



Great Swamp Baptist Church
October 13, 2019

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome
Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

Selections of Praise and Worship

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Special

Message

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther

Next Week: Betty Robertson / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges

Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley

Next Week: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Bjo Mills

843-726-3433

Next Week: Michael Daley

843-505-0998

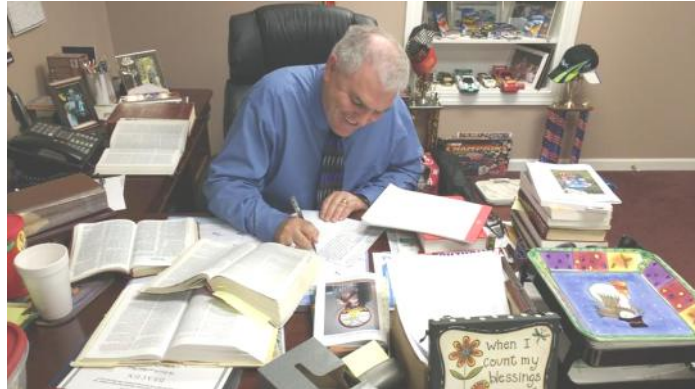


Toll Committee

For the month of October

Bernice Malphrus

Bonnie Pope



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Place of Honor is Through the Gates of Service

(Mark 10:35-45)

Intro: Most church battles can usually be traced back to a power struggle between persons, committees, groups or organizations. As we can see in our present set of verses, even before the church was organized, Jesus was already dealing with his own disciples battling over who was the greatest, who deserved the place of honor and who therefore was a true leader.

However, these struggles have gone on since the beginning of Creation, actually even before Creation. For Satan was at one time God's greatest angelic being. When God created him in glory he was called Lucifer, which means the morning star. He was the model of perfection and perfect in beauty. However, his model of perfection changed into a model of pride, and with that pride he determined that he should have all the honor. He decided that he, not Christ, was the greatest and therefore he should be the ultimate leader.

Therefore, he decided to take control of Heaven and sit on the throne of glory. The means by which he attempted to do so was possibly, at first by his charm. However, ultimately he tried to do it by force. Of course, praise be to God, he failed because his fight was against the eternal God. If, however, he would have served God in humility and serve, he probably would have continued on being honored by God.

Lucifer was cast down out of Heaven into the atmosphere of our world, and here to this day he continues to try and assert his control and leadership over all through people here on earth. The tragedy is that we who call ourselves the people of God often act just like him. We want honor, to be recognized as the greatest, and be the leader at any cost just as long as it happens even if by force.

Well coming back to our present set of verses, I want us to see that Jesus teaches His disciples exactly what they must do in order to receive honor, be great and be in the place of leadership. What Jesus taught them was that the place of honor, greatness and leadership are found only through the gates of service, and that is my sermon title.

I. First, we come to understand that the place of honor, greatness and leadership are through the gates of service by listening to Jesus.

As we examine these set of verses, we notice that two of the disciples, James and his brother John, have a request to be placed in the greatest positions of honor in the future Kingdom of God. Then when the other ten disciples find out about it, they become both jealous and angry. And the question is WHY and the answer is very clear because they each also felt that they should deserve the highest place of honor and greatness.

Well, Jesus pulls them all aside and makes them to listen to Him. What He told them was that they had been listening to all the wrong people, teachers, and whoever else on the topic of honor, greatness and leadership. For tragically most people, teachers, groups, and secular society taught that you move up the ranks so to speak by force or by running people over or by being popular or charming.

Jesus said, however, by listening to me you will discover the right way, God's way to honor, greatness and leadership, and it is certainly not by what you have been listening to.

My way, Jesus says, is that you don't act like the kings and rulers of the world who use their position of honor, greatness and leadership as a place to make people, or if you would like Satan, force people to recognize their honor, greatness, and leadership. No, Jesus as He spoke revealed that the place of honor, greatness and leadership can only come through the gates of service. Here is how He said it, "...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all." (vs. 43-44).

So, the question is, who are you listening to? If you want to do it God's way, then you must listen to Jesus and then you will understand that God's way to honor, greatness and leadership is through the gates of service. May we hear the words of our Heavenly Father as He told some of Jesus' disciples on another occasion, "This is my Son, whom I love, with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!" Amen.

II. Second, we come to understand that the place of honor, greatness and leadership are through the gates of service by looking to Jesus.

