



*Happy 98th Birthday
Ms. Lois Bootle*

Great Swamp Baptist Church

July 28, 2019

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

The Welcome
Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Invocation

Mack Pope

Selections of Praise and Worship

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

Sadie O'Connor

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Latrelle Steedly / Krey Lowther

Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn

Next Week: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole

Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Mack Pope

843-540-6636

Next Week: Robert O'Dell

843-540-2072

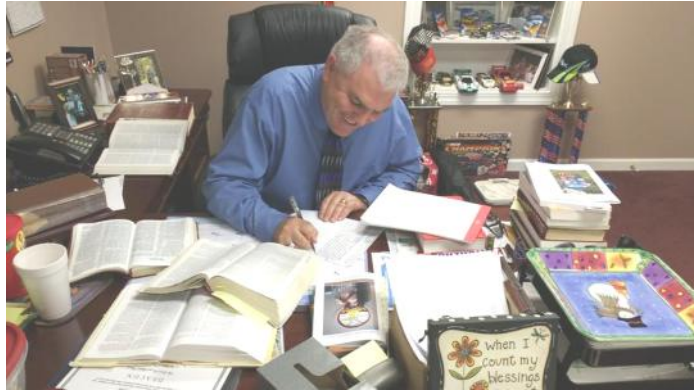


Toll Committee

For the month of July

Latrelle Steedly

Dorthie Armstrong



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Appeal To Unity

(1 Cor. 1:10-31; 3:1-23)

Intro: Last week we began examining the topic of the church. What does it mean to be the church? We started this topic by looking at the very first place that our Lord mentions the church. There we discovered the Founder, Formation, Foundation, Future, Fabricator, Focus and Force of the church. We found out that all of these mentioned but one is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Fabricators are the people of God working in conjunction with Christ to build the church.

For this message I want us to focus on the necessity for unity. If the church is going to work with our Lord in the building of His church, then we must be unified together.

The Church at Corinth had all the spiritual gifts they needed but they were ineffective in using those gifts because they were not unified. As a matter of fact, they were extremely divided and this made them greatly ineffective. So, the Apostle Paul spends nearly three chapters appealing to this church to get united so that they could be effective in doing the work of the church.

I am so grateful for the privilege of pastoring Great Swamp Baptist Church where we are not quarreling with one another. However, I want to encourage us to stay the course so that we can be effective in doing the work of the church. Let us look at this appeal to unity.

I. First, the appeal to unity is made possible when we consider our position before God. *When we understand how we stood before the Lord before we came to trust Him as Lord and Savior, it will clearly create a far more unified body of Believers. For then we can't express pride in one person over another.*

The Church at Corinth was so divided because they were putting their trust more in men in the church than in the Lord Himself. First they were giving more credit to leaders in the church that they should have. They had declared allegiance to certain well known men of God such as Paul, Apollos, Cephas or Peter. The ones who were claiming that their allegiance was to Christ were really just displaying their arrogances, making out like they are somebody. So, the Apostle Paul reveals to the church that they shouldn't be choosing these so called men of God to the ones that they follow. The reason why not is because these called men of God are simply just men like all the rest of them. Though they were serving God as leaders in the church, they were in those positions only because God put them in those positions. Listen to Paul's very words about who he and any other church leaders who had been among them really were. "...For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? What after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe as the Lord has assigned to each his task." (I Cor. 3:3-5). The important thing is not the leaders themselves but the message they preached. That message was that Jesus is the One that really matters. He is the one we are to really follow and declare our allegiance to. For apart from Him we can do nothing.

Second, Paul also reveals that the people who are not the called men of God in the church are also people who were chosen not because they were someone special and deserved recognition over anyone else. As a matter of fact, Paul shows just the opposite. "Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of the world and the despised things-and the things that are not to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him." (I Cor. 1:26-29).

When we realize that all of us were in the same boat, sinners on the way to hell till Jesus got a hold of us, then we will quit comparing one another and instead focus upon Jesus and this will clearly bring us together.

