

Great Swamp Baptist Church
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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude *GSBC Praise Band*

The Welcome
Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Call to Worship
Hymn # 499 "Open Our Eyes Lord"

Invocation *Mack Pope*

Selections of Praise and Worship
"I'll Fly Away"
"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

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: Dorthie Armstrong / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Vicky Roberts / Emma

Next Week: Diane Thames / Chesney



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff

Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Mack Pope

843-540-6636

Next Week: Robert O'Dell

843-540-2072

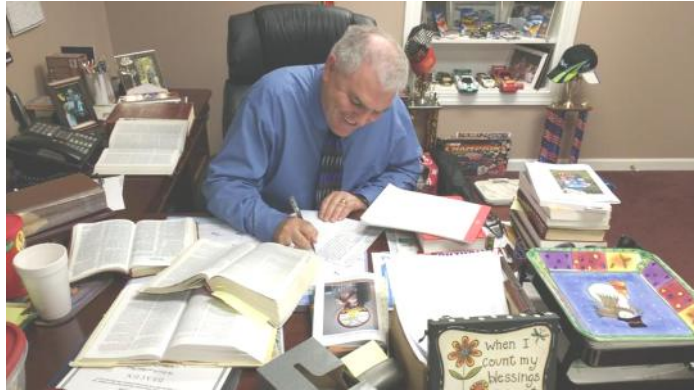


Toll Committee

For the month of September

Alice Way

Pat Bryan



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Who's Being Neighborly?

(Luke 10:25-37)

Intro: When Jesus walked upon the earth, He had many enemies. Some of those enemies were the Jewish leaders. They couldn't stand Jesus because He was drawing the attention of the people away from them. Therefore, they were constantly looking for ways to trip Jesus up, so to speak. Then, they could accuse Him for breaking their law and then they could get rid of Him.

Now, one of the ways, as a matter of fact, their most often used way to try and get Jesus in trouble was to ask Him questions about the law. However, it was always their interpretation of the that matters and no one else mattered. This is what is taking place in our present set of verses. Jesus had one of these leaders ask Him how do I inherit eternal life? Jesus asked him back what he thought was the main teaching of the law? The man answered to love God and to love your neighbor. Jesus said you have answered tight. Go and do this and you will live.

Well, certainly the man couldn't accuse Him of saying anything wrong with the way Jesus dealt with the question. So he asked Him another question to see if he could trap Jesus with his second one. That question was, well who is my neighbor anyway?

Now, Jesus answers the main question by turning the question around by the end of the conversation. Jesus makes the encounter about not who is your neighbor but who was being neighborly. You see what Jesus knew was that when a person is neighborly, they won't have any problems knowing just who your neighbor is. The person who learns to be neighborly will see that anyone around you in need, regardless of who they are, is your neighbor. So, let us examine who is being neighborly?

I. First, the person who is being neighborly is the person who understands our true priorities.

In the story that Jesus used to illustrate His message, which we all call the Good Samaritan, there were two Jewish, religious persons that were a part of the story. Of course in the story, we all know that there is an injured man who is that way because he was robbed and beaten up by the thieves. They left him on the side of the road to possibly die. Jesus said they left him half dead. These two religious persons come along, a priest then a Levite, a little while later. Both of these men saw the man but instead of approaching him to help him, they quickly passed over to the other side of the road and kept on moving.

Now, these two religious leaders obviously didn't consider this man as a priority in their lives. They were too busy with other important matters. They had to hurry maybe to get to their religious ceremony they were to be a part of, and they didn't want to be late. Or maybe they didn't want to mess with this broken human being because they didn't want to have to inconvenience themselves. So broken lives were not a priority to them.

However, for the Samaritan, once he saw this injured man he understood at that moment that, nothing else mattered other than helping him get well. That at that moment was the only priority the Samaritan had. Broken and half dead persons were more of a priority to him than anything else that was taking priority in his life.

The Samaritan reminds us of someone else whose whole priority was and is broken, and even, not just half dead but completely dead lives, dead spiritually. Of course, I and referring to the Lord Jesus Christ, and our Heavenly Father.

Our Heavenly Father looked down from Heaven and saw that sin had completely robbed us of our relationship with Him and it left us completely spiritually dead headed for a devil's hell. At that moment, actually many moments before, well really so far back we call it eternity past, God decided that He couldn't leave us lying there in the ditch. No, we became His priority and nothing else matters, to the point that He sent His Son to come and rescue us by paying for our debt of sins on the old rugged cross.

Let me ask you, are broken lives a priority in your life? Or are you just too busy with things that you call a priority, but from God's perspective, don't measure up against the needs of a broken ruined life. On one occasion, Jesus reminded us that it is not the ones who are well who need a physician but rather those who are sick. May God help us to see that it is the sick ones and I mean not just physically sick but also the spiritually sick that we must prioritize.

II. Second, the person who is being neighborly is the person who is willing to deny their prejudices.

Of course, this is one of the main points of this story that Jesus uses. Most likely the man who was injured was a Jewish man because at this time mostly Jewish people would have been on this particular road. However, this Samaritan, who happened to come along, put away any prejudice feelings he may have had toward the injured man. For it is widely known that the Jews hated Samaritans and vice-versa. Oh, thank God that our Lord has no prejudices against any of us and offers salvation to all tribes, nations and persons. Lord help us to be neighborly by helping all in need regardless of what our prejudices may be.