So, we not only know it by listening to Jesus by what He taught us about the topic but more importantly we know about it by looking to Jesus. Have you ever heard anyone refer to Jesus as a Deacon? Well, technically, He no where is, that I know of, actually referred to as a Deacon. However, in the truest sense of the word, He was the greatest deacon who ever lived or will ever live.

The example that our Lord Jesus Christ left us to observe has none like it anywhere, or anytime bar none. When He steps through the gates of service, it wasn't in a light manner. No, He came through those gates like no one ever had done so before or since or ever will. For when we first see Him come through those gates, He's been conceived in the womb of a young virgin who is a very humble, poor, small town girl. The next scene we observe Him in hasn't improved His stature from a worldly point of view at all. As a matter of face, from a worldly point of view, His stature has gone backwards. For He is born in a stable and laid in an animal's feeding trough.

Now, we've looked and know the rest of the story. The Holy Son of God steps down out of glory not to come and demand that we serve Him. Rather, He came to serve and give His life a ransom for many. So, if we really want to have honor, greatness and leadership that will be pleasing to God and done His way, then we must look to the perfect example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and pray for the Holy Spirit to help us act in accordance with His example. Are you looking unto Jesus?

Third, we come to understand that the place of honor, greatness and leadership are through the gates of service by lingering with Jesus.

Now, when the two brothers asked to be placed in the place of honor in the future Heavenly Kingdom, Jesus asked them could they drink the same cup He was about to drink? Jesus was referring to the cup of suffering He was about to face. He then asked them if they could be baptized with the baptism He was to be baptized with. Here Jesus was referring to the baptism of fire and hardship that He was getting ready to cross through on His way to the Cross of Calvary.

Now, Jesus told them that it was up to the Heavenly Father to determine who would sit in the place of honor on each side of Him. However, by asking them if they could follow Him through the cup of suffering and the baptism of fire and hardship. He was simply saying that the place of honor, greatness and leadership can only come through the gates of service. Service that comes by lingering with and following Jesus as He too goes through the gates of service. Are we ready to linger with Jesus wherever that may lead?

Concl. Jesus returned back to His place of honor that He had before He came to earth with the Heavenly Father. However, when He went back He was given the name which was above every name and one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father because He did everything the Father required of Him as He served and gave His life as a ransom for many. So, may it be said of us by our Heavenly Father, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master's happiness" (Matt. 25:23).

Serve first, honor and greatness later. Serve first and leadership will happen. But all praise will go to the one true leader, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

SFCA Drama Department



Pancake Supper Fundraiser
Thursday, October 24th
@ 7:00 pm



October 18th

*Jeremiah & Kea
Dennen*



Wednesday Night SUPPER



Beef Stroganoff

Corn

Tomato Cucumber Salad

Rolls

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Keith Gano Cooking Team

\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of

4 or more



Iron sharpeneth iron;
so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

Proverbs 27:17 KJV

Coming in October

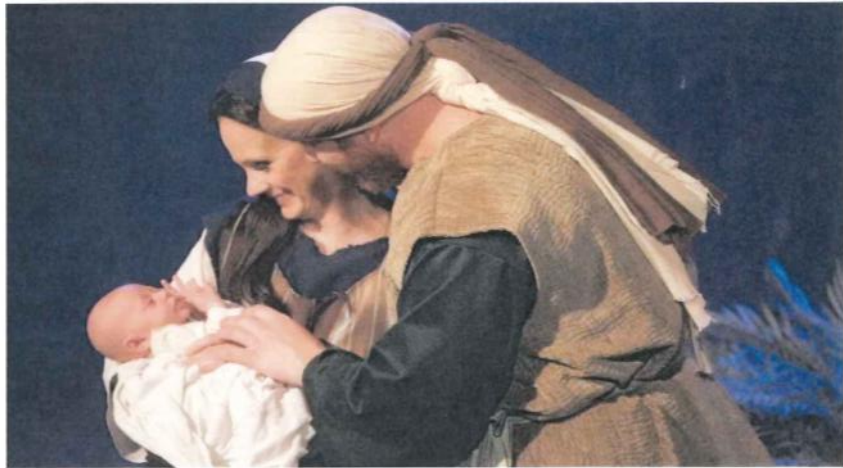
Calling all Men
Join us for the Men's Quarterly
Gillisonville Baptist Church
Date: October 17th
Supper @ 7pm
Meeting to follow

“Make plans to attend”

**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.
Check Envelope Box # 005
Seniors Offering.
(Total Amount: \$119.00)*

