

Great Swamp Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

Great Swamp Military Slide Show

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 630 “America the Beautiful”

Laying of the Memorial Wreath

Invocation

Robert O’Dell

Selections of Praise and Worship

Hymn # 429 “All That Thrills My Soul”

Hymn # 215 “Majesty”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

Kathryn Goretzka

“The Day He Wore My Crown”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther

Next Week: Betty Robertson / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn

Next Week: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff

Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Robert O'Dell

843-540-2072

Next Week: Bjo Mills

843-726-4344

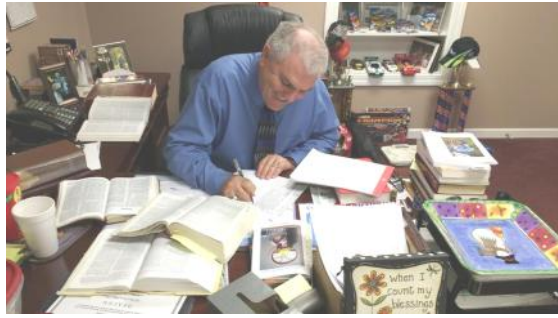


Toll Committee

For the month of June

Bernice Malphrus

Bonnie Pope



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Prayers of the Saints Past, Present & Future

(Rev. 8:1-5)

Intro: For a number of Sundays we've been dealing with all that surrounds Easter. Then immediately following that we began dealing with end of the school year ceremonies and services. So, for basically a month now, I have not written or preached from the Book of Revelation. Now, however, I am going to go back to the Book of Revelation starting with this article. This was the last message I preached out of Revelation.

From this set of verses we discover that to our Blessed Lord the prayers of the saints are of immense importance. Now, mentioned in this set of verses are particularly the prayers of the saints who will become saints during the Tribulation period. Because of what they will face during that period, they will be continually seeking God's help through the means of prayers.

However, I want to point out that prayers of God's people in all times, past, present and future have been, are and always will be of utmost importance to God. So, as we examine the particular prayers of the Tribulation saints, I want us to see how they remind us of the prayers of all God's children of all times.

I. First, let us notice that the prayers of the saints past, present and future ascend up to Heaven. *In these verses, we are taking a look at the practice of the Jewish people when they came, to the tabernacle and later the temple, to offer up their prayers. Inside if the tabernacle and later the temple, was three special altars. There was the altar of shew bread. Then there was the altar with the candelabrum. The third altar was called the altar of incense. These three altars were in the area called the Holy Place. The Holy Place was the first area you entered when you came into the inside of the temple.*

However, there was another room inside called the Most Holy Place or also known as the Holy of Holies. In this room was the Ark of the Covenant and above the Ark was a pattern of a Kingly throne. That throne represented God's throne. Thus this place represented God's presence among His people, and no one could enter this room but the high priest and only once a year when he would bring in the blood of the lamb offered up as a sacrifice for our sins. This room was separated from the Holy Place by a big curtain.

Now, in the Holy Place, the closer altar to the Holy of Holies was the altar of incense. Everyday the high priest would take fire from the sacrificial altar just outside of the Holy Place and bring it to the altar of incense. Then he would place the fire with the sacred incense on the altar of incense. Immediately it would create smoke that would begin to rise and at the same time it would create an amazing aroma in the room that also would rise upward. With the smoke and aroma rising in the upward direction, and with the altar being closer to the Holy of Holies, which represented God's presence among His people, this ceremony represented that the prayers of God's people were being lifted up to Him.

Now, while this ceremony was going on inside the temple, the people outside the temple would be actually praying. So, the ceremony going on inside with the people praying outside at the same time clearly revealed that God had opened the door for the prayers of God's people to be able to reach His throne in Heaven.

To further show that our prayers indeed ascend upward to Heaven was the special incense that was made up to use on the altar. This incense was considered to be so sacred that it couldn't be used for any other purpose. The reason why is because the incense itself represented our Holy and Sacred Lord, and there is nothing in our atmosphere that can prevent our Holy and Sacred Lord from taking our prayers upward to glory.

Also, the fire came from the sacrificial altar where the lamb would be slain. This lamb represents the ultimate Lamb of God who would be sacrificed for our sins, our Lord Jesus Christ. With His sacrifice for our sins, He made it completely possible for our prayers to ascend up on High, and that is why the fire from that altar was used.

In the Book of Romans, Paul tells us that our prayers ascend to Heaven because our Savior ascended back to Heaven. "Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus who died -more than that, who was raised to life-is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." (Rom. 8:34).

