



Great Swamp Baptist Church

March 24, 2019



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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 533

"He Lives"

Invocation

Mack Pope

Selections of Praise & Worship

"In Christ Alone"

"How He Loves"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

GSBC Priase Band

"The Lion and The Lamb"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

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

Nursery Workers

Today: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges

Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley

Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Bjo Mills

843-726-4344

Next Week: Duane Armstrong

843-726-6795

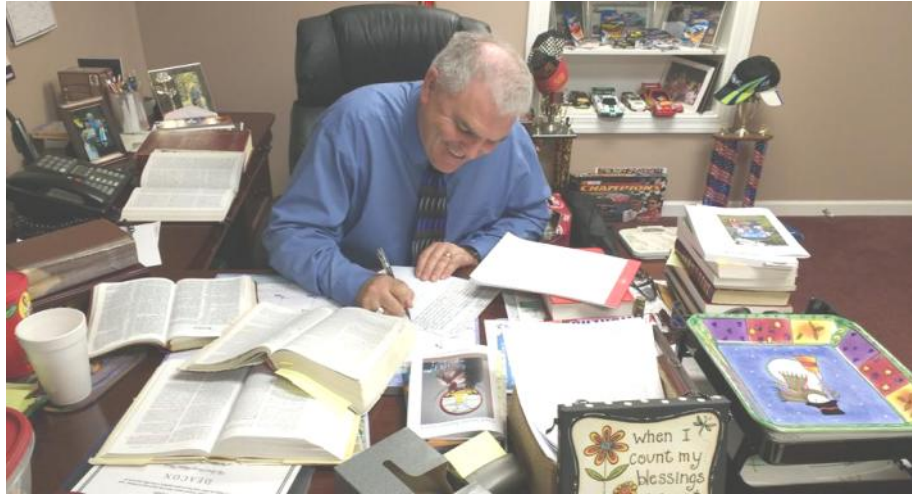


Toll Committee

For the month of April

Anita Blanton

Gail Malphrus



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:
Super-Natural Judgment
(Rev. 6: 12-17)

Intro: As we've examined the first five seals, we discovered that they primarily are referring to the first three and a half years of the great tribulation. We've been able to come to that conclusion based first and simply on the fact that they are the first five in order. The first four differently follow a pattern because they are all referred to as horsemen, and each one leads to playing a role with the others. The second reason why we believe that they refer to the first half of the tribulation is because they correlate together with the signs of the end-times that Jesus gave to His disciples. The first sign that Jesus said would display the end-times matches right together with the first real opened by Jesus in the Book of Revelation. This pattern follows suit right down the line. When Jesus finishes the first four signs, He then makes the comment to His disciples that these were just the beginning of birth pangs. (Matt. 24:8). This phrase, the beginning of birth pangs, is considered a reference to the fact that the first four sign and partially the fifth sign are only the beginning of the troubles that are going to come during the tribulation period.

Now, however, as we examine the sixth seal, we are going to discover a judgment that is far greater in intensity than the judgment found in the first five seals. Most of the judgments in the first five seals are the result of Jesus releasing the antichrist to do his biddings in the world. He will cry peace and safety but shortly there after will fight a world-wide war like we've never seen before. The result of that war will be famine, diseases, plagues, destruction and an enormous loss of life. As a matter of fact, on-fourth of the human race will perish.

However, when Jesus opens the sixth seal the kind of judgment we see there can only be called a super-natural type of judgment. A judgment that can only truly be attributed to the Lord Himself. This will be demonstrated as we examine the text. My message title simply is Super-Natural Judgment. We must remember that the tribulation period is a time God will devote Himself to pouring out His wrath to punish those who have chosen to be wicked, ungodly and rebellious against Him. They leave Him no choice in light of the fact that He did everything necessary to offer to humanity the means to everlasting life. Of course, that was the sending of His Son to Calvary on our behalf. To reject that great offer is to open the door for wrath because of the price paid.

Also, it is necessary to show Satan that no one is Christ but Christ and that the earth doesn't belong to him but rather to Jesus. So, let us examine this super-natural judgment.

