

Prayer Ministry Team

# **Great Swamp Baptist Church**

March 31, 2019



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<u>Sunday Morning Worship</u> 11:00 AM

The Welcome

Announcements Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 133 "The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power"

**Invocation** Duane Armstrong

The Lord's Supper

**Selections of Praise & Worship** 

"You Are My King"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special GSBC Praise Band

"Good, Good Father"

Message Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

**Invitation** 

**Benediction** 

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## Greeters

Yoday: Annette Malphrus / Krey Lowther Next Week: Olivia Stanley / 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

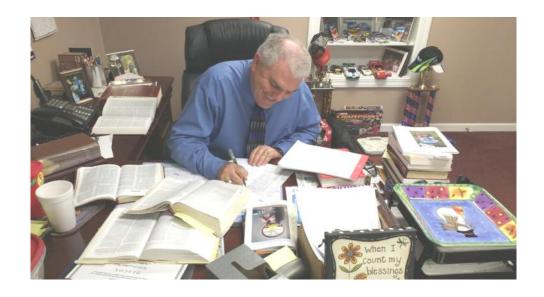
Next Week: Wilbur Daley

843-305-0110



### **Toll Committee**

For the month of April
Anita Blanton
Gail Malphrus



## From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

# **Mercy In the Midst of Judgment**

(Rev. 6: 12-17)

Intro: As we've examined so far, six out of seven of the seal judgments, we can clearly say that we know why this period will be called the Great Tribulation. The first five seals built upon the top of each other. The release of the antichrist led to war. War leads to famine, disease, plagues and all of these lead to the death of over one-fourth of the world's population. Included in that large loss of life will be the slain Children of God who died because of the starving for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now, up to this point many in the world's population will contribute much of what's happening during that time to the actions of mankind himself. Although Jesus Christ is the One who has opened these seals to allow these events to take place, they won't necessarily contribute those first five seals to His actions. However, as we saw last week when Jesus opens up the sixth seal, there

won't be any doubt as to where these judgments are coming from. Because of the severity of the judgments associated with the sixth seal and because of the global and universal aspect associated with it, the whole world will know, understand and declare that indeed this is supernatural judgment. Judgment coming straight out of the throne of Heaven itself. It will be so severe that the last verse of chapter six asks the question, "for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

I want us to notice today that in the midst of His judgment, God introduces mercy. He calls for a brief but powerful, merciful and gracious time out. He brings about a temporary cease fire, so to speak, in order to accomplish a great work of redemption and give a permanent peace to all who will believe.

However, what I want us to realize today is that God has always introduced mercy in the midst of judgment since the beginning of time. So, as we get ready to look at this brief period of mercy in the midst of judgment in the great tribulation period, I want us to first notice how God has always shown mercy in the midst of judgment.

I. First, let us notice an Old Testament plea for mercy in judgment. (Hab. 3:2). "Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy." Habakkuk is crying out for the Lord to show mercy in the midst of judgment while the nation is under attack by the Babylonians. God is using the Babylonians to judge the nation of Judah for their sins against Him. Especially the sin of idolatry.

However, God hears the plea and provides a remnant that He saves out of the judgment, who HE sends into captivity to eventually be able to return back to Jerusalem. So, the Lord answered the plea and brought mercy into the midst of judgment.

Now this pleas has been answered by God many, many times over and over long before this specific plea was asked. As a matter of fact, God has often fulfilled the plea without the plea being asked. Our God is, has and always will be merciful when no one else would be. Let us run to the Lord that we might find mercy, grace, and help even in times of judgment. God's answer to Habakkuk's plea will help to remind us of just how merciful our God is.

II. Second, let us notice examples of where God showed mercy in the **midst of judgment.** We will look at just a few examples of more than can be counted. First example is found in the events of Noah's day. Of course, we all know what this is referring to. It is referring to the world-wide judgment that God sent upon the earth in the form of a global flood. Now, before God released the flood waters upon the earth, He gave mankind many years to repent and get right because it took Noah over a hundred years to build the ark. While he was building the ark, he was also preaching the message of warning and repentance to the people who came to observe what he was doing. So, God was merciful before He sends the judgment in offering people a chance to get right. However, sadly they failed to respond to Noah's preaching. But God still showed mercy because He told Noah and his family about the timing of the flood so that they could go into the ark in time to be saved and God Himself closed the door of the ark and Noah and His family was safe through the whole terrible event of God's world-wide judgment. Noah and his family found mercy in the midst of judgment. (Gen. 7:1-16).

