

WHO ARE THE

Gideon's?



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
January 26, 2020*

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude *Wayne Cooler*

The Welcome
Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Call to Worship
Hymn # 448 "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Invocation *Bjo Mills*

Gideon Speaker *Larry Stocker*

Selections of Praise and Worship
"Days of Elijah"

We Pray for Special Needs *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer
Offertory
Offertory Special *GSBC Praise Band*
"Your Love, Oh Lord"

Message *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Invitation

Benediction

Regular Services Tonight @ 6:00pm.



Greeters

Today: Dora Reynolds / Krey Lowther

Next Week: Lisa Cartin / Krey Lowther



Nursery Workers

Today: Vandy Amason / Natalie

Next Week: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley

Next Week: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today: Bjo Mills

843-726-4344

Next Week: Michael Daley

843-505-0998

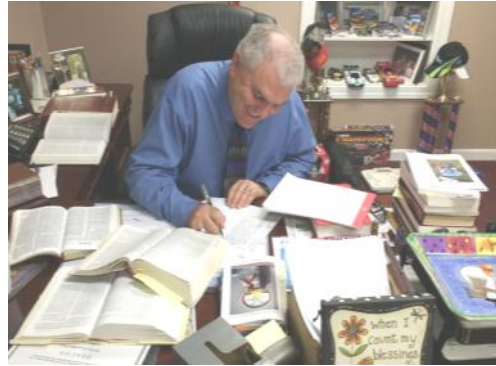


Toll Committee

For the month of February

Bernice Malphrus / Bonnie Pope

*From
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



Jesus' View of the Harvest

(John 4:25-42)

Intro: I was raised in the country, however, I really was never much involved in farming or gardening activities. My grandmother and my mother had a garden each year but because we lived in the mountains, most of the gardens were not very big ones. Rarely in our part of the mountains did you see anyone who made a living off of farming because of the difficulty of doing so in the mountains.

However, things changed when we moved to Missouri so that I could attend Seminary. While at Midwestern Seminary, I pastored a small country church where nearly every member made their living off of some kind of farming. Then when I graduated from Seminary, the Lord moved me to a church in the middle of the state called the First Baptist Church of Fayette.

Now Fayette was a small town about the size of Ridgeland. The town was surrounded by large farms. Farms that were in the hundreds of acres. I can't tell you how many times I had to drive my vehicles at crawling speeds because I was stuck behind farming equipment driving down the road. However, I was always admiring the hard work these farmers did and I was always grateful that it was them and not me.

Though I am not involved in actual farming work, the truth is that God has called for all of His people to be farmers. Particularly He has called us to help get involved in the harvesting of souls. In order to do that we need to understand Jesus' view of harvesting. In other words, what does He have to say to us about the harvest? Well, let us find out in the verses we are looking at.

I. first, let us notice that Jesus' view of the harvest is that it is to be perceived. (vs. 34-35).

In these verses, Jesus' disciples have returned from town with food they purchased to give to Jesus. However, Jesus doesn't eat the food they bring out to Him because His mind and efforts are now pointed in a different direction than the fact of His own need for nourishment. For while the disciples were in town, Jesus was witnessing to a lady who needed to be saved, and now she is on a mission to go and get the people of the town to come and find out about Jesus as well. This is what Jesus is

more concerned about than eating. He must look upon and focus upon the harvest.

Now this is what Jesus was challenging His disciples to do when He said to them, "open your eyes and look at the fields they are ripe for harvest." Jesus was saying to them that their focus was in the wrong direction. They were looking at things that were more selfish and as well as more physical in nature. So they needed to get their eyes off of themselves and take a look and see that there was a field in need of harvesting and that field should be the focus of their attention.

Now this challenge that Jesus was giving to His disciples, He is also giving to us. The truth is that He is commanding all of His people to stop focusing upon our own mere selfish and physical concerns but rather open our eyes and see that there is a field of souls that need to be harvested. This is where our focus and priority must be directed. Have you opened your eyes to see the fields that need to be harvested?

