



Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 6, 2019

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 177

"There's Just Something About That Name"

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Selections of Praise and Worship

"The Love of God"

Deacon Ordination

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

Joyce Gamo

"Well Done"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Latrelle Steedly / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak

Next Week: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole

Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Keith Gamo

843-986-8745

Next Week: Bjo Mills

843-726-4344

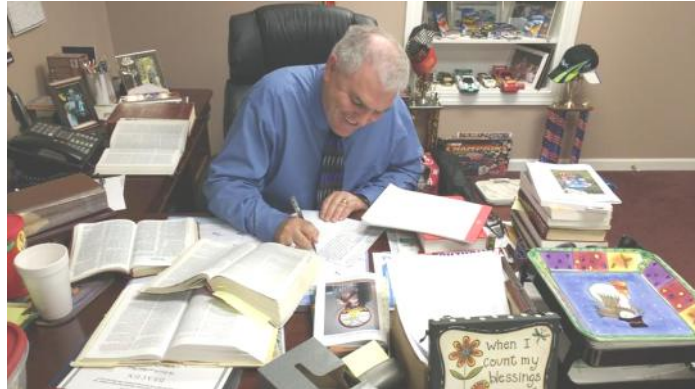


Toll Committee

For the month of October

Bernice Malphrus

Bonnie Pope



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Motivations For Invitations

(2 Corinthians 5:1-6:2)

Intro: If churches had cheerleaders this would be one of their favorite chapters. The reason why is because it is the duty of a cheerleaders to motivate the fans and the players to keep on keeping on. This chapter would give the cheerleaders all they need to motivate the church to do all they can to invite people to Christ; to a closer walk with Christ; to church gatherings and son. It clearly is a chapter that motivates the people of God to do everything within their power to be about the business of bringing people to Christ. Some of those challenges are directly stated when Paul said, "We try to persuade men..." (vs. 11). Other statements are "For the love of Christ compels us..." (vs. 13). Paul means the love of Christ compels us to reach out to the lost. Another statement is, "We implore you on Christ' behalf be reconciled to God." (vs. 20). So today, let's listen to the cheerleaders as they give us motivation for invitation.

I. The first motivation for invitation is the motivation of our eternal destiny. (vs. 1-8). *In the previous chapter, Paul is discussing all the various kinds of difficulties and heartaches that he had to face because of his commitment to Christ. He said that he had been hard pressed, perplexed, persecuted, struck down and that he carried around in his body the death of Jesus and that because of his service for Jesus he constantly faced death.*

However, even though he constantly faced death all day long, he wasn't discouraged because of what he had to look forward to. As a matter of fact, the last verse of the previous chapter is a very well known verse and it leads right into the present chapter we are dealing with. "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal." (4:18).

So, what Paul is telling us is that what we are facing in this world is only temporary. However, in that unseen world, we've got an eternal home awaiting for us absent of all the trials of this temporary life, which he begins talking about in our present set of verses.

Now in our present set of verses, Paul tells us that though our bodies here on earth get beaten down by all manner of things, it is okay because we have a heavenly body awaiting for us in Heaven. There, Heavenly bodies are built by God to be an eternal body. Elsewhere, Paul tells us that these heavenly bodies will be liken unto the one Christ had when He arose from the dead. (Phil. 3:20-21).

Now this also let's us know that if we are going to get an eternal, glorified body when we get to Heaven, then not only do we get a body but Heaven itself becomes our new home, dwelling forever in the presence of our blessed Lord. Amen, and praise the Lord.

Oh, and it ain't over yet. Paul also tells us that our Lord has given to us the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit as a guarantee that we will go to Heaven and get a heavenly body when we depart from this world.

Of course, it is important that we remember that there promises are only for the Child of God. So, this is where the cheerleaders begin to shout. They are shouting for us to invite people to Christ so they too can have this promise of a heavenly home and body living in the presence of our eternal Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Plus we need to be inviting not only to give the lost the opportunity to get saved and be assured of a home in Heaven and therefore missing out on hell, but also because God has blessed us with this great promise. So let us get to inviting.

