

July 14, 2019



Great Swamp Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 386 "The Family of God"

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Selections of Praise and Worship

"What A Beautiful Name"

"Blessed Be Your Name"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

GSBC Praise Band

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

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

Nursery Workers

Today: Carol Davis / Taylor Daley

Next Week: Vandy Amason / Natalie



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

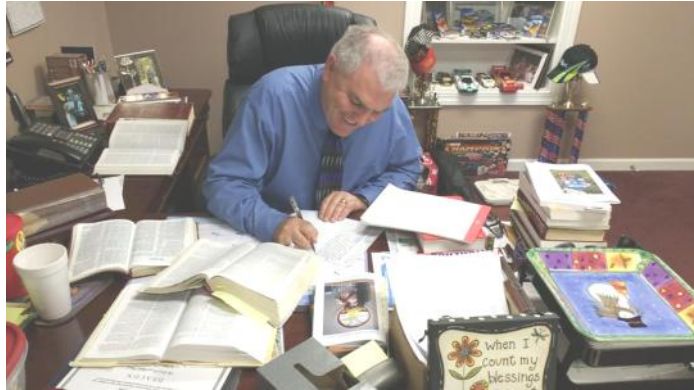


Toll Committee

For the month of July

Latrelle Steedly

Dorthie Armstrong



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Fixing The Way We Are

(Rom. 1:14-32)

Intro: Last time we began looking at Fixing the Way We Are. We as a country and we as the world need fixing because we're all messed up. We live in a country and a big part of the world where right has become wrong and wrong has become right. Isaiah the prophet said, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." (Is. 5:20).

Last time we talked about the main problem that has led us to the place where we are all messed up. That problem according to the Apostle Paul is that we have suppressed the knowledge of God. In other words, in spite of the fact that creation shouts loud and clear that there is God who created all things, they blatantly and purposefully deny that truth.

Today I want us to look at why they choose to ignore the obvious that God really does exist and what needs to be done about it. So, let us figure out how to fix the way we are.

II. Second, fixing the way we are requires understanding why there is the problem. *Last time we discovered what the problem was. That problem being that mankind has sought to deny the existence of God. The question though is why? Why against all the evidence that clearly reveals the reality of an all power God through His creation, do they flat out choose to deny Him? Well, Paul gives us this answer. He tells us in these verses that men love their wickedness and ungodliness and they don't want to have to give up their wickedness and ungodliness. Therefore, they go out of their way to suppress any acknowledgement of God because they don't want to feel guilty about their wicked ways, and they don't*

want to have any accountability for their wicked behavior. So, if they can not think about God, then they will not feel guilty about what they are doing.

Now, man's wicked behavior is, to begin with, the result of being born with a sin nature. That sin nature, if not kept in check, will raise its' ugly head through sinful actions. And if not dealt with will only continue to grow and multiply into more sinful activity. With the more sinful activity, the more man wants to suppress the knowledge of God.

Paul, in chapter three of Romans, reveals just how wicked all of humanity has become by quoting some verses out of the Book of Psalms. "What shall we conclude then? Are we better? No, not at all! We have already made the charge that Jesus and Gentiles alike are all under sin. As it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes." (Rom. 3:9-18).

Also we read in Psalm 2 that the nations want to throw off the control of God over their lives. They so want to do it that they pull together in harmony to accomplish this feat. This is a prophetic Psalm of the end times. When you read the last Book in the Bible, the Book of Revelation, you become clearly aware of man's persistence in his wicked ways to the point that even when they know that the horrible judgment they are facing comes from God, they still refuse to acknowledge Him and humble themselves before Him. They want to continue on in their wicked ways.

This is why a lot of people quit coming to church because they don't want to hear that what they are doing is sinful and wrong in God's sight. So, just stay home and maybe you can better get along with your sinful behavior. But we must remember, as I will point out in my next point, is that while you may be trying to forget about Him, He has not forgotten about you and He knows exactly what you are doing with or without your knowledge of Him.

III. Third, fixing the way we are requires understanding how God views the problem. Since mankind has suppressed the knowledge of God because he wants to continue on in his wicked ways, the area of God he most chooses to ignore is how God Himself thinks about man's denial of Him and their evil and ungodly ways.

However, man's suppression of the truth of the reality of God has not in anyway whatsoever changed the reality that God exists as His creation reveals. Therefore we need to know that God has a very clear point of view against man's rebellion. Here is that point of view. "The wrath of God is being revealed from Heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness." (Rom. 1:18).

