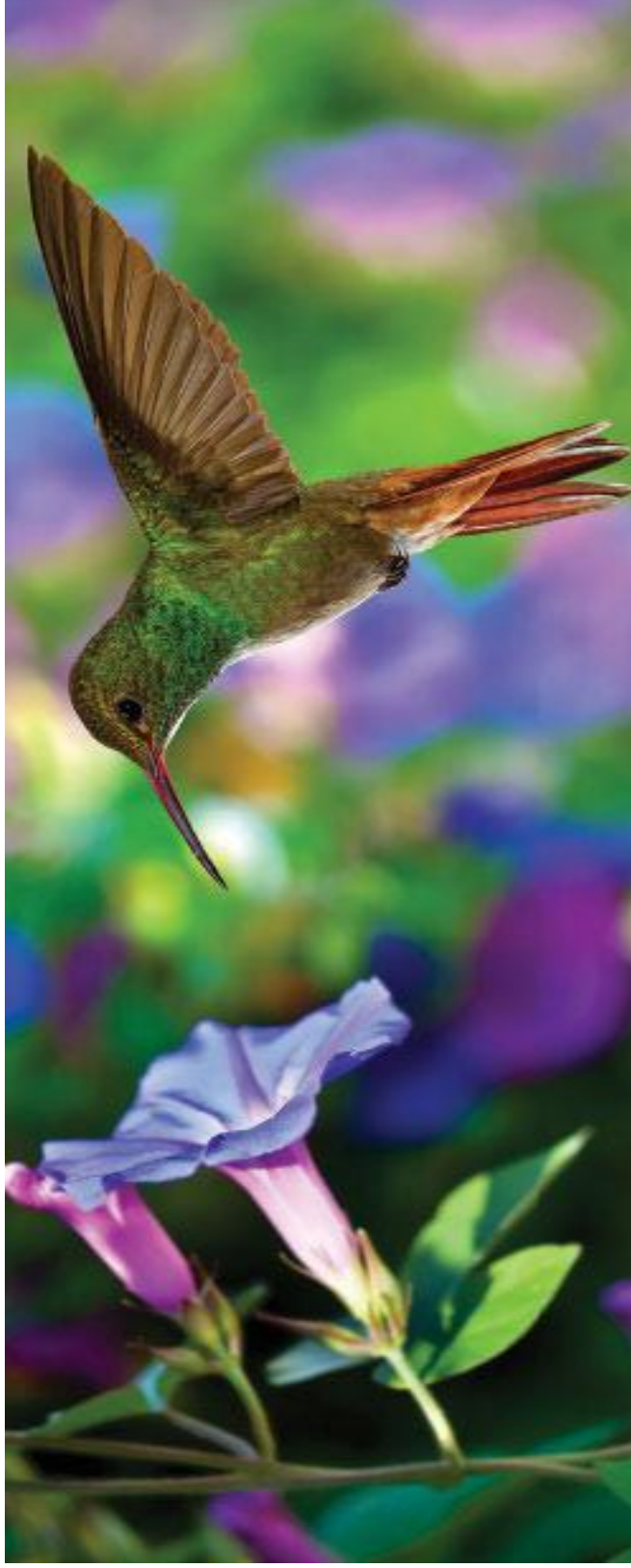


Great Swamp Baptist Church



April 7, 2019

Great Swamp Baptist Church

March 31, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude *Wayne Cooler*

The Welcome
Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Call to Worship
Hymn # 217 "Oh, How I Love Jesus"

Invocation *Wilbur Daley*

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Happy Day"
"Shout to the Lord"

We Pray for Special Needs
Pastoral & Offertory Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*
Offertory
Offertory Special *Joyce Gamo*
"Worthy Is The Lamb"

Message *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Betty Robertson / 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