II. Second, let us notice that Jesus' view of the harvest is that it is people. (vs. 28-30).

So, when Jesus told His disciples to look out at the fields because they were ready for harvest, He wasn't referring to actual physical crops growing in the field. For He had already said you say there are four more months left to the harvest to come into play. So what field of harvest was Jesus referring to that was ready for harvesting? If it wasn't actual crops, what was He referring to?

Well, the woman Jesus was witnessing to had left her water jars at the well and ran into town to get the people to come out to the well to see and hear from Jesus. So, what I believe that Jesus was pointing out to His disciples was not actual fields that surrounded them where the crops had only just been planted. Rather, the field in need of harvesting that He was commanding them to see was the people coming from town to see Jesus. That's the field He wanted them to see and focus upon. That is the field that was desperately in need of harvesting.

Folks, Jesus came to save people. Now His coming has and will affect all of His creation. However, His primary focus for coming into the world was and is the salvation of the lost souls of humanity. God is calling us to focus upon reaching people, all persons regardless of who they are. Are we following Jesus in putting people as our priority to reach out with all one being to harvest into the Kingdom of God?

III. Third, let us notice that Jesus' view of the harvest is that it is in the present. (vs. 34-36)

Jesus was saying to His disciples, you say that there are four more months to harvest but I am telling you that the time of the harvest is now. As a matter of fact, Jesus clearly said, "Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life..." (vs. 36).

You see the field of physical crops may see need four more months to produce. However, the field of lost souls are already ripe Jesus said and in need of harvesting. If we are not harvesting the souls of men and women, it is not because we are having to wait for them to get ready and ripen. Rather it is because we are unwilling to see and do our part to harvest them. So, let's stop waiting because the harvest is ready now, and instead, let's start going.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that Jesus' view of the harvest is that it is plentiful.

When Jesus was encouraging His disciples to look at the fields ripe unto harvest, meaning the people coming out to Him from the town, He was pointing out into a whole lot of people because the indication is that basically the entire town was coming out to Him. So this harvest He was calling the attention of His disciples to look at was plentiful.

We should never have the point of view that there is no one out there for us to witness to. Jesus said on another occasion that, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field." (Matt. 9:37-38). What we need to remember is that every person who's not saved is the harvest and tragically that number is enormous. So, if the harvest is plentiful so should be the workers.

V. Fifth, let us notice that Jesus' view of the harvest is that it is pluralistic. (vs. 36-38).

In these verses, Jesus mentions both the sower and the reaper. Jesus is revealing to His disciples that harvesting is a teamwork. It is not a one man job. Nor is it a few persons, or even a decent group of people. No, all of God's people are to be involved in the works of bringing souls to Christ. Jesus told His disciples before He ascended back to Heaven that they all were to be His witnesses. So, ask the Lord to show you how you can team up with God's people to harvest the souls of lost humanity. It will take us all.

VI. Sixth, let us notice that Jesus' view of the harvest is that it is pleasant.
(vs. 36-42).

Jesus said, "...that the sower and the reaper may be glad together." (vs.36). Then we read in the latter verses of our current set of verses that the Samaritan people who came out to Him because of the woman's testimony were so pleased with Jesus, His message, His salvation and eternal life He gave that they wanted Him to stay. There is nothing more rewarding than leading people to Jesus and for the lost there is nothing more pleasant than coming to Christ.

Concl. So, let us open our eyes to the fields of ripe souls that need to be harvested and then let us go out unto those fields and do the work of harvesting by sharing the love of Christ and His eternal salvation.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



**The Gideons
International**



We are pleased to have representatives of The Gideons International with us in our service this morning. The Gideons distribute scripture in 107 languages, and in 200 countries, around the world. They also place Bible in hotels, medical offices and hospitals. If you wish to make a donation to support this work, the Gideon representatives will have baskets at the exit doors at the end of the service.