I. First, let us notice that super-natural judgment will start below the earth's surface. *This simply means that when our Lord opens the sixth seal it will begin with earthquakes that will shake literally all over the entire globe. There will be no place where they aren't felt.*

Now, earthquakes have often been attributed to either the wrath of God or to God getting our attention. When Moses went upon the mountains to receive the Ten Commandments from the Lord, he led the people to the base of the mountain. The people knew that God had met with Moses because when God descended upon the mountain in fire and smoke, the entire mountain trembled violently. This earthquake spoke loudly to the people of God's presence. (Ex. 19:18; 20:18-19). Also, when Jesus died on the cross for our sins there was a great earthquake at the moment Jesus gave up His spirit. The Bible says the earth shook and rocks were split and tombs were opened. The men who were guarding Jesus at the cross declared that Jesus was the Son of God after they witnessed the earthquake. Well, when the second half of the tribulation experiences a quake like the earth has never known before, they will know that it is a super-natural event not just to get their attention but to punish their wickedness. But know that this is just the first of the super-natural judgments.

II. Second, let us notice that super-natural judgment will be seen in the sky above. *Following the earthquakes when one looks up to the sky, they will not observe the usual picturistic view that one normally see, blue sky. A bright glowing sun, a bright full moon and glittering stars. No, as a matter of fact, the pleasure of gazing up into the sky will turn into a look of fear. For these verses tell us that the sun will be darkened and the moon will appear blood red and the meteorite showers won't be like the ones we see now and again on a late evening night. No, it will appear that the heavens are releasing their meteorites like a torrential downpour but not just zooming across the sky to disappear but rather falling directly upon the surface of our planet. It will come to the time that no one will want to look up.*

Now, in light of the fact that this seal opens up with earthquakes that affect the entire globe may contribute to some of what happens in the sky above. For the earthquakes will release much debris into the air. As well as the earthquakes will cause volcanic activity to take place which will release dust, ashes and smoke into the air as thick as we've ever seen. Thus you will have the sun darkening and the moon appearing blood red.

But we must remember that this is super-natural judgment not just a super-natural event. If the earthquakes do result in causing the sun to appear darkened and the moon appear blood red, we must remember that God caused the world-wide quakes taking place that resulted in all the debris that rises up into the atmosphere. However, when the stars begin falling from the sky and raining down upon the earth, there will be no doubt left to the fact that this is not simply a natural occurrence. They will know that the creator of the universe is in action with the falling of this many meteorites and all of them hitting the earth's surface.

When Jesus was giving to His disciples the signs of the end of time, He also told them about what would happen in the sky above. "Immediately after the distresses of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its' light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." (Matt. 24:29).

We often make the statement that what goes up must come down. Well in this incident it will be what's already up will come down.

III. Third, let us notice that super-natural judgment will be felt on the earth below. Now, the point here is that when the stars or meteorites fall from the sky they will impact the earth's surface. This impact will be so devastating that the mountains and the islands of the world will be removed out of their places. Simply put, they most likely are going to disappear.

Now there are many scientists who tell us that it was a meteorite impact that caused the death of all the dinosaurs. Although as Christians we are taught that Noah's flood did that. However,, meteorites have left their marks upon the surface of the earth. Scientists believe that they can locate at least nine places where very large meteorites hit the surface and created very large and deep craters. The largest being out in the desert of Arizona.

Hollywood has made many movies using this scenario of meteorites heading toward the earth. In some of these movies the scientists and engineers come up with plans that will prevent the meteorites from ever actually hitting our surface. They put those plans into action and accomplish the objective of destroying the meteorite before it impacts earth. Even now scientists discuss the real possibility of this happening in the not so far distance.

Well my friend the scientists and Hollywood are right, the stars are coming but there won't be enough scientists and engineers in the world that will be able to prevent an onslaught of meteorites coming at the same time. They will most likely be able to report these coming but they won't need to because all a person is got to do is look up and they will know.

