



Great Swamp Baptist Church

August 11, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

The Welcome
Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

“Mighty To Save”

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Teacher Recognition

Selections of Praise and Worship

Hymn # 61 “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

Joyce Gamo

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

Deacon Election Following Morning Service



Greeters

Today: Betty Robertson / Krey Lowther

Next Week: Mike Mingledorff / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges

Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff

Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Duane Armstrong

843-726-6795

Next Week: Wilbur Daley

843-305-0110

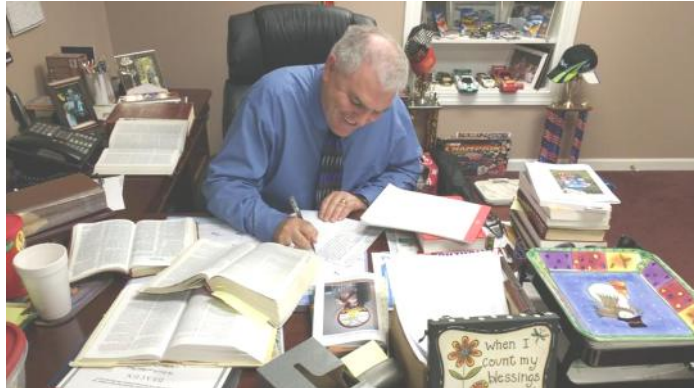


Toll Committee

For the month of August

Anita Blanton

Gail Malphrus



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Elements of Unity (Part 2)

(Eph. 4:1-16)

Intro: Two weeks ago, we began looking at this set of verses under the title "The Elements of Unity." the point of the message is that there are certain elements that must be met if we are going to have unity have unity in the Body of Christ, His Church. We examined on that particular Sunday four specific elements. Those four were the elements of cause (motivation), conduct, control, and confession (of our faith). So, Paul was saying that if we will allow all that Christ has done for us to motivate us; and show gracious conduct of patience, humility, gentleness, bearing with one another in love; and allow the Spirit to control our actions; and finally hold ever so strictly to our sacred beliefs, then we can have the unity of the Spirit within the Church..

However, those were not the only elements he mentions. There is one more he brings up in our text and that is the element of contribution. Now, I am referring to our Lord's contribution of grace and gifts to His people. With these contributions, we are able to carry out our specific ministries which enables the church to work as a united team to do the work of the Lord. So, let us examine together this element of contribution.

I. First, let us notice to whom the element of contribution was made. (vs.7). *Paul opens up verse seven with, "But to each one of us grace has been given..." So, the answer to whom has our Lord contributed to is "to each one of us." of course, this is particularly referring to the people of God His glorious church.*

Now, we know that to each one grace has been given. Of course, that grace includes our salvation by grace. However, it also includes the grace gifts to each of us. We've all received specific grace gifts that our

Lord determined each one would receive. In our present set of verses, the Bible shows the various gifted leaders that He has given to the church. However, in Paul's writings in 1 Corinthians, we are shown that every single Believer receives a specific gift or gifts from the Holy Spirit and that when the whole body of Christ, with each using their particular grace gift carries out their particular ministry, we operate then as a single body united because each part is doing their part for the benefit of the whole.

What Paul is telling us is that there is unity in diversity. As Paul said, "the body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all of its' parts are many, they form one body." (1 Cor. 12:12). So, let us not think that we can sit back and coast and not really participate in serving in the church. For in order for us to be united in service, we must each use the gift or gifts God has given to each one. Then we will act as a united body. Are you doing your part?

II. Second, let us notice who it was and in whose making the element of contribution. (vs. 7). "But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it." (Vs.7). So, the answer to this point that it is Christ who has apportioned to each one of us His measure of grace. He apportioned to us the full measure of saving grace so that we are fully and permanently saved forever, lacking no shortage of it whatsoever.

Now, He also apportioned to us the grace of gifts. He didn't give to each one of us all the gifts but He gave to each one of us some of the gifts.

The point is that without our Blessed Savior and Lord, we would have no special blessing of grace but because of Him, we are graced through and through. Paul tells us that our Lord Jesus told us that, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:34). Our Lord not only said those words but clearly more than anyone ever had demonstrated those words by pouring out to each one of us His marvelous, rich, amazing grace.

Why did and does our Lord pour out His grace upon us? I think John MacArthur answers it well. "God is gracious because of who He is, not because of who or what we are. His grace is therefore unmerited, unearned, and undeserved. It depends entirely upon the one who gives it, not on those who receive it. Grace is God's self-motivated, self-generated, sovereign act of giving." oh, blessed be the One (our Holy Lord) who pours out His grace upon us.

III. Third, let us notice what was done to make possible the element of contribution. (vs.8-ao). *In other words, what did Christ do in order to make it possible for us to experience all the grace that He poured out upon us? Well, I can pretty much answer this question by simply saying He did everything and beyond in order to make it possible for us to experience His grace given freely to us.*

Now the two primary words used to describe our Lord's actions so that He could pour out the gift of grace upon us are "descended" and "ascended." These two words wrap up in a nutshell the incredible actions of our Lord to pour out His grace upon us. For Christ descended from glory to come down to us and become one of us so that He could fight the fight in flesh for us that we lost in the flesh. Since we failed in the flesh by yielding to sin He conquered, by overcoming sin in the flesh. His descent also took Him to the old rugged cross. Here He agreed to pay the penalty for our sins and die in our place. Now, by doing this He defeated for us the consequences that our sins held over us, the consequences of death and separation from God. For our sins required death and separated us from God. So, Jesus died our death for us to reconcile us to God because God's holiness required that payment be made and He made it.