Another story in the Book of Genesis in which we find mercy in the midst of judgment is found in the life of Lot and his family. God shared with Abraham that He was going to destroy the cities of the plains because of their great wickedness. Abraham pleas for the towns because his nephew, Lot and his family, lived there. God told Abraham that if He could find ten righteous people there He would spare the towns. Tragically, not even ten righteous people could be found. However, God does extend mercy in the midst of this judgment by sending angels to deliver Lot and his family who lived in Sodom out of this city before judgment struck the town. Once again, God shows mercy in the midst of judgment. (Gen. 19:1-29).

Another great example of God's mercy in the midst of judgment came about as Joshua was leading the nation of Israel into the Promised Land. The first city they were to attack was Jericho. First, however, before the attack Joshua sent spies into the city. While there a prostitute by the name of Rahab, hid the spies in her home and them helped them to escape from the city. So, when God sent judgment upon this town, He spared the life of Rahab and her family and friends. Once again mercy in the midst of judgment. (Josh.6: 22-25).

The last example we will consider where God introduced mercy in the midst of judgment came when God sent the last plague upon Egypt when they held the nation of Israel in bondage. Of course, we a;; know that the last plague is the death of the first born son of each Egyptian family. But when God sent the death angel throughout Egypt, He spared the first born son of the Israelite families. But the way the death angel knew to pass over the Israelite homes was by the blood of the sacrificial lamb that each family sacrificed and painted the blood of their sacrificial lamb on the sides of their door posts and above their door posts. When the angel saw this blood, he would pas on over that home. So, it was by the blood of the lamb that allowed God to show mercy to the Israelites in the midst of judgment. (Ex. 12: 12-20). From these examples we can see that God has over and over shown mercy into the midst of judgment. The last of the examples we looked at will lead us in conclusion to consider how God has shown mercy to us in the midst of judgment.

Concl. When Jesus Christ went to the cross of Calvary, it was for judgment. Now of course it was not judgment for Jesus Christ Himself, for He never did anything worthy of judgment, because He was without sin. However, His judgment was actually meant for us because of our sins. Jesus was taking our judgment for us. Never has so much mercy been shown in so much judgment as to when Christ died for our sins, and with His precious blood He has covered us so that the death angel will forever Passover us as well. Oh, how merciful our God has been to us that when the judgment of God was hanging over us because of our sins against Him, He sent His Son to take our judgment for us and in our place. Therefore, Paul tells us now there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Do you want to experience this eternal mercy? Then you must repent and trust Christ as your Lord and Savior allowing Him to cover you with His blood and you will know the greatest mercy in the midst of the greatest mercy in the midst of the greatest judgment. Amen and Praise the Lord.

Jesus Love You



Calling all Men

Join us for the Men's Quarterly

Kingdom Touch Ministries

Date: April 18th

Supper @ 7pm

Meeting to follow

# Associational WMU Spring Meeting



# April 6, 2019 Gillisonville Baptist Church

9:30 am: Registration

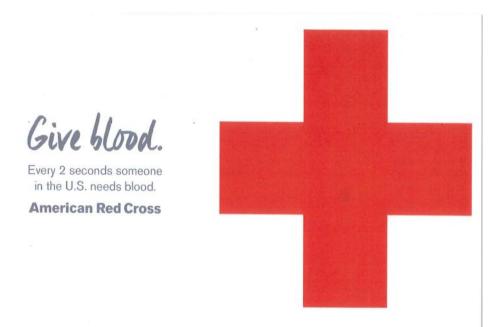
10:00 am: Program with Brenda West (missionary speaker) and Becka Moore (SC WMU)

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.