You know we believe it was the worldwide judgment of God when He sent the flood in Noah's day that created most of the mountains and the islands. But in the next world-wide judgment those mountains and islands will primarily disappear. The places that have become our favorite vacation spots will be gone. No doubt our wickedness and rebellion will bring an end to our joy. But praise be to our God, the church will be in Heaven experiencing their greatest joy.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that super-natural judgment will be feared in human hearts. *First let us notice who will fear this super-natural judgment? Well the answer is quite clear. Pretty much everyone. Here are the categories mentioned: kings of the earth; princes; generals; the rich; the mighty; every slave; and every free man. So, all and everyone who felt like they could rebel against God and get away with it are going to face exactly what they once mocked would never take the place of their judgment.*

Second, let us notice how they deal with their fear. They deal with it by calling for a giant world-wide prayer meeting. However, their prayer meeting will be to no avail because they are not praying to the One who can stop the judgment. Rather they dig in further in their rebellion and pray to the very mountains and rocks which the Creator is causing to crumble before their very eyes to cover them up and hide them from the very face of the Lamb of God who sits upon the eternal throne of Heaven.

Romans chapter one warns us that as a people reject the knowledge of God, they will then turn to the created thing to worship instead of the Creator who made those things. So, in the Great Tribulation, they will worship the antichrist instead of the Christ and because he is not really God but the devil incarnate, they will eventually be willing to look to the Creator Himself to save them from the wrath of God. However, because creation is under Christ's control, there is no where they can go to hide. The truth is, sadly however, that for many the rocks and the mountains will hide them but not the way they want them to. The cover they will receive from the mountains and the rocks for many will be permanent. So, let us not reject the knowledge of God now but in everyway embrace Him through Jesus Christ our Lord. For Romans one tells us that God's wrath is revealed against those who through their godlessness and wickedness suppresses the knowledge of God. (Romans 1:18-32).

V. Fifth, let us notice that super-natural judgment comes from Heaven above.

The last two verses of this chapter leaves no room to doubt as to where this super-natural judgment comes from. It will come from the Lord Jesus Christ Almighty. The people of the earth will recognize that it is coming from "Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb." They will know that "the great day of their wrath has come..."

Mankind all over the globe has usually some kind of judicial system to punish wrong doers. Well, if mankind recognizes the need to deal with wrong doers through a judicial system then why would we think that God would do any less. As a matter of fact, it is from the Judge of all the universe that we understand the need for justice and a judicial system to meet it out. So, mankind, during the tribulation will devote their commitment to the antichrist and their own personal rebellion. As the result of this, God will say finally enough is enough. He will then put on His royal robe of justice and begin releasing judgment upon the wicked and ungodly and their hearts are going to melt in fear because they have fallen into the hands of the Judge of all the universe. As the writer of Hebrews says, "For we know Him who said, 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay' and again, 'The Lord will judge His people.' It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." (Heb. 10: 30-31).

Concl. I want to conclude with the words of one of my favorite past preachers, Dr. Lehman Strauss.

"All are gripped with one common terror. All are helpless before "the wrath of the Lamb." "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the LORD of host shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low" (Isaiah 2:11-12). The very earth rulers who frightened the people with persecution and death under the fifth seal, are now themselves frightened into helplessness and despair. But there is no place to hide. Even a fall-out shelter cannot provide protection in that day."

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" (2 Corinthians 5:11). There is a Rock to which we can still come for refuge. That Rock is a Person, the Rock of Ages, our Lord Jesus Christ. There is both salvation and security in the cleft of that Rock. Jesus spoke of the day when their cry would go up to the mountains and rocks. "Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us" (Luke 23: 30). But nature's hiding places are inadequate to shield anyone from the wrath of the Lamb. O, you who still reject Him, turn to Christ at once. Receive Him while there is yet time, for the day of His judgment must surely come."

Jesus Love You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Associational WMU Spring Meeting



April 6, 2019
Gillisonville Baptist Church

9:30 am: Registration

10:00 am: Program with Brenda West (missionary speaker)
and Becka Moore (SC WMU)

11:30 am: Salad Lunch (each church brings salads to share)

Everyone is invited, including pastors and other men.

