

Great Swamp Baptist Church

July 7 2019

CELEBRATE
YOUR FREEDOM
IN CHRIST THIS

Independence Day

IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE.

GAL. 5:1 NIV

Great Swamp Baptist Church

July 7, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 3 "Worthy of Worship"

Invocation

Bjo Mills

Selections of Praise and Worship

Hymn # 4 "To god Be The Glory"

Hymn # 203 "His Name Is Wonderful"

Hymn # 10 "How Great Thou Art"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

Joyce Gamo

"Shattered"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Betty Robertson Krey Lowther

Next Week: Mike Mingledorff / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Anita Blanton / Alyssa

Next Week: Carol Davis / Taylor Daley



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley

Next Week: Emma Mingledorff / Kaylee Standard

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Bjo Mills

843-726-4344

Next Week: Duane Armstrong

843-726-6795

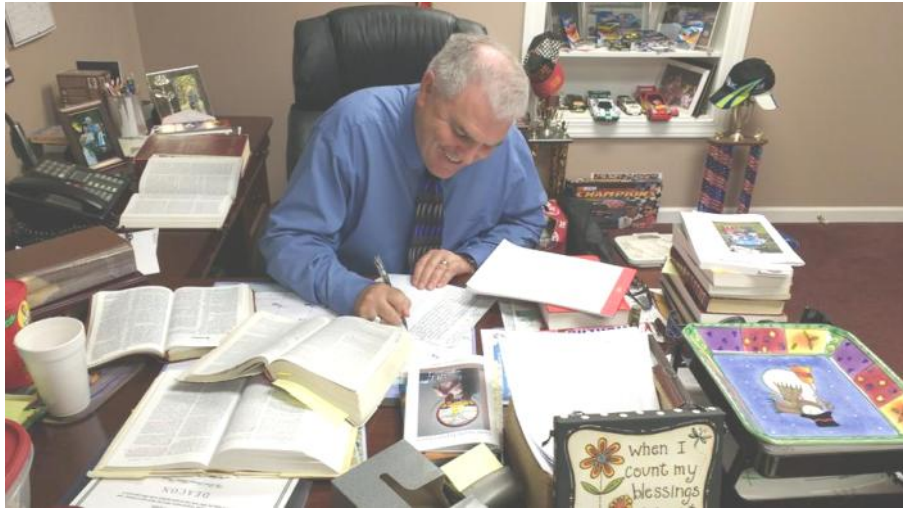


Toll Committee

For the month of July

Latrelle Steedly

Dorthie Armstrong



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Fixing The Way We Are

(Rom. 1:14-32)

Intro: Our trip to the Creation Museum and the replica of Noah's Ark stirred up in my heart and mind once again why we as a nation and as a world are so messed up. It reminded me why anymore right is wrong and wrong is right. It also reminded me why we are at the place where actual facts and truths are condemned and theories and speculations are praised without factual evidence to back them up.

There are more examples of this than we really have time to mention. Let me mention just a few of how far we have strayed. In just a few days back a lady in Virginia was dying and one of her last requests was that her young healthy dog be put to sleep and buried with her. Well this caused many people in the state to boil angry red. They couldn't imagine that anyone could be so selfish as to put a young healthy dog to sleep so that he could be buried with its' owner. Politicians were riled up to the point over this one dog that they were talking about creating a law in the state to prevent this from ever happening. Now there is nothing wrong with being upset over the matter. However, let us not forget what the governor of this same state said just recently. He basically said that if a woman gives birth to a child and decides for whatever reason, she doesn't want the child, she can just leave him or her there where the child was born and let them die. How have we come to a place where we can get riled up over a puppy but not a child created in the image of God. God help us.