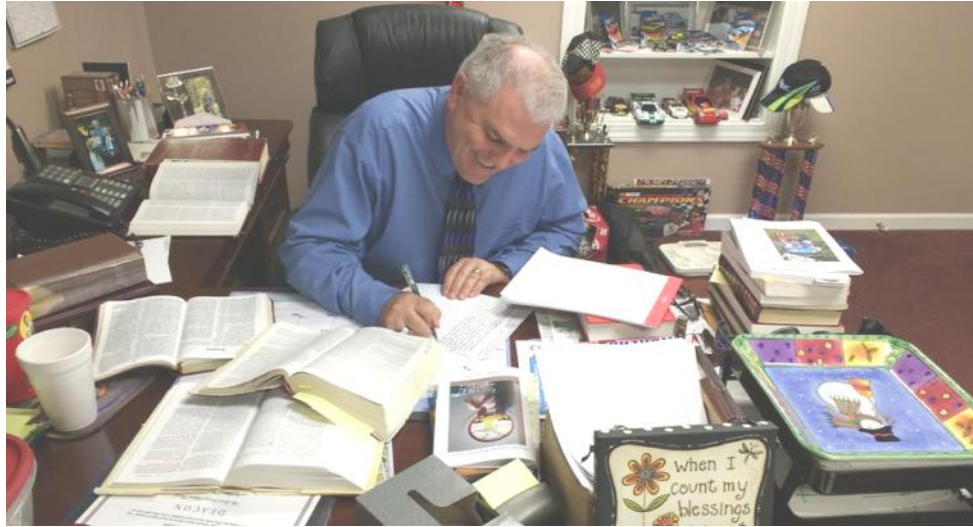


Toll Committee

For the month of April

Anita Blanton

Pat Bryan



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Redeemed of the Tribulation

(Rev. 6: 12-17)

Intro: in our last message, we took a look at various examples in the Word of God where the Lord introduced mercy in the midst of judgment. Those examples included the world-wide flood of Noah's day; the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah; the defeat of Jericho; and the final plague on Egypt during the days of Pharaoh. In all these judgments brought on by the Lord, mercy was also introduced into each of these events. These mentioned are just a few of many others found in the Word of God.

Now the purpose last time for pointing out these acts of mercy in the midst of judgment was to prepare us for what we will be examining today in Revelation chapter seven. For in today's Scripture, outside of the judgment that took place at Calvary and the mercy introduced in the midst of that judgment, the greatest act of mercy that will ever be displayed will come during the greatest period of judgment the world will ever know, the Great Tribulation. During this

Greatest period of judgment, God will introduce mercy by bringing a myriad of souls to salvation. This is exactly what we discover taking place in our present chapter. So, let us take a look at what I am calling simply The Redeemed of the Tribulation.

I. First, let us notice that the redeemed of the Tribulation will experience cessation of the wrath of God. (vs. 1-3). *What we discover is that for a temporary period of time, the Lord ceases His judgment to introduce mercy in the midst of judgment which results in an uncountable number of persons coming to Jesus.*

The four angels standing at the four corners of the earth represent the four directions on earth, which of course are east, west, north and south. Our winds move in these directions which in turn moves the weather patterns around the globe. These winds are a powerful force since they can move weather with speed and at times violently.

However, God commands the angels to hold back this tremendous source of power so that no harm would come upon the earth for a brief period of time so that He can carry out His amazing out of mercy in the midst of this strong period of Tribulation. This stopping of the winds represent the cessation of God's wrath which we've been examining in the opening of the first six seals of judgment.

As we've said already many times in this study it is really not God's desire to have to bring about great judgment. However, because of sin and mankind's continuous rebellion and rejection, God has to carry out judgment to deal with all of these acts of rebellion. But God's judgment is never totally and completely void of God's mercy, grace and love. Also, thank you Lord, that the day will come when you be able to stop all judgment and then full peace will completely rule and reign. Let us praise God now that for the Child of God there is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8:1)

II. Second, let us notice that the redeemed of the tribulation will be divided into two distinct groups. *The first group that the Lord is going to select, seal and protect will be the 144,000 Israelites, 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. As we study the four Gospels and the Book of Acts, we discover that God always begins with the Jews first and the Gentiles second. Jesus said to the disciples just before He ascended back to Heaven to be His witnesses beginning in Jerusalem, Judah, Samaria and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8).*

So these 144,000 saved Israelites are selected and sealed to be God's special servants of witnessing during a portion of the tribulation period. Because they are sealed, a word indicating ownership plus protection, these servants of God will survive the entire period of tribulation so they can enter into the millennium reign of Christ on earth and repopulate it. God will supernaturally protect this special group of witnesses from all the acts of judgment that He pours out and He supernaturally empowers their witnessing efforts that will result in a second distinct

group, the redeemed during the tribulation.

The second distinct group will be everyone else who is redeemed upon the earth at that time. This group is made up of every nation, tribe, people and language, and this group represents a great multitude. Praise the Lord. This group will include Jews and Gentiles.

Of course, the question is what is different between this group of the redeemed and the first group? Well the answer is two-fold. First the first group is all Jews and the second group is both Jews and Gentiles. The second difference is that the first group will live out the entire period of the tribulation while the second group will be martyred. We find them, "standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb." they are in Heaven along side the church together worshipping and praising God for His great salvation.

