

BAPTISM SERVICE

Great Swamp Baptist Church

August 18, 2019

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

The Welcome
Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship
Hymn # 447

“Trust and Obey”

Invocation

Wilbur Daley

Baptism

Selections of Praise and Worship

We Pray for Special Needs
Pastoral & Offertory Prayer
Offertory
Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

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

Nursery Workers

Today: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus

Next Week: Vicky Roberts / Emma



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley

Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Wilbur Daley

843-305-0110

Next Week: Mack Pope

843-540-6636

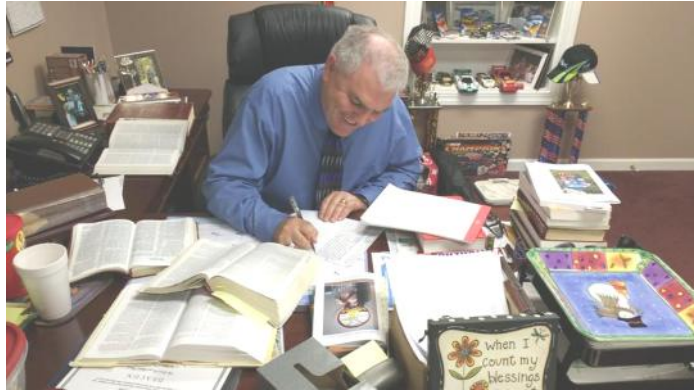


Toll Committee

For the month of August

Anita Blanton

Gail Malphrus



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Hospitality Within The Church

(Acts 10)

Intro: Last week, we looked at the fact that one of the ways that the church creates unity is through the use of the spiritual gifts that the Lord has poured out upon each of His children. We become unified as one body by each part of the body doing its' particular function. Today, I want us to begin looking at some of those particular gifts and encourage us as a church to latch on to these gifts and effectively put them to use within our own fellowship.

Now the particular gift and functions I want us to focus upon is the gift of hospitality. I want our church to be the most welcoming fellowship anywhere around. The Apostle Peter encourages and challenges the church to be hospitable. "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." (I Peter 4:8-9).

So, with this message I want to take a look and examine how the Apostle Peter learned to be hospitable. Our prayer should be that we learn this lesson together with the Apostle Peter. What we will discover is that in our lesson two lives are changed not just one. Usually we focus upon Cornelius whose life was changed forever through the conversion of his soul. However, the other man's life in the lesson was changed as well but not through the means of conversion. No, he had already been converted for quite sometime. No, the change that came over him was not a change of conversion but rather a change of conviction. Cornelius was changed with the conversion of his soul. Peter was changed in the conviction in his heart. That conviction had to do with hospitality. From this lesson we will see Peter become much more of a hospitable person, which in turn greatly enhanced the growth of the church.

I. First of all let us notice that hospitality within the church has not and still does not always come easy. *In the setting, we are examining Peter play a strong roll as the messenger that God wants us to bring the Gospel message to the first gentile converts in the New Testament. By the time of our present setting, Peter has been an Apostle for a while now. As a matter of fact, by many he would have been considered the leading apostle.*

However, in spite of the Apostle Peter's roll, commitment and dedication to the Lord , there was still some areas of growth that needed to take place in his work and service to the Lord. One of those areas was the area of hospitality.

By this time in Peter's life, we know that God has used him to bring many thousands of persons to salvation in the Lord. On the day of Pentecost, after Peter preached the Gospel message, around three thousand souls came to salvation. Not long after the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached another sermon presenting the gospel message of salvation and this time nearly five thousand souls came to Christ. However, all of these converts were Jewish men and women.

The Apostle Peter had never led anyone but Jews to Christ. However, the Lord has instructed the church to preach the Gospel to all groups of people; Jews, Samaritans and Gentiles. The Apostle Peter did not find it easy to open the door to other groups of people besides his own. His hospitality was only directed toward one group of people and that was the particular people that he was raised in. So, God had changed the Apostle Peter's conviction on this matter.

Now, the way God did that was to send a vision to Peter in which He instructed Peter in this vision to eat some of their animals that were displayed in the vision. Peter flat out refused because he had been taught all his life that the particular animals in the vision were unclean and therefore not meant to be eaten. This happened three times and each time Peter refused but God would tell him whatever He cleaned was not impure.

