

*Great
Swamp
Baptist
Church*



*The
Incredible
Race*

June 9, 2019



*VBS
2019*

Great Swamp Baptist Church

June 9, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude: VBS Emphasis “The Great Race”

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 410 “It Is Well With My Soul”

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Selections of Praise and Worship

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

“Praise the Name of Jesus”

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

Sadie O’Connor

“You Say”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

We would like to thank our wonderful church family for your support in prayers, finances and being a part of Vacation Bible School 2019.

April Malphrus & Joyce Gamo



Greeters

Today: Mike Mingledorff / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Dorthie Armstrong / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus

Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus



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

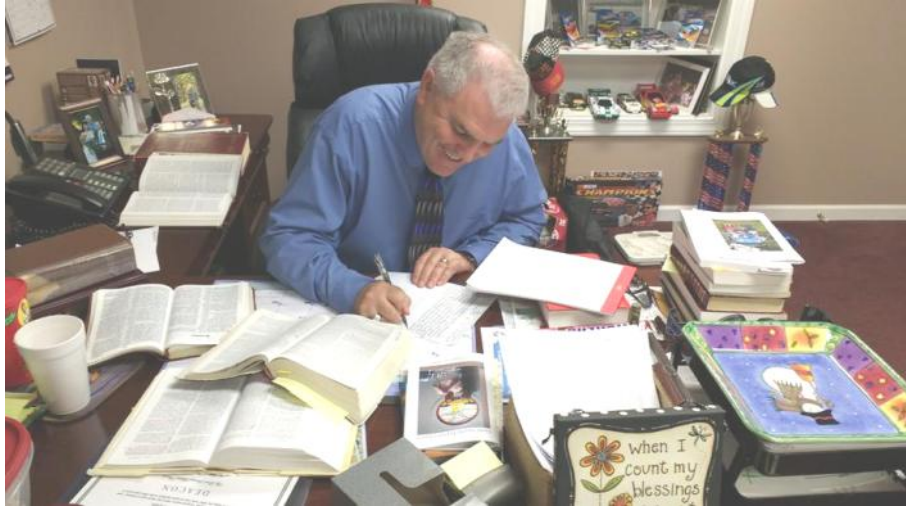


Toll Committee

For the month of June

Bernice Malphrus

Bonnie Pope



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Our God The Creator

(Acts 17: 16-34)

Intro: John McArthur shares this introduction to a message that Charles Haddon Spurgeon preached on Sunday morning, January 7, 1855. these were Mr. Spurgeon's exact words to his congregation as he opened up his sermon dealing with the same set of verses that we are presently examining. He said, "It has been said by someone that 'The proper study of mankind is man.' I will not oppose this idea, but I believe it is equally true that the proper study of God's elect is God; the proper study of a Christian is the Godhead. The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy, which can ever engage the attention of a Child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father..."

Well this is exactly what Paul did in order to explain mankind's existence. He begins with God on the subject and He ends with our Lord on the matter. As He explains who we are and where we came from, he tells us who God is, and right off the bat, he tells us that God is our Creator. This point maybe hard for us to urgently get the message that our creation is because of one reason only and of course, that one reason is God.

Paul in his writings as well as all the other authors of the Word of God go out of their way to repeat to us over and over that there is one Creator alone and He is our God. So, the Bible leaves no room whatsoever for the people of God to consider in the slightest manner that our existence came about by any means of random chance, accidently, or by evolution..

There are at least a couple of things that easily rule out what a large portion of society accept as our means of coming into existence which is evolution. First of all, we have a law in nature called the law of Entropy. It is also referred to as the second law of thermodynamics. In a nutshell, this law says everything begins in it's highest order but then begins to descend in lower order. In other words, instead of things getting better and better, they generally, with time, began to go down hill. Evolution teaches just the opposite. It teaches that everything began in its' lowest form and progressed forward. This goes diametrically against the law of entropy.

Second, the study of paleontology reveals no evidence for evolution. Of course, this is the study of fossils. If evolution had been true, then the fossil record should show that but it doesn't. there would need to be thousands of transitorily forms of creatures that go, for example, from the ape to the human. However, they are not there and that is because we didn't evolve. So let us get it in our heads, Child of God, only because God are we here. So, today let us look at my message. "Our God the Creator" in order to understand about our own creation.