II. The second motivation for invitation is the motivation of judgment. (vs. 9-11). *Paul is expressing here that one day all of us will stand before our Lord and face judgment. Now, these present verses are primarily referring to the judgment of the Believers. A time in which we will have to give an account of our lives for the actions we have done. This will not be to determine our eternal destiny which is determined here now by either our rejection of or acceptance of our blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you turn your life over to Christ now you will go to Heaven.*

So, what is the judgment for? To determine our rewards in Heaven, and to make sure that only one gets all the glory, Jesus Christ.

Also, however, all persons including the lost will too stand before the judgment throne of Heaven. The lost will go through what is called the Great White Throne Judgment. They will all be in hell but they will be judged based upon what they knew and how they acted as well. Regardless of the outcome of their judgment, they will spend eternity separated from God in a horrible place of eternal judgment.

Therefore, Paul says that because we as Believers must face judgment, and as well as because the lost will face judgment involved an element of fear. This fear of the Lord because we will face Him in judgment motivates and drives us to persuade men to come to Christ and to live for Him.

So, let us hear the cheerleaders cheering us on to invite people to Christ because we must stand before Christ to give an account, and because the lost must also stand before the Lord to give an account. Let us be driven by the same fear of the Lord that Paul was.

III. The third motivation for invitation is the motivation of love. (vs. 14-15). *There were constant enemies that Paul had to face. Some of those enemies were men who challenged Paul's authority and ministry because he appeared to them to be non-traditional, unorthodox and even a little on the crazy side.*

Paul, however, answered his critics by assuring them that it is not what is on the outside that matters. Nor does acting in an traditional manner necessarily equate to Godliness. Rather what was important was what was in the heart.

Well, what was in the heart of Paul which motivated him to live for Christ, even at times appearing to be out of his mind, for the purpose of reaching people for Christ was the love of Christ. This love drove him to work hard at inviting souls to Jesus. As he said it compelled him and should us to reach out to a lost and dying world. You know that even Christ when He came to save souls to the religious crowd, He appeared at times to be out of His mind. However, it had nothing to do with being crazy. Rather, it was all about His love compelling Him and controlling Him to do so. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8).

So, let us hear the cheerleaders cheering us on to win souls and invite people to Christ because Christ loves compels us to do so.

IV. The fourth motivation for invitation is the motivation of a new life. (vs. 17). *Paul tells us that through Christ we have received a new life. He points out that this new life comes from God. Now this new life is not a reference to our physical life but our spiritual ones. They have been dead because we were born into sin and because we acted out that sin.*

However, through repentance and faith in the finished work of Calvary, which our Lord and Savior carried out for us, our dead spirits have been made alive and now we have new life, the old is gone and the new has come.

This new life should spring us into action to reach the lost both because we've been given the new life itself and because we want to pass this new life on to those who are still spiritually dead in their sins and trespasses.

So let us hear those cheerleaders motivation us on to invite the lost to Christ because we have new life and we want them to have the same.

V. The fifth motivation for invitation is the motivation of representation. (vs. 18-21). *The representation that Paul is referring to is the fact that we are God's representatives in the world today. To express that Paul called us the ambassadors of Christ, and an ambassador is someone who goes on the behalf of a nation, a group or a person to carry that nations, group or persons bidding.*

As Christ's ambassadors, we've been called by our sovereign Lord who we represent to go into the world and invite them to be reconciled to God. Because Christ made that reconciliation possible, He became sin for us so that we could be made right with God.

Oh, I can hear the cheerleaders shouting, go and tell the world that they can be made right with God and reconciled to Him because we've been made ambassadors to do so and because Christ has paid the price to make it so.