Oh, but thanks be to God that the second word was included, the word "ascended." Jesus ascended in two ways. First He ascended up out of the grave. Hallelujah! Conquering again death, hell and the grave for us. The second way He ascended was to ascend back to glory back to His high and Holy place at the right hand of His Father.

Now Jesus did this ascension in full view of our arch enemy, Satan and all his demons. Both the grave and death are his realm and the atmosphere is his home. In neither place could Satan and all of his demons prevent Christ from ascending. OH, praise our Lord. Our Lord has defeated His enemy and ours, and now in our text He is leading a victory parade. You and I are in that parade because He has set us free from our enemy and now by His grace we belong to Him. As the result of His victory, the Heavenly Father has given to Him the right to pour out gifts to each one of us through the blessed gift of the Holy Spirit whom He has poured upon each one of us since He ascended back.

Oh my dear Child of God we must, let me say it again, we must in light of all that our Lord did to make it possible for us to receive His gifts of grace upon us now to work together using the gifts given to glorify His name here on earth.

IV. Fourth, let us notice why our Lord gave to us the element of contribution. (vs. 11-16). *Today I am not going to get into the specifics of each of these gifted persons that our Lord has blessed the church with. I really only want to point out with this point that our Lord gave us gifted leaders to the church and graces gifts to each and all of His children so that ultimately, "...we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (vs.13). Also, Paul said, "From Him the whole body, found and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its' work." (vs. 16).*

So, our Lord's contribution to us should lead each of us to do our particular part and that will result in the whole function together for the course of Christ.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Announcements

*Tuesday, August 13th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am*



*Thursday, August 15th
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am*

**THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY
NARROWAY, FT. MILL, SC**

Saturday, December 7, 2019 | Trip#13007 | \$129.00 per person

Early Bird Book By November 7, 2019 - \$119.00 per person



*Persons who have signed up already,
the \$50.00 deposit is now past due.
Make check payable to GSBC.
Place monies under (005) Seniors offering.
(Total Amount: \$119.00)*

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
Keith Gamo
Ronald K. Malphrus*

*Robert O'Dell
Fredrick Stanley
Mel Toland
Johnny Westbury*

**This is the covenant that our Deacons adopted for their
ministry at Great Swamp Baptist Church**
Read it, Encourage your Deacons, and stay in prayer for them.

The Deacon Covenant

We will be accountable to God and to each other. We will ask the hard questions about faith and ministry to this church and will provide honest answers.

We must be men of peace. We will strive to allow the Spirit of Christ to rule in our relationships with our families, with each other, and with the members of our church.

We will be shepherds of the Family of God that worships at Great Swamp Baptist Church. We will be servants in the model of Jesus who tenderly watched over his sheep.

We will be vigilant in our personal life. We will put on the whole armor of God as a necessity to help guard against the attacks of Satan.

We will seek an intimate relationship with God through His Son Jesus. We will try to live a life that is above reproach in speech, love, faith, and purity.

We will support the ministries of this church with our finances, our influence and with our prayers.

We will partner with the pastor of this good church to meet the spiritual needs of all of our members, our guests and the community as God leads us.

**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.



August 12th *Vicky Buchanan*
August 15th *Vera Floyd*
 Debra Hale
 Wanda Davis
August 17th *Thomas Cooler*



August 14th *Bobby & Judy Smith*
 Pat & Irwin Malphrus

GSBC Prayer Pages August 11, 2019

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Mike Hodge-St. Joseph's

Surgery / Recovery

*Patrick Malphrus (5/8)
Wallace Malphrus (7/8)
Max Cole (8/1)
Ron Davis (8/7)*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Becky Jones-Anderson
Royce Malphrus-VA Walterboro
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)
Nicole Cole (2/11)
Danny Fogle (2/14)
Christen Gogol (3/21)
Ana Price Busby (3/21)
Dorthie Armstrong (6/26)
Dan Peeples (6/26)
Charles Maney (7/2)
Audrey Key (7/2)
Lee Martin (7/3)
Pat Bryan (7/17)
Chris Carter (7/17)
Melonie Williams (7/25)
Ann Blocker (7/25)
Tim Tomlison (7/29)
Ray Goethe (7/29)
Lisa Cartin (7/30)
Wallace Malphrus (8/1)*

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
Erma Cooler*

*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
Pam Stanley*



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



*Come out and join us on
Tuesday, August 13th
for this ministry.
Hope to see you there!*

**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)

Church Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.**jehu27@gmail.com
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 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>	\$ 4652.00	\$4,982.79	+\$ 111.66
<i>Online Offerings</i>	442.45		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Benevolence (Wheelchair Ramp)</i>	\$ 165.00	*****	\$ 665.00
<i>Senior Trip (October)</i>	\$ 123.00	*****	\$ 2,335.40
<i>Christmas Story Trip (December)</i>	\$ 400.00	*****	\$ 400.00
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 493.03

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 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
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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