One more incident I will mention that shows how messed up we've become. In the state of Connecticut, a young lady was competing in a track event that she worked hard at to be able to represent her state in a national completion which she hoped would possibly be able to eventually qualify her for competing in the Olympics. However, a new law by the state of Connecticut destroyed her ability to advance on for her state. They had just passed a law that allowed transgender persons to compete in which ever group they chose to compete in. Well two transgender guys chose to compete in the girls track event. This caused her to finish eighth instead of sixth. As the result, she could not compete any further because there being there knocked her out and some others. Now, two male persons are going to be representing the girls team on the national level. Boy are we screwed up. Right is wrong and wrong is right.

Well I want to begin today with these set of verses to examine how we've got in the mess we are in and what we can do to fix this enormous mess we've gotten into. Today we will only get through the first point of this message. Fixing the way we are.

I. First, fixing the way we are must begin with understanding what's the problem. *Well there is good news and there is bad news. The good news is that we indeed know what the problem is. The bad news is that we indeed know what the problem is. Thankfully according to the good news side of it, we can know what the problem is and we can know what needs to be done because we know what the problem is.*

Now, I'm sure that if we were to ask everyone listening or reading this message what is the problem with our country, and our world, that we're in the mess we're all in, I'm confident that we would come up with as many answers as there are persons who are listening and reading.

However, many if not most answers that would be given would probably most likely be the symptoms or consequences of the problem. For example, someone might say that the problem with why we are in the mess that we are in is because our homes in America are falling apart, marriages are no longer taken seriously and our children are treated like they are more of a nuisance than gifts from God to raise for His glory. Now it sounds like indeed that there are major problems and they are. However, these problems have come about as the result of the one over arching problem. They are the consequences of the one major issue. So by now, we are asking ourselves, well what in the world is that problem that has resulted in all the other problems?

The Apostle Paul under the leadership of the Lord gets right down to the over arching problem of humanity that has led to all other problems. It was a problem that began in the garden and has persisted ever since. At times, however, the problem is more pronounced than at other times, and I believe that our country has been for the last several years, have made the problem more pronounced than it has ever been in our history.

Now let us reveal exactly what the Apostle Paul in these verses said it was. In verse eighteen Paul tells us that through their wickedness they, "suppress the truth." Well, immediately we want to know what truth is it that we are suppressing? Well, Paul gives us that answer in the next set of verses. The truth that they were purposely suppressing and tragically we still are is the truth of the knowledge of God. "Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind to do what ought not to be done." (vs. 28).

Our country has been following this same direction ever since they decided to take God out of our schools. Starting back as far as 1925 when the famous scopes monkey trial took place in the state of Tennessee which pretty much introduced evolution as the primary means of teaching biology in our schools and pushed creationism out of our schools as a means of our existence.

Then God was pushed further out of our schools when a lady by the name of Madelyn Murray O'Hare. In 1963, she contested the fact that her son William Murray had to sit through Bible reading and prayer in his public school. She took the case all the way to the Supreme Court and managed to get prayer and Bible reading removed from our public schools. The Supreme Court and Atheists around our country under O'Hare's guidance, promoted a statement that has been attributed to our Constitution but is really not there. That statement clause is called the separation of church and state. That statement is not in our Constitution. However, to this day it is the anthem of all who are trying to push God completely out of our public arena. Every Year we hear the cries of our growing hostile crowds that demand any symbols of our faith has to go from the public squares because there must be the separation of church and state.

However, the tragedy is that our Constitution while it prevents the state from having its' own particular religion. It also provides for our freedom and right to promote and practice our faith without interference. They seem to have forgotten that that's also in the Constitution.

Now, once we refuse to accept the knowledge of God, then anything can go. Because if you suppress the knowledge of God and choose not to retain His knowledge then you therefore also refuse to acknowledge His direction for our lives and how they should be lived out. That means that you don't have a God you have to answer to but yourself or whoever makes themselves ruler over your lives. So, we can see why all the problems we have are so many and so messy because God is suppressed, then we feel free to live our lives just anyway we want to without any accountability.