Now Peter had been not only taught all of his life that not only are certain animals unclean and impure not worthy to be eaten but also that certain groups of people were unclean and therefore must be avoided. This included all Gentiles. Therefore, the Apostle Peter had not yet shown hospitality to the Gentiles and anyone else who was not Jewish. With these visions God is working on breaking down Peter's past convictions on this matter. To get him to open up and show hospitality to different groups of people other than his own kind.

Tragically, we often within the church continue to act the way the Apostle Peter did before he learned the lesson. We show hospitality but it is only to people who are more like ourselves. It is much easier to stay within our comfort zone when it comes to greeting people and welcoming them into our churches and our own associations of people.

So, we must seek the power of God to help us step out of our comfort zones and be willing to show hospitality to all groups of people so that we can be effective in reaching all the people that the Lord wants us to reach.

But we must not stop seeking God's power to help us to do this because it is always easy to fall back into the trap of only being hospitable to just your own kind of folks. Why tragically even the Apostle Peter continued to struggle at times with it. The Apostle Paul had to call him down one time because Peter had stopped showing hospitality to the Gentiles and was only showing it to the Jews. (Gal. 2:11-16). Lord help us to learn this lesson.

II. Second, let us notice that hospitality within the church will best take place in an environment of prayer and praise. *As we notice it was while Peter was praying to the Lord, that he was able to begin dealing with Peter's lack of hospitality toward the Gentiles. His prayer time allowed him to be more attuned to what the Lord had to say to him.*

You know when you are praying for people and the community at large, it becomes easier for us to hear the Lord tell us that if we are going to pray for the people of the community, we must be willing to be hospitable to all the people who are in the community.

So, may our church never cease to be a place of continual prayer so that we will never cease to be hospitable to our community and world.

III. Third, let us notice that hospitality within the church will take place when we understand that it is the will of God. *This is what it all boils down to. While Peter was praying and considering the meaning of the vision he had received, a group of men appeared who had been sent by Cornelius under God's leadership, to find Peter and bring him back so that he could preach the Gospel message to them. Now, God told Peter to go with these men. The problem, however, for Peter was that these men were Gentiles and the people they were leading him to were Gentiles. However, Peter went anyway. Why, because God had instructed him to. He finally understood what the vision, where about and when he came to Cornelius and his household,*

He expressed that he now understood that God wanted him to show hospitality to even the Gentiles though he had always been taught otherwise.

Peter, with his own words, reveals that he now knows that he must also be hospitable to other groups of people besides his own because that is what God wanted him to do so God could reach out to all peoples. "He said to them, 'You are will aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean. So, when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection.'" (vs. 28-29). So we must show hospitality toward all groups of peoples because God instructs us to do so. Sometimes when all else fails, we must let the one thing that matters lead us and that is what God wants us to do. He wants us to show open arms to all groups of people in order to reach them with the Gospel message.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that hospitality within the church must be enacted.

Now, I want labor this point. It just simply means that once we understand that God has called us to be a people of hospitality then the only response we should have is to be hospitable. We should continuously promote and practice in a very bold manner hospitality. That is exactly what Peter did. He, under the Lord's leadership, came to understand that his convictions were wrong on the matter and then immediately followed the Lord's leadership and started practicing his new convictions. So, may the Lord lead us to follow suit with the Apostle Peter and immediately begin practicing hospitality.

Concl. In conclusion, I want us to recognize that when we demonstrate hospitality toward one another and the community at large, and particularly be willing to do so toward those who are not just like ourselves, then we are acting like our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

One of the greatest demonstrations of hospitality in the Bible shown to someone very much the opposite of the person showing the demonstration of hospitality was Jesus with the woman at the well. Passing through Samaria, resting at a well, a woman approached to draw water. As she approached Jesus, he asked her for a drink of water. She was startled because Jesus was a Jewish man and she was a Samaritan woman. Not only, however, was she a Samaritan and a woman but she was a Samaritan woman with a very bad reputation. Jews and Samaritans didn't speak to women out in public especially a woman of her reputation. However, Jesus not only spoke to her but he led her to believe Him as the Messiah, and this resulted in many others coming to Christ.