About our guest speakers

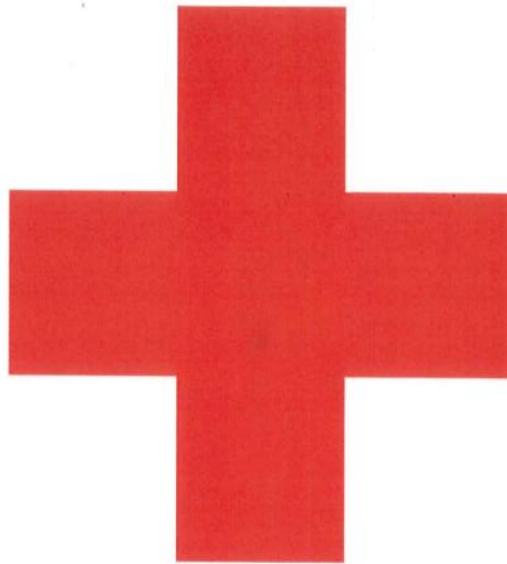
Brenda West and her husband Preston have three children who grew up on the mission field in Central America. They served in Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua for 13 years. After their youngest child left the nest in 2009, they moved to South Asia and served there until December of 2015. They live in Monetta, SC, where Preston is serving as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church..

Becka Moore is a WMU Associate with SC WMU. Her responsibilities include students and Baptist Nursing Fellowship. Becka is a missionary kid who grew in Tanzania, East Africa. She spent twenty years working as a missionary in Africa and the Middle East.

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Step of Faith Christian Academy Blood Drive

Friday, April 5th
12:00 pm– 6:00 pm

Step of Faith Christian Academy-Multi Purpose Room
9009 Tarboro Road, Ridgeland

Come out to Step of Faith Christian Academy and help save lives by
donating blood. Every donation can save up to 3 lives each.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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BBQ Sandwich

Tater Tots

Slaw

Baked Beans

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Youth Cooking Team

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



Announcements

*SFCA Spring Break
Monday—Friday
March 25th—29th*



*Tuesday, March 26th
Prayer Breakfast*

*Thursday, March 28th
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am*



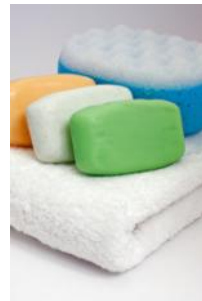
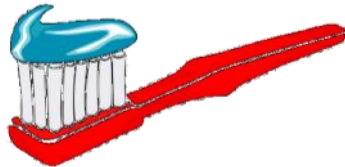
Tickets for SFCA Senior Trip Pancake Supper are on sale in the school office or from any Senior student.

Operation Christmas Child

It is time to get excited and motivated for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Since our goal for this year is 400 boxes, we are going to have a friendly completion. In the foyer will be 2 boxes for donations; 1 box for ages 40 and younger and 1 box for 40 and older. So, let the donations begin. Monetary donation are also welcomed. Any question, see Dorthie Armstrong.

March Collections:

*Tooth Brushes
Combs and/or Hair Brushes for Girls
Stuffed Animals
Soap & Wash Cloths*