I. First, let us notice that Paul tells us that our God the Creator is the seen Creator. (vs. 24). *Now, my point is that God created everything that exists. Whatever you are able to see above, below, out in front of you, God made. However, what is out there that you can't see with your human eye but is there, god made as well. The Apostle John tells it to us in the clearest manner when he said, "Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made." (John 1:3). We should greatly rejoice that all things were created by our God./ this gives order, purpose and continuity to it all, and this leads us to our next point.*

II. Second, let us notice that Paul tells us that God our Creator is the Sovereign Creator. (vs. 24-25). *Paul is very clear in these verses to leave us with no doubt who is in control over all of creation. He said it this way, "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of Heaven and earth..." So, Paul is telling us that God created everything and He is also in control of it all. He is absolutely Sovereign, no ifs, and or buts. Nothing in all of creation happens that He doesn't know about. He either causes it to happen or He allows it to happen. So it all must respond to His direct purpose for why He created it all which is none other than to glorify Himself.*

A lot of things happen that seem so out of control to us. We panic as we look at the activities of nature, and all the hype about global warming, which I believe is just hype, none the least it has got a lot of people all stirred up and concerned. However, since our God is the Sovereign Creator meaning He is Lord over all of it. We can rest assured that creation will weather whatever is thrown at it till the Sovereign Creator carries out the purpose He has for us and it. What assurances that gives to us as God's people.

III. Third, let us notice that Paul tells us the God our Creator is the self-sufficient Creator. (vs. 25). *This verse leaves no doubt to the fact that our God is totally one hundred percent self-sufficient. His existence does not require human hands, human knowledge or human effort in order for Him to exist, survive or live. As a matter of fact, it is exactly the opposite. We the human race are completely and totally dependant upon in order to exist, survive and live. It is from Him that we get the very air we breathe and food we eat. He provided these things to us at creation, and He continues to make it possible for those things to continue to be available for our existence.*

Oh, praise the Lord that God our Creator is self-sufficient in Himself, because we as humans are weak and frail.

Also, it is amazing and shows just how gracious is our God that even though He is self-sufficient He still chooses of His own self to create us, love us and save us. Oh, Praise you Holy Name.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that Paul tells us that God our Creator is the sustaining Creator. (vs. 25). *Now this point obviously falls back to the previous point which is that because our God is self-sufficient, He therefore has the power and abilities to sustain all of His creation. Also, since we are the pinnacle of His creation, we receive the greatest portion of His sustaining power. In his letter to the Colossian Believers, the Apostle Paul very boldly reveals the great truth of God's sustaining power over His creation. "He (Christ Jesus our Lord) is the image of the invisible God, the first-born over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or power or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (Col. 1:15-17)*

So, obviously we not only were created by our Creator but we are kept by Him as well. However, if we want to be eternally kept by Him, we must come to the Lord Jesus Christ for eternal salvation. Then and only then will He eternally sustain you in His everlasting presence and glory. Amen.

V. Fifth, let us notice that Paul tells us that God our Creator is the seeking and saving Creator. (vs. 26-34). *Now, in order to understand about God seeking us and saving us, we must understand why God is seeking and saving us? The answer to the question begins with our creation first. When God created us He began with one and only one set of parents for all of us regardless of the color of our skin or where we are located.*

Therefore, because we all are from the same parents, we all are of one human race on equal terms before God and one another. This truth will also point out another area in which the human race has in common.

So, the question is, what else is that the human race have in common besides having the same set of original parents? This answer is simple. We all are born with a sinful nature. Thus since we all are of the same human race, we are all sinners. Thus we all, as Paul says, need to repent and get right with God. Not some of us, or a few of us, but all of us. "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent" (vs. 30).

However, there is good news. And the good news is that even though we are equally of the same human race and are therefore all equally sinners and need to repent, God our Creator provides for us a means whereby we could and can repent and experience eternal salvation.

This salvation was made possible because God Himself made it possible. He did so by seeking us out and through His glorious Son coming to us and paying the price for our sins.

Now, any and all of us can repent and trust Christ and an eternal relationship with God Himself which is the whole reason why God created us to know Him.

Concl. Let us rejoice in God our Creator who made our existence possible, both now and forever.

Jesus Love You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



**VBS 2019 will
conclude
Today
from
11:00am-12:30pm
in place
of
Children's
Church**



Gifts

A gift of \$50.00

Was given to the General Budget

In Memory of

E.L. Ambrose

By Mary Jane Richardson.



