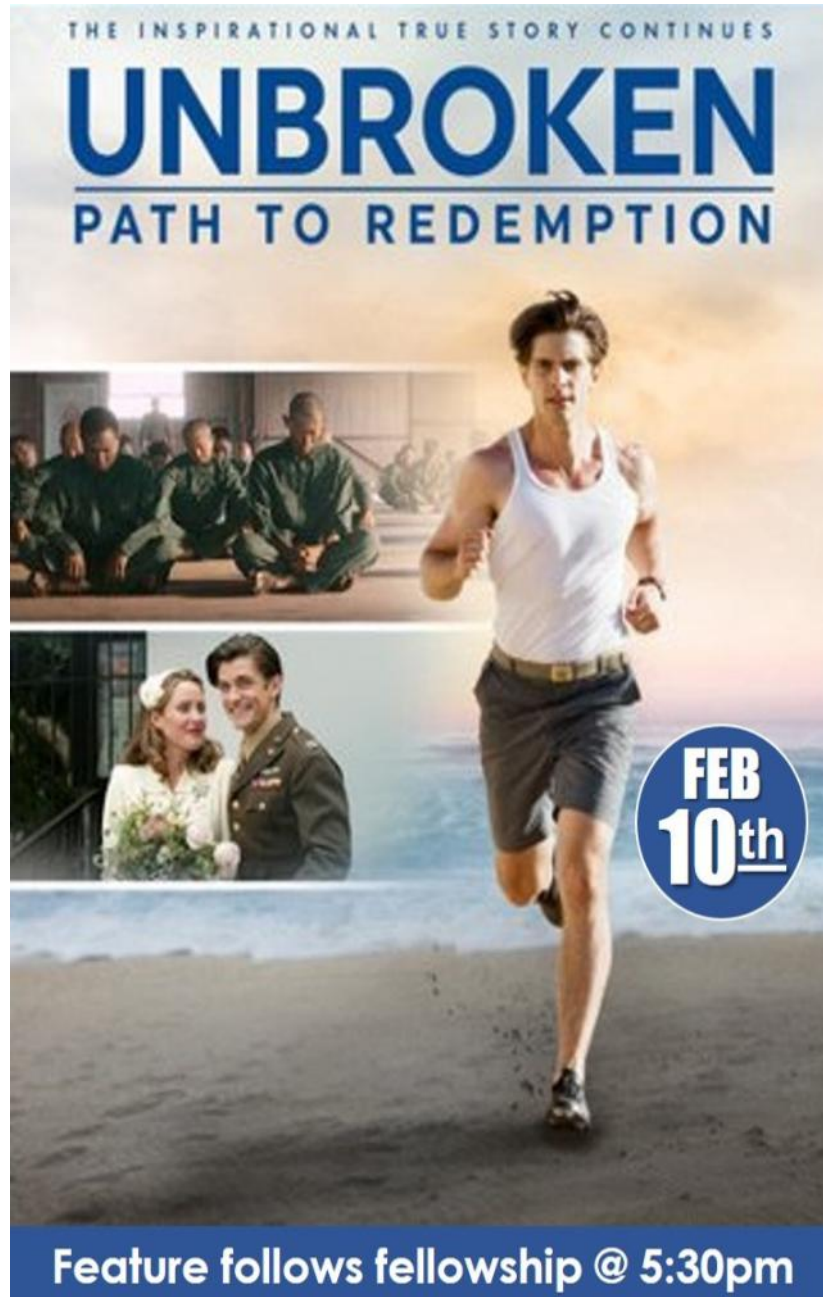
God Bless You!

Myra & Freddie Malphrus

Fill a bottle, save a life!




Baby Bottle Boomerang



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

GSBC Prayer Pages February 3, 2019

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Mackenzie Cooler-TN

Surgery / Recovery

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 (1/28)
Jane Chapman (12/1)
Becky Broxton (12/1)
Jeanie Raven (1/28)
Heidi Crosby (12/26)
Bill Martin (12/30)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Inreach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of
Scott Graham
Sharon Hodges*

Other Health Needs

*Bobby Mohn (1/10)
Briar Tracey (1/17)
Annette Malphrus (1/28)*

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
Lyman Malphrus*

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Lois Bootle
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Ellen Langford
Alice Way
Pam Stanley
Ann Blocker
E. L. Ambrose*

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



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

*Betty Robertson
Vera Miles*

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.

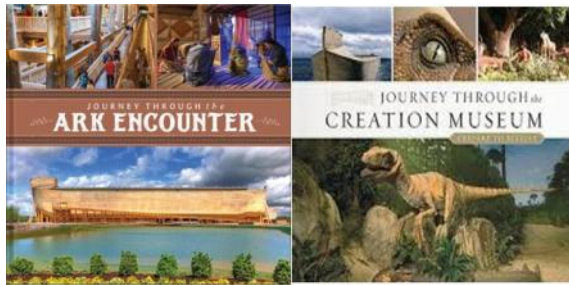
Dorthie Armstrong



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 **NOW past due** by*

Thursday, January 31st.

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Contact the Church office @

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Sybil Reynolds or Timmy Sauls

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Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$2,707.00	\$4,982.79	-\$2,250.79
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$25.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	\$1,042.00	*****	\$1,203.40
<i>SMB</i>	\$75.00	*****	\$470.64
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$110.00	*****	\$404.43
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$26.00	*****	\$127.11
<i>VBS</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$20.00
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$186.13
<i>Sojourners SS Class</i>	\$46.00	*****	\$146.04

REMINDER
Nursing Home Ministry
Tuesday, February 12th @ 6:30pm
Everyone Welcome

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

and the journey will continue until God returns...

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Taboro Rd.
PO Box 446
Ridgeland, SC 29936

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

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