VI. The sixth motivation for invitation is the motivation of time. (6:1-2). *I don't have to spend much time on this point because Paul makes it quite clear when He said in these verses, "I tell you now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of Salvation." (vs. 2).*

The point in God's opportunity is to be able to be reconciled to God; receive a new life, and have the assurance of a home in Heaven is right now. However, the day will come when that opportunity will be gone. So, let us hear the cheerleaders shouting, go now and invite the lost to Christ because the time of opportunity is now.

Concl. You know sometimes I feel like a cheerleader's job is discouraging because I often never hear anyone respond to their cheers. My prayer is that today we will not only hear the shouts of the cheerleaders to go but that we will respond to their cheering and actually go to our lost and dying world before it is too late and invite them to come.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

SFCA Drama Department



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



Baked Chicken

Potatoes/Gravy

Green Beans

Salad

Dessert

Tea & Coffee



Armstrong 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

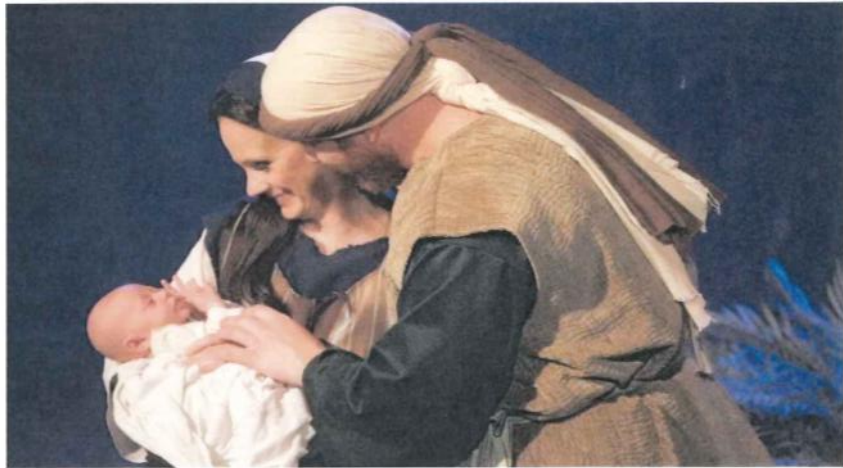
Meeting to follow

“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 8th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am*



Nursing Home Ministry

*Come out and join us on
Tuesday, October 8th
for this ministry.
Hope to see you there!*

*Wednesday, October 9th
Business Conference*



*Thursday, October 10th
Quilt Club*



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 rota-
tion schedule, please contact*

*Vanessa Smoak
Thank You*

Celebrating  174 years of God's Faithfulness

Great Swamp Baptist Church
909 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

GSBC Prayer Pages October 6, 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
Inreach Ministry*

Bereavement

Family of

Other Health Needs

*Dan Peeples (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)*

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

Truett Vaigneur

Mike Mingledorff

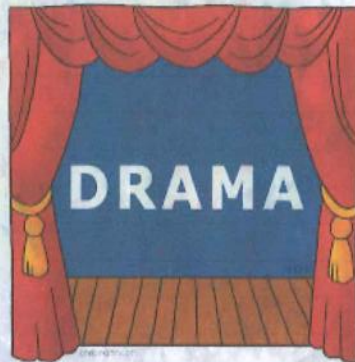
For Prayer Needs

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*



October 7th Donna Carter

October 8th Nicole King

October 10th Tom Hinely

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>	\$ 3,465.91	\$4,982.79	-\$ 1,153.06
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 363.82		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trips</i>	\$ 1,030.00	*****	\$ 10,005.40
<i>Youth Annex</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 1,382.07
<i>Sojourners SS Class</i>	\$ 45.00	*****	\$ 327.04
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$ 5.00	*****	\$ 25.00
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 106.00	*****	\$ 407.00
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$ 133.00	*****	\$ 332.33
<i>OCC</i>	\$ 48.25	*****	\$ 554.71
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 210.00
<i>Concert</i>	\$ 627.00	*****	\$ 0.00

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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