Calling all Men

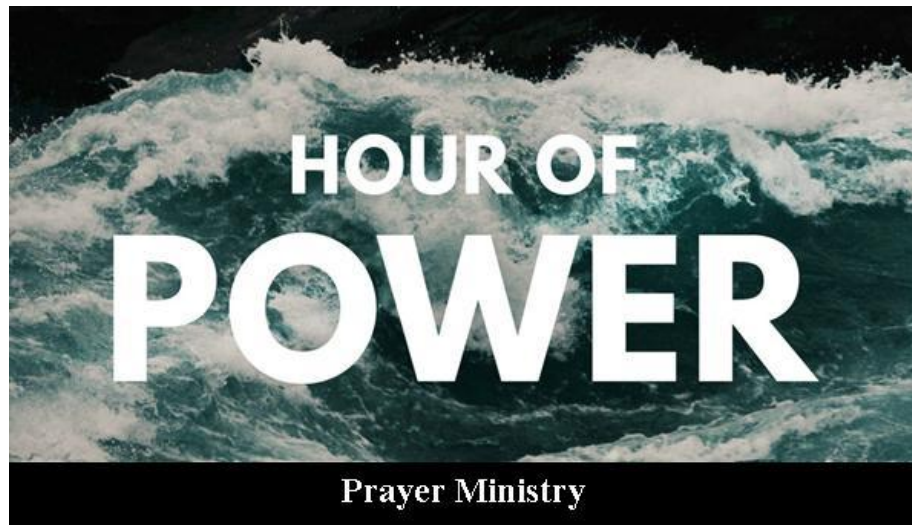
Join us for the Men's Quarterly

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Date: July 18th

Supper @ 7pm

Meeting to follow



Every Tuesday @ 9:00am
Refreshments Served

MPB

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd
Ridgeland, SC

All are invited to come

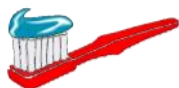
If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

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.

June Collections:



*Tooth Brushes
Combs and/or Hair Brushes for Girls
Match Box Cars
Jewelry*



June 12th

Natalie King

June 13th

Margie Malphrus

June 15th

Maureen Malphrus

June 10th

*Red & Helen Malphrus
Michael & Taylor Daley*

June 11th

Wayne & Wanda Cooler

June 12th

*Sam & Chyleen Mock
Donald & Gail Malphrus*

June 15th

Dennis & Alicia Holland

*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*



Announcements



*Monday, June 10th
Deacon's Meeting*

*Tuesday, June 11th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am*



*Tuesday, June 11th
Nursing Home Ministry*

*Wednesday, June 12th
Business Conference*



*Thursday, June 13th
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am*

Gifts

A gift of \$50.00

Was given to the General Budget

In Memory of

E.L. Ambrose

By Mary Jane Richardson.

GSBC Prayer Pages June 2, 2019

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

*Shirley Malphrus-Sav. Memorial
Gail Williams-MUSC
Maureen Malphrus-CCH*

Surgery / Recovery

*Dwight Malphrus (5/7)
Patrick Malphrus (5/8)
Donald Malphrus (5/2)
Vera Floyd (5/16)
Fred Stanley (6/3)
David Collins (5/6)*

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

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)
Mack Pope (4/22)
Roschell Bush (5/2)
Eddie Kinard (5/23)
Lynn Daugherty (2/26)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Inreach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of
Thelma Ashing
Robin DeLoache
Franklin Altman
Maureen Malphrus*

Other Health Needs

*Baby Gabrielle (2/7)
Max Cole (2/11)
Nicole Cole (2/11)
Danny Fogle (2/14)
Christen Gogol (3/21)
Ana Price Busby (3/21)
Rhonda Stones (5/9)
Briar Tracey (5/30)
Susan Oliver (5/30)*

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
Betty Robertson
Tommy Cooler
Bill Bell - Mrs. Rose's Dad*

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



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



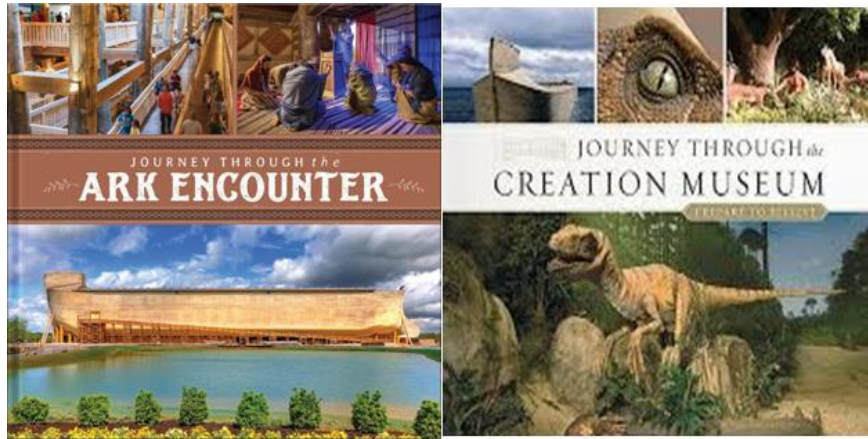
Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team

Timmy Sauls

Gail 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.)

<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



A very special thanks...to very thoughtful you!

*Thank you for everything that you did for us
during our time of loss—*

Family of Tomian Cooler

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Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$ 4,899.00	\$4,982.79	+\$ 192.28
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 276.07		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	\$1,773.80	*****	\$ 18,441.78
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 670.00
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 1,388.03
<i>Youth WNS</i>	\$ 111.00	*****	\$ 2,997.69
<i>VBS</i>	\$ 668.25	*****	\$ 2,121.25

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.

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

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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