If you write a check, please make it payable to:

"The Gideons Internationalsl."

GSBC Prayer Pages January 26, 2020

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Mack Pope (9/19)
Deidre White (11/12)
Mandy Drew (1/12)
Chelsea Lake (1/17)*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Becky Jones-Anderson
Royce Malphrus-RNC
Dot Tindal-NHC*

Special Requests

David Meador-Job

Church Needs

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

Unspoken

*Olivia & Juan Garcia
Jessica Cleland
David Meador
Steve Crosby*

Spiritual Guidance

Cancer / Treatments

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)
Sidney (8/15)
Douglas Denegel (9/16)
Donald Fludd (9/30)
Pam Stanley (1/17)
Lynn Braden (1/19)
Mary Ann Rowell (1/19)
Tommy Deal (1/21)
Mark McDougal (1/21)
Mark Tuten (1/21)
Becky Goretzka*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry
Abide Wednesday Services*

Bereavement

Family of

Other Health Needs

*Dan Peeples (6/26)
Charles Maney (7/2)
Lee Martin (7/3)
Danny Breland (9/19)
Wallace Malphrus (11/1)
Cookie Daley (11/19)
Margaret Davis (11/19)
James Harris (12/10)
Jane Gorman (12/19)
Paul Malphrus, Jr. (12/19)
Pinky Rushing (1/22)
Kelly Chapman (1/23)*

Expecting / Births

*Sophia Sineath
Ashleii Lynch*

Please Continue To Remember

*Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley
Redden Tuten
Vera Floyd
Bobby Mohn*

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Lois Bootle
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Ann Blocker*

*Gary Way
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith
Dot Tindal
Keith Floyd*



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

ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Wednesdays 7pm

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd Ridgeland 29936

All ages welcome



OVERCOMER

Movie Night
Sunday
February 9th

Food & Fellowship
@ 5pm
Our movie will follow
the fellowship
@ around 6pm

Found on CineMaterial.com

Announcements

Tuesday, January 28th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am



Praise & Worship
Wednesday, January 29th



Quilt Club
Thursday, January 30th
Will be working from home until
Youth Annex Building is completed



January 28th

Ben Mills
Burnette Pinckney

January 29th

Rodney Malphrus, Jr.
Keith Gamo

January 31st

Sawyer Smoak

February 1st

Gary Way

Women's Bible Study

*Every Thursday @ 6:00 pm
In the MPB
Come out and Join us.
Contact Carol Davis
for more info*



*“For even the
Son of Man
did not come to be
served, but to serve,
and to give his life
as a ransom for*

Wednesday Nights @ 7:00 pm
*Do you know a young girl in the
1st through the 6th grades?
We want to invite them to our
Servant's Heart Clubhouse
to learn about the blessing of serving others.*
Any Questions call
Diane Thames @ 843-321-0806
or
Carol Davis @ 226-0258

Announcement



*Office Mailboxes have been moved into the printer room.
Please check and empty boxes at least once a week.*



Senior's Valentine Day Luncheon

Date: *Friday, February 14th*

Time: *Noon*

Place: *MPB, Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sign Up Sheet is in the Foyer



Wednesday Night SUPPER



Shepherd's Pie
Green Beans
Rolls
Desserts
Tea & Coffee
Youth Cooking Team
\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of
4 or more

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*
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>	\$ 3,566.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 1,416.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>WNS</i>	\$ 153.50	*****	\$ 497.96
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 39.00	*****	\$ 239.28
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 40.00	*****	\$ 116.32
<i>Senior Trip Deposits</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 1,393.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 1,439.99	*****	\$ 1,439.99
<i>SFCA Janitorial Supplies</i>	\$ 500.00	*****	\$ 375.21
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 679.00	*****	\$ 123.89
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 240.00
<i>SFCA Repairs</i>	\$ 47.33	*****	\$ 47.33

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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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