So, the only thing that will prevent our prayers from making it to Heaven is ourselves, either because we don't pray or because we don't bring our sins to Jesus.

Second, let us notice that the prayers of the saints, past, present and future are accepted up in Heaven. Now what I mean by this is that the prayers of the saints found in our present set of verses not only ascended to Heaven but once they got to Heaven, they were accepted and received by our Blessed God. Our Heavenly Father didn't stop them at the gates of glory and prevent them from coming on in. no, He allowed them through the gates of glory and through His glorious Son and our Lord and Savior. He actually received them and heard them.

Now, the Book of Hebrews tells us just how well our prayers are received and accepted by our Heavenly Father. What the writer of Hebrews tell us about this is truly amazing. "Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has gone through the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way just as we are-yet without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Heb. 4:14-16).

Let us praise the Lord and greatly rejoice that through our sympathizing Savior Jesus Christ, our prayers are gladly accepted and received by our Heavenly Father. Amen.

III. Third, let us notice that the prayers of the saints past, present and future are answered by Heaven.

Now in our present set of verses, the saints of the Tribulation period, are basically praying for revenge against all those in the Tribulation period who have so whole-heartedly persecuted the Believers and even martyred the biggest portion of them. When you go back to chapter six, you see their specific request. "They cried out in a loud voice, 'how long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood.'" (Rev. 6:10).

Well what we discover is that God heard that prayer and in our present text He brings the answer, and the answer was that He was going to fulfill their request. Now He doesn't exactly say it that way. However, what takes place immediately after the Lord receives the prayers of the saints reveals His answer. The Bible says that "the angel took the censor, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake." (Rev. 8:5). So, God answered their prayers and God answers ours. Sometimes, no really many times, He answers no, or wait. However, He often answers with a yes. Now it is important that we understand that the Tribulation period will be the age and time of judgment. Therefore, God received the Tribulation saints' prayers for vengeance and answered positively.

However, we don't live in the age of judgment. No, we live in the age of grace. In our present time, God is meting out His grace to as many as possible. Thus our prayers are not for vengeance but for grace to abound, and so let us rejoice that God answers our prayers to His glory and our good.

Concl. Oh, how blessed the people of God are that their Lord, Savior, Maker and King has cleared the way for our prayers to ascend, be accepted and answered. Blessed be the name of our Lord. Amen.

*Jesus Love You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



Small American Flags have been donated by (Retired) Army SGT. MAJ. Holland, from VFW Post #12149, Rincon, Georgia. On the 19th of May, anyone who would like to receive one and place it on a Veteran's gravesite, can get one from Wallace Malphrus following Morning services.

Memorial Day is on Monday, May 27, 2019.



Shepherd's Pie
Green Beans
Rolls
Dessert
Tea & Coffee

Youth Cooking Team
\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of

WNS & SMB Announcement

Reminder that there will be no Wednesday Night Suppers or Sunday Morning Breakfasts during June, July and August.

Meals will resume in September.

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.

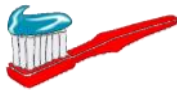
May Collections:

Tooth Brushes

Combs and/or Hair Brushes for Girls

Match Box Cars

Jewelry



Totals for March & April

40 below

41 Plus

187 items

603 Items



May 30th *Victoria Standard*
Jake Holland

June 1st *Jonathan Malphrus*
Gracyn Fitzhugh

Announcements



Memorial Day
Monday, May 27th



Tuesday, May 28th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am



Thursday, May 30th
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am

GSBC Prayer Pages May 26, 2019

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

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals
Cathy Malphrus-MUSC
Surgery / Recovery
*Brian Freeman (3/14)
Don Price (3/21)
Briar Tracey (4/11)
Dwight Malphrus (5/7)
Patrick Malphrus (5/8)
Robert Sauls (5/1)
Donald Malphrus (5/2)
Vera Floyd (5/16)*

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

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)
Jenie Raven (1/28)
Heidi Crosby (12/26)
Bill Martin (12/30)
Mack Pope (4/22)
Roschell Bush (5/2)*

Called to Ministry
Chris Carter & Family

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Inreach Ministry*

Bereavement
Family of

Other Health Needs
*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)
Betty Robertson (4/8)
David Collins (5/6)
Rose Boyles (5/6)
Gary Way (5/6)
Rhonda Stones (5/9)*

Expecting / Births

Please Continue To Remember

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

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Lois Bootle
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Ann Blocker
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 Stewart