Now, let me point out that God always has His witnesses in every age and today in this age of grace, we are His witnesses. May we never forget that we are here for the purpose of bearing witness to the Gospel of Christ.

III. Third, let us notice that the redeemed of the tribulation are all redeemed by the same means. As a matter of fact, it is the same means that all of God's people in all times are redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb. That's exactly what verse fourteen tells us: "And he said, 'There are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'" in the Old Testament, the people were saved by looking forward to the Lamb that would one day be their true sacrificial Lamb, which all of their animal sacrifices only represented. Then in the New Testament, the church is saved by looking at the cross or today back to the cross of Calvary for our salvation. In chapter five of Revelation, before the martyrs of the tribulation show up, we discover that the church and all the Saints of the Old Testament are there, and together they all sing praises to Jesus Christ our Savior who purchased us with His own blood.

So though we have been distinguished in different groups; Old Testament Saints, the Church, the redeemed of the tribulation, we all have one thing in common, the same means of salvation, which is through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and our repentance and faith which we put 100% in to the work which Jesus Christ accomplished

For us when He poured out His blood on our behalf. Let us unendingly and urgently preach no message other than salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that the redeemed of the tribulation will experience exceeding rewards. (vs. 14-17). *Now what I mean by this is that the trials, tribulations, persecutions and martyrdom that the redeemed of the tribulation will experience will in no way exceed the rewards that they will experience when they get to glory. In other words, their rewards exceed their pain beyond measure. For all that they experienced during that time of great tribulation, hunger, thirst, pain, trials, persecution will be so totally reversed that I am sure they will see things for eternity as though they never experienced those things to begin with. I mean they will know but they won't know. They will know by knowledge but never again by experience.*

For they will be in Heaven serving the Lamb of God who redeemed them. Night and day they will be before His throne, and the One who sits on the throne will forever protect them, feed them, quench their thirst; give them the perfect temperature; and take away all tears from their eyes. He will be their forever Shepherd.

Concl. Now the great news is this, Jesus will give these same rewards to whosoever will come to Him for salvation. Do you want to spend eternity in Heaven in God's protective presence or do you want to spend eternity separated from God in the fires of Hell? Today let this be the day you book your flight to glory by turning all over to Jesus.

Jesus Love You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Iron sharpeneth iron;
so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

Proverbs 27:17 KJV

Calling all Men

Join us for the Men's Quarterly

Kingdom Touch Ministries

Date: April 18th

Supper @ 7pm

Meeting to follow



who's your **1**ONE?

Imagine if every believer could answer that question with the name of a person who is far from God—a person for whom they're praying and with whom seeking to share the gospel. That's the intention behind *Who's Your One*. We believe God's people don't merely need another method for evangelism—what they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

Over the coming days, our church and countless others will prioritize personal ownership of the Great Commission as we each intentionally pursue one person with the hope of the gospel. At times, it seems the mission is simply too complex and too vast for churches like ours and people like us. While we can't do everything, we can do something. We can all take responsibility for *one*. And, because of God's power and the work of His Spirit, each of our *ones* can add up to make a significant impact for God's kingdom.

 North American
Mission Board

WhosYourOne.com
#WhosYour1   

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Our Goal: \$700.00

Great Swamp Baptist Church Annual Cemetery & Church Grounds Clean Up Day



*Everyone is asked to come out
and help the
Building and Grounds and Cemetery Committees
clean up for our Easter Services.*

*Wear your yard-work clothes and shoes and bring sun block
and bug spray.*

*You are welcome to bring your rakes, shovels, shears, gloves
and any other items you may need.*

*The date will be: Saturday, April 13th
The time will be: Starting @ 9:00amd until we finish.*

*If you need more info,
Please contact Timmy Sauls or the church office.*



Chicken & Fixins

Desserts

Tea & Coffee

Dorthie Armstrong Cooking Team

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



Announcements

*SFCA Pancake Supper
Monday, April 8th*

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



*Monday, April 8th
Deacon's Meeting*

*Tuesday, April 9th
Prayer Breakfast*



*Wednesday, April 10th
Business Conference*

*Thursday, April 11th
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am*



VBS Meeting Today!!!

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.