This let's us know that God despises and hates our sins. They are directly opposed to His Holiness and they separate us from Him. However, the greatest demonstration of His displeasure and His wrath, of course, was shown at the cross, where He placed all of our sins in His Holy and only begotten Son and then poured out His wrath against our sins. Nothing else would appease His wrath but this. This is why rebellion and rejection leads to hell because God paid the ultimate price to deal with our sin problem.

So, if you are ignoring God's point of view about the problem, then you are refusing for yourself not only God's wrath against our sins but you also are failing to understand your need to repent and trust the only One who can redeem you from your sins. This is of eternal consequences. I pray that we will not miss out on the seriousness of this point.

IV. Fourth, fixing the way we are requires understanding where the problem will lead us. *Well, I don't really have to dwell too long on this point because it is so obvious. If you choose to deny the existence of God so that you can enjoy your sinful ways, then where the problem will lead you is in a continued spiral downward direction further away from God and deeper into more sinful and ungodly ways. The tragedy is that if this is the direction you choose after God has clearly displayed Himself to you through creation and through other means as well, He will let go and let you have your way. Three times Paul tells us in these verses that "God gave them over...", "God gave them over to the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another." (vs 24); "God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones." (vs. 26). The men did as well. Also Paul said that since they chose not to retain the knowledge of God, "He gave them over to their depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done." (vs 28).*

So the point is that when you push God out so that you can do evil then what is going to happen is that you are going to do more evil, and it will never be enough, and you will choose to find more

ways to do more evil. Also, tragically Satan will be right there to encourage what your sin nature has already pushed you to do.

In my last message, I mentioned about Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the atheist who was responsible for getting Bible reading and prayer out of public schools. She used her oldest son, William Murray, who was a student in the public schools in Texas as the tool to take her case against Bible reading and prayer in school in 1963, and succeeded in accomplishing her goals so her son William wouldn't have to listen to the Bible being read and prayer being said.

Well the wonderful thing is that William Murray became a born again believer by the grace of God and is now a Baptist minister who leads the Religious Freedom Coalition, a non-profit organization in Washington D.C. it works on presenting Christian matters before political leaders.

In an interview with Gov. Huckabee, William Murray said of his mother that, "She was an evil person who led many to hell." He went on in the conversation to reveal that his mother ardent atheism just led her down the road of the vilest evil you can think of. He said that x-rated movies were something she loved to watch all the time. She had vulgar statues and images all over the home. Booze was all over the home and there was so much more. He said, " My mother was an evil person... not for removing prayer from American schools...no...she was just evil. She stole huge amounts of money. She misused the trust of the people. She cheated children out of their parents inheritance. She cheated on her taxes and even stole from her own organization. She once printed up phony stock certificates on her own printing press to try to take over another atheist publishing company."

So William Murray just shows to us that like his mother when you choose to push God out, then evil will take over. That is where it will lead you. However, thank God that like William Murray, by the grace of God, we can be rescued from such evil. Amen and praise the Lord.

V. Fifth, fixing the way we are requires understanding what is the opposite of the problem. In other words, the problem is denying the existence of God so that we can carry out our sinful way. So the opposite would be as Paul says, "For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him..." The opposite would be to live a life that glorifies the Lord and gives Him

thanks. That is the real purpose of our lives and that is why we were created, to know the Lord, love Him, glorify Him and give Him thanks. Well, there is good news and the good news is that it is possible for us to live a life that is opposite of those who choose to deny God's existence. We can know the Lord, love Him, glorify Him and give Him thanks. In my final point we will see how we fix the way we are.

VI. Sixth, fixing the way we are requires understanding how and who will fix the problem.

Often times when ministers or teachers are presenting these verses, we are examining, they will often begin with verse eighteen. I began with verse fourteen because I wanted to show that Paul presents the way to fix the problem before he even mentions the problem. Verses fourteen through seventeen emphasizes one thing, the Gospel message, the particulars of the Gospel message; the preaching of the Gospel message; and finally the power of the Gospel message. Paul shows that when one truly believes in the Gospel message that Jesus Christ was sent into the world by our Heavenly Father to come and live a sinless life, and then go to the cross of Calvary to take God's wrath against our sins for us, and then resurrect from the dead, conquering death, hell, and the grave, will be saved to a life of righteous living. So, the how and the Who is through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. People can only be delivered from the wicked ways when we preach the Gospel to them and the Holy Spirit convicts them and then through repentance and faith in Him, the Lord will lead them into a life opposite of the downward spiral they were headed in.