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

Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC



Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team

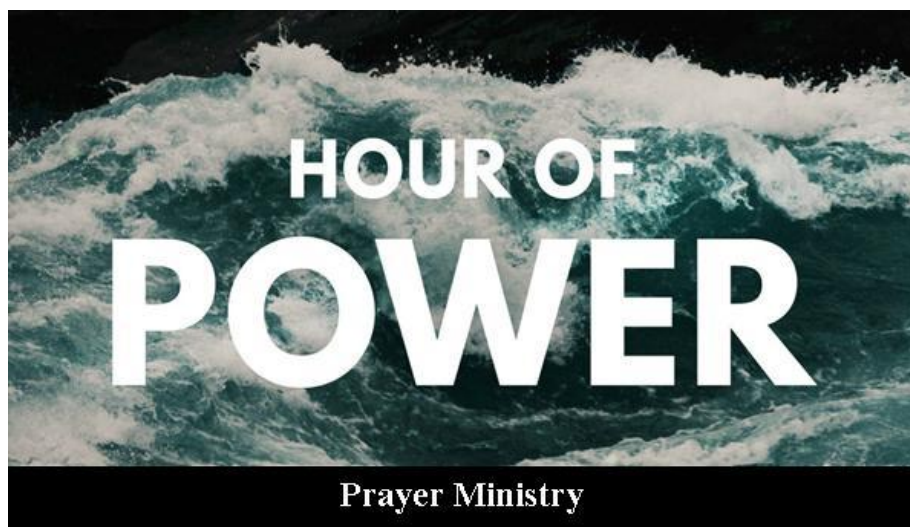
Vera Miles

Betty Robertson

For Prayer Needs

You may access by calling the church at

843-726-3631



Every Tuesday @ 9:00am
Refreshments Served

MPB

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd
Ridgeland, SC

All are invited to come

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)



We give you our deepest appreciation to E.L.'s family, friends and church members for your kindness, love, cards, flowers, donations to the church, food, phone calls, and help taking care of E. L. we can't thank you enough.

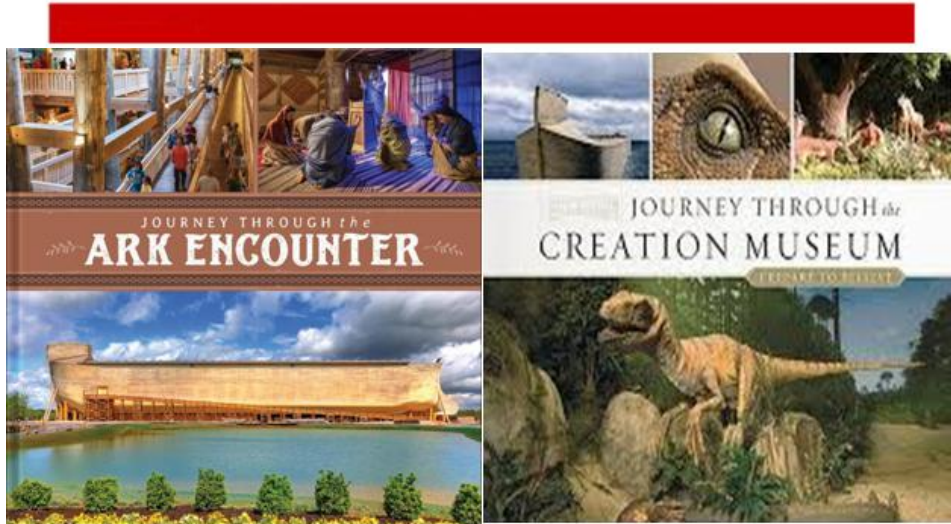
*Love in Christ,
Mack & Bonnie Pope*

Recommendation

The nominating committee recommends to the church that Wallace Malphrus serve as the Sunday School Director for the 2019-2020 church year. This will be voted on at the June Business Conference.

New Address

VA Victory House
Royce Malphrus, Room 137 B
2461 Sydney Rd.
Walterboro, SC 29488



***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.)

<i>Persons 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

Balances are now DUE.

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*
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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>	\$ 4,415.99	\$4,982.79	- \$ 445.73
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 121.07		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	\$125.00	*****	\$ 16,605.38
<i>Baccalaureate</i>	\$ 160.00	*****	\$ 190.00
<i>Sojourners SS Class</i>	\$ 15.00	*****	\$ 196.04
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 79.00	*****	\$ 324.60
<i>VBS</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 1,106.00
<i>Audio Visual</i>	\$ 5,000.00	*****	\$ 5,190.14
<i>Inreach Ministry</i>	\$ 130.00	*****	\$ 234.00
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$ 20.00	*****	\$ 40.65

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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