*March 25th Judy Smith
Sam Mock*

March 27th Tammy Maldonado

March 29th Barbara Mills

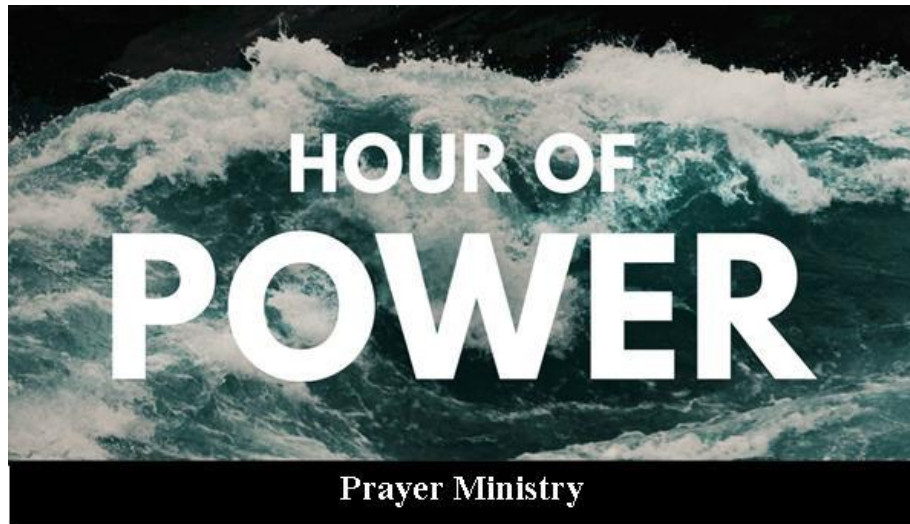


March 30th Mike & Debbie Hodge

Gifts

*A gift of \$100.00 was given to the
General Budget
in Honor of
The Birthdays of
Sam & Chyleen Mock
by Bess Parnell.*

*A gift of \$200.00 was given to the
Cemetery Fund
In Memory of
Maxwell S. Malphrus
By Mamie M. Minton.*



Every Tuesday @ 9:00am
Refreshments Served

MPB

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd
Ridgeland, SC

All are invited to come

I thank my God every time I remember you.
In all my prayers for all of you,
I always pray with joy
Because of your partnership in the gospel
From the first day until now.
Philippians 1:3-5

GSBC Prayer Pages March 24, 2019

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

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery
*Brian Freeman (3/14)
Don Price (3/21)*

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
Olivia & Juan Garcia*

Spiritual Guidance
*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
Sammy O'Quinn
Gloria Armstead*

Other Health Needs
*Bobby Mohn (1/10)
Briar Tracey (1/17)
Bill Bell - Mrs. Rose's Dad (2/7)
Baby Gabrielle (2/7)
Max Cole (2/11)
Nicole Cole (2/11)
Danny Fogle (2/14)
Peggy Fludd (2/14)
Lynn Daugherty (2/26)
Christen Gogol (3/21)
Eric Chapman (3/21)
Wanda Davis (3/21)
Ana Price Busby (3/21)*

Expecting / Births
Amanda Bowen

Good Report
Pam Stanley

Please Continue To Remember

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

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Lois Bootle
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Ellen Langford
Ann Blocker
E. L. Ambrose
Annette Malphrus*

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



Pray For Our Military

*Jared Blanton-Fort Benning
Isaac Martin Malphrus
Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard
Matthew Mills-CA-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

*Truette Vaigneur
Mike Mingledorff*

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

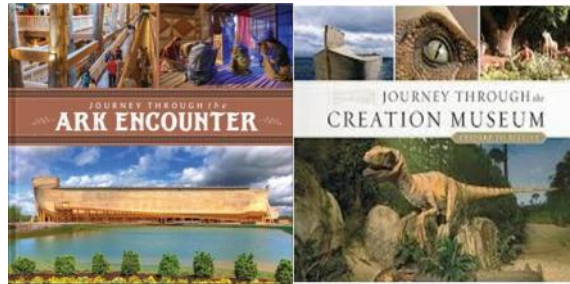
Fill a bottle, save a life!



*Baby Bottles are now
PAST DUE.*



Baby Bottle Boomerang



*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

<i>Per Room</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Monthly</i>
1	\$531.00	\$106.20
2	\$367.50	\$73.50
3	\$313.00	\$62.60
4	\$285.75	\$57.15

*The January & February Payments
are **NOW past due.** March Payment
is due **Sunday, March 31st.** More
Info:*

*Contact the Church office @
843-726-3631*

Sybil Reynolds or Timmy Sauls

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Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$ 6,019.00	\$4,982.79	+\$ 1,086.21
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 50.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	\$2,067.00	*****	\$ 10,104.00
<i>Youth Camp Deposits</i>	\$93.00	*****	\$1,604.43
<i>WNS</i>	\$181.00	*****	\$377.00
<i>SMB</i>	\$92.00	*****	\$150.00
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$200.00	*****	\$300.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$271.28
<i>VBS</i>	\$10.00	*****	\$335.00
<i>In Reach Ministry</i>	\$40.00	*****	\$58.00
<i>Quilt Club</i>	\$200.00	*****	\$ 200.00

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

and the journey will continue until God returns...

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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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