Now, however, there is just one problem to their suppression of the truth and that problem is that no matter how hard they try, and as we've shown they have tried with all their might, they have not been able to fully suppress the truth of God because as Paul says here, his evidence in creation alone is just too overwhelming to be able to cover up the existence of our Almighty God. In other words, Paul is saying here in these verses that if you don't retain the knowledge of God it is not because the evidence is not there. Rather, it is because you purposely choose to ignore both your conscious and the evidence which is overwhelming. As a matter of fact, Paul tells us that since the beginning of creation, "God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made."

Now this is what made our trip to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter so special. At both of these places you are shown more evidence of God in creation than you could ever imagine or number. What each of the displays primarily remind us of is that in everything that exists, even in the simplest of things, there is too much order and complicated that it is impossible for these things to have just come about by mere chance or accidently.

Things are so precise in the order of things that if they were just an inkling one way or the other, they would fall apart and cease to be. Also, in each of our genetic codes there is information that has been placed there. That information tells our cells exactly what they can do or can't do. Where did the information that was and is come from? It came from our God our Creator. For the information contained in our genetic code could not have accidently or by mere chance gotten there. Someone had to have placed it there and that someone is our God.

Concl. Now, as we come to our conclusion, I think that it is extremely important that we understand what Paul says about those who choose to suppress the truth of the knowledge of our God. As a matter of fact he makes the statement to cover all human beings. The statement is, "...so that men are without excuse." (vs. 20). Another translation put it this way, "...so they have not excuse whatsoever for not knowing God." (vs. 20 NLT).

So, those of you who are either running from God, or using the excuse that God doesn't exist, stop your running and your excuses and see the evidence of God that is so clearly given and run to Him, and trust Him as both your Creator and Savior.

Also, Children of God, stand up unashamedly for the knowledge of God and boldly proclaim and reveal His truths from Creation and from His Holy Word.

Jesus Love You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

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

Keith Gamo

Kevin Malphrus

Paul Malphrus

Ronald K. Malphrus

Wallace Malphrus

David Meador

Mike Mingledorff

Robert O'Dell

Jason Smoak

Tony Standard

Fredrick Stanley

Gentry Thames

Mel Toland

Richard Waitt

Johnny Westbury



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
Great Swamp Baptist Church
Date: July 18th
Supper @ 7pm
Meeting to follow

Announcements

Tuesday, July 9th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am



Thursday, July 11th
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**.

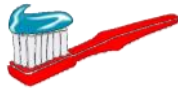
Reserve your place today with a \$25 per person non-refundable deposit, which is included in all our prices. (balance due 9/11/2019.) We look forward to seeing you!

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.

June Collections:



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



*July 7th Jane Hodges
 Amanda Fletcher
 Olívia May*

July 10th Kea Dennen

July 12th Robert O'Dell

July 13th Sílas Carter

July 7th Paul & Diane Malphrus



GSBC Prayer Pages July 7, 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)*

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
Jeanne Raven*

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)
Wallace Malphrus (7/2)
Audrey Key (7/2)
Roy Gibbons (7/2)
Lee Martin (7/3)*

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

Gail Malphrus

For Prayer Needs

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



Grandmother's Group

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



*Come out and join us on
Tuesday, July 9th
for this ministry.
Hope to see you there!*



*Deacon's Meeting
Monday, July 8th*

*Business Meeting
Wednesday, July 10th*



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

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$ 4,055.00	\$4,982.79	-\$ 927.79
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip</i>	\$ 70.00	*****	\$ 2,184.40
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$ 101.00	*****	\$ 355.29
<i>VBS</i>	\$ 20.00	*****	\$ 592.20
<i>Youth Annex Renovations</i>	10.00	*****	\$ 64.00
<i>SFCA Office Copies</i>	\$ 22.50	*****	\$ 22.50
<i>SFCA Liability Ins</i>	\$ 741.50	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 2,637.93	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Janitorial</i>	\$ 500.00	*****	\$ 275.58
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 240.00
<i>SFCA Exterminator</i>	\$ 197.50	*****	\$ 197.50

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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PO Box 446
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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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