# **Step of Faith Christian Academy Blood Drive**

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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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# Wednesday Might SUPPER



Chili Cornbread

Fixins

Desserts

Tea & Coffee

Roberts Cooking Team

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

4 or more

# **Announcements**

Grandmother's Group Tuesday, April 2nd 11:30 am





Tuesday, April 2nd Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, April 4th Quilt Club @ 10:00 am





Kairos Saturday, April 6th

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.

#### **April Collections:**

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











March 30th March 31st April 1st

April 4th April 5th April 6th Donald Migliore
Donnie Pinckney
Rylee Holmes
Chad Duncan
Nancy Rivera
Sid Broschard
Scott Boyles



April 2nd April 4th April 6th Míke & Wanda Davís Davíd & Cassandra Bradley Charles & Berníce Malphrus

# **Gifts**

A gift of \$50.00 was given to the

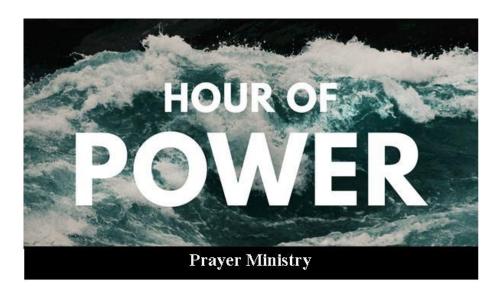
Cemetery Fund

in Memory of

Lyman Malphrus

by Mr. & Mrs. George L. Webb, Jr.

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# 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 31, 2019**

#### **Church Needs**

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

#### Leadership

President Donald Trump United States of America

#### **Hospitals**

Tommy Cooler-Sav. Memorial

#### **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

Sunday School SFCA-Donna Carter Child Dev. Ministries

#### Unspoken

Tim Cramer Family Olivia & Juan Garcia

**Other Health Needs** 

Ministries

Outreach Ministry

Inreach Ministry

**Bereavement** 

Family of

**Spiritual Guidance** Bobby Mohn (1/10) Enriqueta Torres Briar Tracey (1/17) David Peacock Bill Bell - Mrs. Rose's Dad (2/7) John Woodly Baby Gabrielle (2/7) Mary Lou Torres Max Cole (2/11) Emerald Trujillo

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) *Joyce Pope* (3/29)

### **Expecting / Births**

Amanda Bowen

# **Called to Ministry**

**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)

Chris Carter & Family

# **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 Betty Robertson

Betty Robertsor Vera Miles

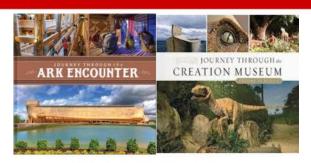
For Prayer Needs You may access by calling the church at 843-726-3631

# Fill a bottle, save a life!



Baby Bottles are now **PAST DUE.** 





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	<i>Monthly</i>	_
1	\$531.00	\$106.20	The M
2	\$367.50	\$73.50	due. A
3	\$313.00	\$62.60	$\bigcap_{Co}$
4	\$285.75	\$57.15	

The March Payments are **NOW past Iue.** April Payment **is due Tuesday, April 30th.** More Info:

Contact the Church office @

843-726-3631

Sybil Reynolds or Timmy Sauls

# **Church Staff**

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Finance Director: Timmy Sauls	greatswampbc@gmail.com

# Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
Tithes & General Budget	\$ 2,396.00	\$4,982.79	-\$ 2,465.72
Online Offerings	\$ 121.07		
Designated Funds	This Week	*******	Acct. Balances
Seniors (Ark Encounter)	\$1,044.80	********	\$ 11,148.80
Youth Camp Deposits	\$ 27.00	********	\$479.93
WNS	\$ 199.00	********	\$ 576.00
SMB	\$ 104.00	*******	\$ 254.00
Cemetery Maintenance	\$ 50.00	********	\$ 350.00
Gleaners SS Class	\$ 65.00	*******	\$ 259.29
VBS	\$ 125.00	********	\$ 460.00
In Reach Ministry	\$ 60.00	*******	\$ 118.00
Sojourners SS Class	\$ 20.00	********	\$ 181.04
Stage Renovation	\$ 60.00	********	\$60.00



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

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