DUE NOW

Announcement

*All committees and teams for the 2019-2020 Church
year need to elect officers and turn in to church office
ARE DUE NOW so that Leadership manuals can be
printed.*

Thank You

Announcements

*Tuesday, October 15th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am*



*Thursday, October 17th
Quilt Club*

*Saturday, October 19th
Kairos*



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*

Celebrating  174 years of God's Faithfulness

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd
Ridgeland, SC

Homecoming

October 20th
Celebrating 174 years



Guest Speaker
Evangelist Frank Shivers

Church will provide Meat & Beverages
Everyone is asked to bring side dishes & desserts

NO Sunday Morning Breakfast

GSBC Prayer Pages October 13, 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)
Pam Stanley (9/16)
Gail Malphrus (9/16)
Mack Pope (9/19)
Eva Migliore (9/18)
Pt Bryan (9/27)*

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
Jessica Cleland*

Spiritual Guidance

*Enriqueta Torres
David Peacock
John Woodly
Mary Lou Torres
Emerald Trujillo*

Cancer / Treatments

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)
18 month old Baby Girl (8/15)
Douglas Denegel (9/16)
Donald Fludd (9/30)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of
J. W. Grier
(Wanda Davis' Kin)*

Other Health Needs

*Dan Peebles (6/26)
Charles Maney (7/2)
Lee Martin (7/3)
Ann Blocker (7/25)
Tiim Tomlison (7/29)
Eric Chapman (8/15)
Ruby Keiffer (9/19)
Eddie Kinard (9/19)
Danny Breland (9/19)
Murray Nettles (10/2)*

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
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

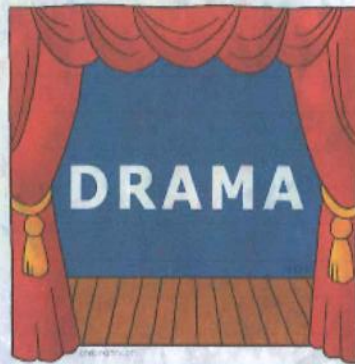
Carol Davis

For Prayer Needs

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

*Step of Faith Drama Department
Presents...*

Theater in the Round Fundraiser



October 19th, 6:00

Great Swamp Baptist Church

9009 Tarboro Road

Ridgeland SC 20036

**Drama, Clowning, Interpretive Dance,
Signing, Black Light, One Acts,
Refreshments**

Adults – 5-61-\$10.00

Students and Senior Adults-\$7.00

**Price includes an evening of entertainment,
worship and food.**



Harvest Fest

Saturday

October 26th

4 pm-8 pm

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd. Ridgeland SC



Costume Contest



Trunk or Treat



Chili Cook-Off



Games
Cake Walk
Face Painting
Costume Contest
Bingo
Chili Cook Off
Hot Dogs



*All Proceeds will go toward
Remodeling the Youth Annex*



<i>October 13th</i>	<i>Rob Smith</i>
<i>October 15th</i>	<i>Chandler Thames</i>
	<i>Julie Mingleдорff</i>
<i>October 16th</i>	<i>Bill Carter</i>
<i>October 17th</i>	<i>Diane Malphrus</i>
<i>October 19th</i>	<i>Andy Malphrus</i>

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.

Still Needed Items

<i>Wash Cloths-???</i>	<i>Note Pads-???</i>
<i>Soap-282</i>	<i>Crayons-175</i>
<i>Combs/Brushes-125</i>	<i>Scissors-186</i>
<i>Stuffed Animals-250</i>	<i>Glue Sticks-150</i>
<i>Match Box Cars-119</i>	<i>Toothbrushes-100</i>
<i>Colored Pencils-14</i>	<i>Pencil Sharpeners-146</i>

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>	\$ 4826.00	\$4,982.79	+\$ 164.28
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 321.07		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trips</i>	\$ 1,844.00	*****	\$ 11,849.40
<i>Youth Annex</i>	\$ 634.00	*****	\$ 2,566.07
<i>Fall Landscaping</i>	\$ 80.00	*****	\$ 80.00
<i>Youth Camp</i>	\$ 180.00	*****	\$ 512.33
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 101.00	*****	\$ 101.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$ 154.00	*****	\$ 154.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$ 70.00	*****	\$ 603.85
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$ 71.00	*****	\$ 320.44
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 395.00

Celebrating  **175 years of God's Faithfulness**

and the journey will continue until God returns...

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9009 Taboro Rd.
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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