So, when you show hospitality you never know how many others it may attract to the Lord.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in my life ...

Nicky Schweickert

Having alcoholic parents was so volatile that Nicky, then age 4, felt safer living on the streets. He repeatedly ran away from home in Ukraine, returning in hopes that things had gotten better. But that hope was always crushed. Nicky ate out of garbage cans and slept in a sewer drain before police took him to an orphanage at age 9. Nicky felt like no one loved him until he received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift—his first present—and heard about God's love for the first time. Come hear what a difference that has made in Nicky's life.

October 4th
During
Morning Chapel



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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*

**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)*

Announcements

*Tuesday, August 20th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am*



*Thursday, August 22nd
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.



*August 18th
August 19th
August 22nd*

*Iola Daring
Brittnie Goethe
Ralph Lee
Charles Malphrus
Mike Mingleedorff*



August 19th Richard & Michelle Waitt

GSBC Prayer Pages August 18, 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)
Max Cole (8/1)*

Nursing Centers

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

Special Requests

Robert O'Dell-Job

Church Needs

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

Unspoken

*Olivia & Juan Garcia
Amanda
Jessica Cleland*

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)
18 month old Baby Girl (8/15)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Inreach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of
Joyce Sutler*

Other Health Needs

*Christen Gogol (3/21)
Dan Peebles (6/26)
Charles Maney (7/2)
Lee Martin (7/3)
Ann Blocker (7/25)
Tiim Tomlison (7/29)
Lisa Cartin (7/30)
Eric Chapman (8/15)*

Expecting / Births

Please Continue To Remember

*Mike Hodge
Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley
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
Wallace Malphrus*

*Gary Way
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



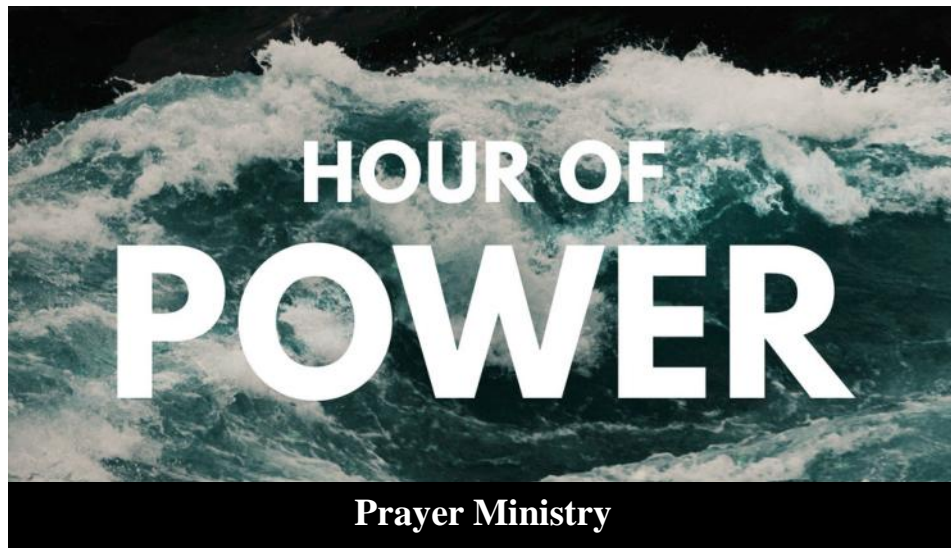
Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team

Mack Pope

Kevin Malphrus

For Prayer Needs

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



**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

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 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**Josie6@embarqmail.com
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Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$ 3,940.00	\$4,982.79	-\$ 1,042.79
<i>Online Offerings</i>			
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$ 188.00	*****	\$ 293.29
<i>Senior Trip (October)</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 2,835.40
<i>Annie Armstrong Offering</i>	\$ 2.00	*****	\$ 2.00
<i>Church Repairs (Grayco)</i>	\$ 58.17	*****	\$ 70.17
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 1,489.86	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>Sojourners SS Class</i>	\$ 32.00	*****	\$ 258.04
<i>Youth Annex</i>	\$ 20.00	*****	\$ 1,297.07

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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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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