III. Third, the person who is being neighborly is the person who is willing to get personal.

Well, obviously the religious men in the story had not time to get personal at all with the man in need. As a matter of fact, they did just the opposite. They were completely impersonal.

However, the Samaritan was one hundred percent personal. He totally got involved in the injured man's life in such a way that you would have thought that they were best of buddies. He touched him, lifted him up, bandaged him and so many other things that he personally did for the man himself. He was completely involved in restoring the man back to health. He didn't leave it to anyone else. He eventually had to get someone else, the innkeeper, to look out for the man but not until he first did all that he could.

Oh, praise the Lord that He has gotten personal with us. That He came to us; became one of us; walked with us; spoke to us; touched us; healed us and saved us. Oh, may the Lord help us to be neighborly by getting personal with those who are in need.

IV. Fourth, the person who is being neighborly is the person who helps no matter how long the period.

Now, the main point I am referring to here is the simple fact that the Samaritan took all the time needed to help this injured man get back on the road to recovery. He even stayed over night with him caring for his needs.

If we are going to be neighborly, then we will be the kind of people who take time for one another especially in times of need. Jesus has and will spend an eternity taking care of us.

V. Fifth, the person who is being neighborly is the person who is willing to pay the price.

There are many ways that the Samaritan gentleman paid the price. He paid with his time. He paid with his possessions. He paid with his care. He also paid with his finances. He was serious about helping this injured man.

If we are going to help people in need, we will have to do so by being willing to pay the price. You just can't help people in need without it costing us nothing. There will always be a price to pay, however, you will be more than rewarded as you see the difference you are making in the life of the person you are helping. It may be that even if you help them and it doesn't really help you, you will still be rewarded because of the effort you gave. God will take notice and also others who are watching will know.

With this point we must shout out that no one has, is or ever will pay a price greater than what Jesus paid in order to redeem us from death, hell and the grave. "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect." (I Pet. 1:18-19).

VI. Sixth, the person who is being neighborly is the person who is willing to show pity and passion. *The only person who demonstrated passion in this story was the good Samaritan. These verses tell us that he had pity on the man, and that he showed the injured man mercy.*

Notice that the man Jesus was telling the story was an expert in the law. He had even answered Jesus' question about the main thrust of the law being to love God and your neighbor. But Jesus was showing this man that love without mercy and grace is not true love. Love will be demonstrated in actions with pity and passion toward those whose lives are broken. If not then it is love in word only.

However, what we must remember is that pity, passion, love, mercy and grace in action must have a motivation that drives it in us. For humanly speaking, we rarely show the kind of pity this Samaritan showed. This motivation can only come from the One who is love, grace, mercy, pity and passion and that, of course, is the Lord Jesus Christ. So, if we want to be like the Samaritan then we must let the Lord Jesus Christ control our lives.

Concl. In conclusion, when Jesus asked the teachers of the law which man was neighborly to the injured man, he answered the one who showed mercy and Jesus' reply to that was, "Go and do likewise." Church the Lord is saying to us, "go and do likewise."

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 27th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am*



*Thursday, August 29th
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.***

***Spaces still available for any church
Contact Timmy Sauls
@ 843-783-3418
For more info***

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 Totals
 40 & younger
 53
 41 & older
 58



July Totals
 40 & younger
 0
 41 & older
 84



August 26th Faye Lowther
August 28th Kate Carter
August 31st Brooklyn Malphrus

*To All of our Mother's Church Family,
 Thank you to everyone that visited our Mother at home while she was under Hospice Care. Our Mother loved teaching God's Word to the Gleaner's Class every Sunday morning while she was able to do so. Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, food, gifts and most of all prayers. Our Mother loved the Lord and her church family. Please continue to pray for her children through this difficult time.*

*Love in Jesus Christ
 Joyce Sutler's Children
 Debbie, Donna & Chip*

GSBC Prayer Pages August 25, 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

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

Timmy Sauls

Carol Davis

For Prayer Needs

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

HOPE FOR OUR HEROES

Partnering with the Local Church
to Support Our Troops



Offering will be take up on Sunday, September 1st



Savannah River Baptist Association Woman's Missionary Union Fall Meeting

*Great Swamp Baptist Church
Saturday, September 28, 2019*

The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the new church year. Conferences will be offered twice to allow participants the opportunity to learn about different organizations.

Mellie Jones, a SC WMU specialist from Saluda Association, will lead conferences for myMISSION, the organization for young women.

Each church is asked to bring enough salads for the number in its group to be shared

The church having the largest number attending conferences will be recognized.

Schedule

9:00	Registration (coffee and pastries)	
9:30	General Session	
10:00 & 10:55	Conferences (two sessions)	
	WMU Directors	Joyce Burton
	Missions	Nell Simmons
	*Craft Mission Project Ideas	Barbara Cook
	Women on Mission	Loraine Ferguson
	myMISSION (young women)	Mellie Jones
	*Youth Organizations	Barbara Cook
	Children's Organizations	Carol Davis
	Mission Friends (preschool)	Denise Wilson
	*These conferences offered once	
11:45	Salad Lunch (bring salads to share)	

Church Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.**jehu27@gmail.com
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Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$ 3,136.81	\$4,982.79	-\$ 1,845.98
<i>Online Offerings</i>			
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Office Supply (Scana)</i>	\$ 8.71	*****	\$ 8.71
<i>Senior Trip (October)</i>	\$ 897.00	*****	\$ 3,291.40
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 295.00
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 10.00	*****	\$ 60.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$ 110.00	*****	\$ 588.02



Grandmother's Group

Tuesday, September 3rd

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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