II. Second, the appeal to unity is made possible when we consider our placement with God. *Now, this point compliments my first point. Our position before God prior to our salvation is that we are lost sinners separate from God and headed to hell.*

However, thank God through His grace, mercy and kindness, we have become born again Believers reconciled to God on our way to an eternity in glory. We are permanently placed with God through Christ forever.

Now, this took place not because of our efforts but because of God's efforts. The efforts He put forth when He sent forth His Son to purchase our redemption at the cross. Paul reveals this over and over in all of his writings. We will examine some of our present verses to see this truth. "For the message of the cross is foolish to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent. I will frustrate.' where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For sure in the wisdom of God the world through its' wisdom did not know Him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified; a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength." (I Cor. 1:18-25).

So the only person we can brag about when it comes to our salvation is the Lord Jesus Christ. Unity can on truly begin happening when we both realize that apart from Christ we all are sinners and only through Christ we are made right with God.

III. Third, the appeal to unity is made possible when we consider our proclamations about God. *This is a very simple point. It really says we really need to get unified because we've got only one real message. So, we shouldn't be so divided when our focus is upon one primary message. Let us get on board and all together zero in on the church's one real proclamation. Paul reveals in a strong tone that one proclamation that belongs to the church. Listen to these words. "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. My message and preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power." (I Cor. 2:1-5).*

If we are going in the same direction, we won't have time to quarrel and divide. With our one proclamation, we are all going in the same direction. Together we preach Christ and Him crucified.

IV. Fourth, the appeal to unity is made possible when we consider our praise of God. *Now, we've been saying it all along in our set of verses, Paul does not brag about the wisdom of man. Nor does he brag about the works and achievements of man. He also doesn't brag about or give praise to the might and power of man. No, over and over here and throughout all of his writings, Paul gives praise to one and only one, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Son of God, the Savior of the world, and the Sovereign of the universe. "He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things and the things that are not to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him. It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written; Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." (I Cor. 1:28-31).*

Also, Paul reiterates it again in these verses, "So then, no more boasting about men! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future all are yours and you are of Christ and Christ is of God." (I Cor. 3:21-23).

Then if our proclamation is Christ and our praise is Christ then our unity is Christ, and it is He and He alone that we must give praise and exaltation

Concl. So, Paul is telling us that we need to get over ourselves and focus upon Jesus. For without Him we would forever be lost but because of Him we as the Children of God are forever saved. Blessed be the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who has redeemed us from hell by the cross and restored us to an everlasting relationship with God. So let us consider who we are, were and will be all because of Jesus and that will pull us together.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Sign up sheet is on bulletin board.

Senior Celebration



August 15, 2019 • 10:00 am
Port Royal Baptist Church

***Food, Fun, Fellowship,
Music, Inspiration,
Door Prizes!!***

**Music by:
Tidal Fource
Katie Lynn Godowns
Gale Parker**

Great Swamp will cover the costs of the tickets for members.



Bring A Kid to the Race
Sign Up sheet on bulletin board.

Announcements

*Tuesday, July 30th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am*



*Thursday, August 1st
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 29th Nicole Cole

July 30th Josh Carter

August 1st Gage Duncan



*July 29th Frankie & Margie Malphrus
Jimmie & Amanda Anderson*

GSBC Prayer Pages July 28, 2019

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

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
Dot Tindal-Bft. Rehab*

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

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)
Pat Bryan (7/17)
Chris Carter (7/17)
Melonie Williams (7/25)
Ann Blocker (7/25)*

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

Timmy Sauls

Carol Davis

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 August 11th.

*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

Tony Standard

Kevin Malphrus

Fredrick Stanley

Ronald K. Malphrus

Mel Toland

David Meador

Richard Waitt

Johnny Westbury

Grandmother's Group

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

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>	\$ 3,047.00	\$4,982.79	-\$ 1,935.79
<i>Online Offerings</i>			
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Youth Annex Renovations</i>	\$1,113.07	*****	\$ 1,277.07
<i>Senior Trip</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 2,457.40
<i>OCC</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 596.28

Nursery Announcement

Our nursery is in need of some volunteers for Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. If you would like to be added to our rotation schedule, please contact

*Vanessa Smoak
Thank You*

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...

Great Swamp Baptist Church
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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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