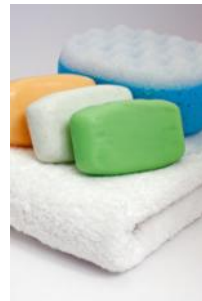
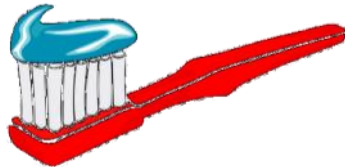
April Collections:

Tooth Brushes

Combs and/or Hair Brushes for Girls

Stuffed Animals


Soap & Wash Cloths





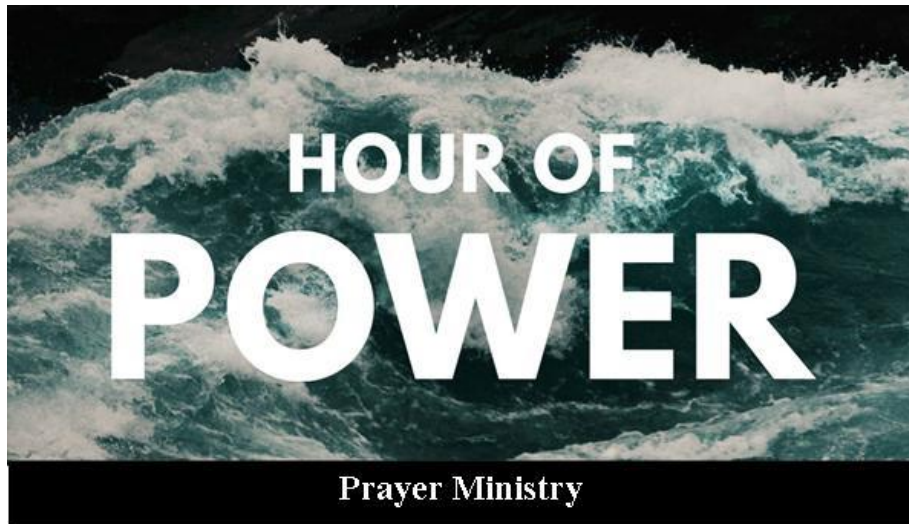
This Weeks
Birthdays

No
Birthdays
Or
Anniversaries
This week
In the church records.



May your marriage be blessed with love,
joy and companionship for all the years of your lives.

A very happy
Wedding Anniversary
to both of you



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 April 7, 2019

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Betty Robertson-Bft. 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

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

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*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Inreach Ministry*

Bereavement

Family of

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)
Joyce Pope (3/29)
Tommy Cooler (4/1)*

Expecting / Births

Amanda Bowen

Good Report

Pam Stanley

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



Pray For Our Military

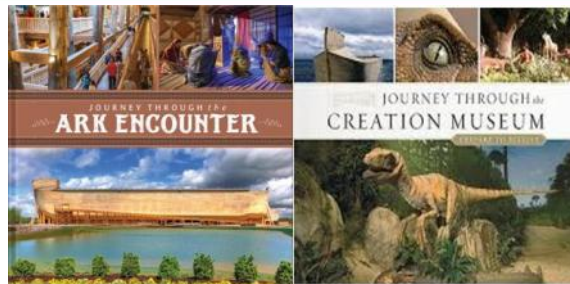
*Jared Blanton-Fort Benning
Isaac Martin Malphrus
Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard
Matthew Mills-CA-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force /
Oklahoma City. OK
Michael Sottile - Deployed
Owen White-Fort Bragg
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ Navy Seals*



Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team

*Mack Pope
Kevin Malphrus*

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



*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 March Payments are **NOW past due.** April Payment is due **Tuesday,***

***April 30th.** More Info:*

Contact the Church office @

843-726-3631

Sybil Reynolds or Timmy Sauls

Church Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.**jehu27@gmail.com

Music Director: **Richard Waitt**waittfamily83@gmail.com

Sunday School Director: **Wallace Malphrus**Josie6@embarqmail.com

Pianist: **Michelle Waitt** waittfamily83@gmail.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 + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$ 3,472.00	\$4,982.79	-\$ 1,510.79
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	\$1,702.80	*****	\$ 12,851.60
<i>Youth Camp Deposits</i>	\$ 17.00	*****	\$656.93
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$ 160.00	*****	\$ —
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 93.00	*****	\$ 347.00
<i>SFCA Office Supplies</i>	\$ 432.00	*****	\$ 432.00
<i>SFCA Repairs (Grayco)</i>	\$ 176.99	*****	\$ 135.78
<i>VBS</i>	\$ 120.00	*****	\$ 580.00
<i>In Reach Ministry</i>	\$ 20.00	*****	\$ 138.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$ 36.00	*****	\$ 307.28
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Exterminator</i>	\$197.50	*****	\$ 197.50
<i>SFCA Liability</i>	\$741.50	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$1,476.35	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Janitorial Supplies</i>	\$ 500.00	*****	\$ 324.21

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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