Concl. As I close the message, let me also point out that Paul not only presents the message that will fix the problem before he mentions the problem but he also ends the section by reiterating that all are sinners and that all need the only solution available which is a righteous life made available through belief in Jesus Christ alone. "But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known, to which the law and prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." As children of God we need to know the problem but in order to fix, may we focus upon the solution and preach the Gospel.

Jesus Love You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



*Calling all Men
Join us for the Men's Quarterly
Great Swamp Baptist Church
Date: July 18th
Supper @ 7pm
Meeting to follow*

Announcements

*Tuesday, July 16th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am*



*Thursday, July 18th
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am*

**OCT. 21-24 / 2019
LECONTE CENTER
PIGEON FORGE,
TENNESSEE**

SCHEDULE

Doors open approx. one hour before each session.

Charles Billingsley David Jeremiah Tim Lovelace comedy	MONDAY EVENING 7-10
Charles Billingsley David Jeremiah Jason Crabb concert	TUESDAY MORNING 9-12
"Greater Vision Hymn Sing" with the Mark Trammell Quartet, Jim and Melissa Brady, the Mylon Hayes Family, and the HymnSing band	TUESDAY EVENING 7-9
Charles Billingsley David Jeremiah "Front Porch Chat" with Charlie Daniels	WEDNESDAY MORNING 9-12
Annie Moses Band concert	WEDNESDAY EVENING 7-9
Charles Billingsley Phil Waldrep	THURSDAY MORNING 9-11



Join us
ON THE
**FRONT
PORCH**

CONFERENCE ONLY RATE	\$125 PER PERSON
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STANDARD LODGING PACKAGE	4 PER ROOM \$209
EARLY BIRD COST PER PERSON FOR THREE NIGHTS PLUS THE CONFERENCE	3 PER ROOM \$229
	2 PER ROOM \$269
	1 PER ROOM \$389

Notice
Due to the price increases with the Charter Bus, It will cost \$100.00 per person. Bus Fee Due, October 7th.

All package rates increase \$20 per person after 7/24/2019. Register EARLY for the best availability. See available hotels at CELEBRATORS.ORG.

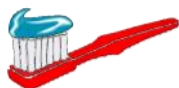
Reserve your place today with a \$25 per person non-refundable deposit, which is included in all our prices. (balance due 9/11/2019.) We look forward to seeing you!

Lodging has been reserved at Willowbrook Lodge

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.

July Collections:



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



July 14th

James Lynch

July 15th

Kayla Horton



July 14th

Ron & Carol Davis

GSBC Prayer Pages July 14, 2019

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

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals
Melonie Williams (7/2)

Surgery / Recovery
*Patrick Malphrus (5/8)
Ron Davis (7/2)
Wallace Malphrus (7/8)*

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Becky Jones-Anderson
Royce Malphrus-VA Walterboro
Shirley Malphrus-NHC
Mr. Creech-NHC*

Special Requests
Robert O'Dell-Job

Church Needs
*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Dev. Ministries*

Unspoken
*Olivia & Juan Garcia
Amanda*

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)
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
Evelyn Smith*

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)
Doug Byrd (6/20)
Dorthie Armstrong (6/26)
Dan Peeples (6/26)
Charles Maney (7/2)
Audrey Key (7/2)
Roy Gibbons (7/2)
Lee Martin (7/3)
Barbara Blocker (7/9)*

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
Betty Robertson
Tommy Cooler*

*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

Truett Vaigneur

Mike Mingledorff

For Prayer Needs

You may access by calling the church at

843-726-3631

Deacon Election Candidates

Deacon Rotation

Robert O'Dell

Duane Armstrong

*We will be electing two Deacons in August.
If you would like your name removed
or if your name was omitted in error,
please call the church office at 843-726-3631.*

Thank You

Michael Daley

Robert O'Dell

Keith Gamo

Jason Smoak

Kevin Malphrus

Tony Standard

Ronald K. Malphrus

Fredrick Stanley

Wallace Malphrus

Gentry Thames

David Meador

Mel Toland

Mike Mingledorff

Richard Waitt

Johnny Westbury

Grandmother's Group

*There will be **NO** Grandmother's Group for July or August.*

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Finance Director: Timmy Saulsgreatswampbc@gmail.com

Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$ 4,213.00	\$4,982.79	-\$ 569.79
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 200.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip (October)</i>	\$ 223.00	*****	\$ 2,407.40
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 1,393.03
<i>VBS</i>	\$ 10.00	*****	\$ 602.20
<i>Youth Annex Renovations</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$ 114.00
<i>Bibles</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$ 100.00
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 670.00
<i>Love Offering</i>	\$ 919.50	*****	\$ 919.50

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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