



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 579 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Invocation

Mack Pope

Focus on WMU

Selections of Praise and Worship

Hymn # 567 "Share His Love"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Abide

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

Regular Services Tonight @ 6:00pm



Greeters

Today: Tom Benton / Krey Lowther

Next Week: Sherry Toland / Krey Lowther



Nursery Workers

Today: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges

Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus



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: Keith Gamo

843-986-8745



Toll Committee

For the month of February

Bernice Malphrus / Bonnie Pope

*From
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



Some Lessons on Prayer For the Corinthian Believers (II Corinthians 1:8-11)

Intro: The Apostle Paul's two letters that he wrote to the Corinthian Believers make up the longest writings that he did for any church recorded in the Word of God. Now the reason why he wrote so much to them is because they were so immature and so worldly. Therefore, he had to teach them many lessons on how to live the Christian life. One of those lessons was on the subject of prayer. Today I want us to examine these lessons for our own understanding of prayer.

Now the context of these verses we are examining has to do with the comfort that God has shown to the Apostle Paul and to the Believers in general. This comfort came at a very difficult period in the life of Paul, and what he is going to show us is how the comfort came about through the means of prayer.

I. The first lesson on Prayer is the person who must pray. (vs. 11).

In this verse Paul reveals who is to be doing the praying that needs to be done. He says, "As you help us by your prayers." So to answer the question who is to be doing the praying, you simply have to answer who the you is in the verse just read.

Well the answer to the question is also simple. All you have to do is to know who he is writing to in order to answer who the "you" is. We find that answer in verse one of this chapter. Paul tells us that he is addressing, "the Church of God in Corinth, together with all the Saints throughout Achaia." Achaia is predominantly the country of Greece. So, the "you" that Paul was addressing was all the Believers in the city of Corinth and throughout all the country of Greece. It is no wonder that Paul also says in verse eleven "...for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many."

Now the point I am emphasizing here is that Paul is asking all Believers to participate in the activity of prayer. Hope, renewal, revival, deliverance and comfort will all be possible when all of God's people take seriously the activity of prayer. As the old saying goes the more the merrier. Well the prayer of more of God's people, actually all of them, will result in the comfort of more. So are you one of the many that Paul mentioned who are praying?

II. The second lesson on prayer is the purpose for praying. (vs. 8-10).

Paul reveals two purposes for praying that I would like for us to examine. There are actually other purposes which I am going to give under other headings in a few moments. But let us focus on two of the purposes that Paul mentions for this present point.

- A. **The first purpose that Paul mentions is because of the roughness of life. (vs. 8-9).** *By this I am referring to the hardships, trials, and tribulations that we face in life. Paul shows us that life had gotten so rough for him and his companions that they despaired even of life. He is saying that all the trials they were facing were so overwhelming that they didn't see hardly any chance of surviving through them. As a matter of fact his saying that he was sure that they were going to die.*
- B. *However, Paul says that because of their many prayers, they prayed on the behalf of him and his companions not only did God deliver them once but rather over and over again. So, that because of their death sentence, they felt weighing heavily upon them was canceled out with a renewed spirit of comfort, hope and life.*
- C. *This means that we must pray, pray, pray because so many of our fellow brothers and sisters feel the heavy weight of the hardships we face in this life and if they are going to sense renewed comfort, hope and life again, they will need our prayers for their deliverance again and again. Also, we ourselves need others to do the same for us. So, again let us pray, pray, pray.*

B. The second purpose that Paul mentions is our reliance upon the Lord. (vs.9). *Paul said that God allowed these things to happen in his life, and his companions with him, "that we might not rely on ourselves but on God."(vs9). We've already seen in the previous point that by leaning upon themselves the only thing they were able to do for themselves was to despair of life itself. Their own strength told them that their lives were finished, over, and basically dead.*

However, when they came to the end of themselves, they began to rely upon the Lord, and it was through that reliance that they were able to rise above their sense of hope, comfort and life.

Again, it was the prayers of God's people that helped them to rely upon the Lord, and as well prayer in the primary way that we demonstrate our reliance upon the Lord. It is God's desire that we rely upon Him, because He is God, and because He is God He loves us and wants to take care of us. However, when we refuse to pray we are saying we can get along without Him. But Paul shows that it is impossible from his own experience as well as our own Experiences, tell us the same thing. So, Child of God let us pray, pray, pray that we may rely upon the Lord.

III. Third, the third lesson on prayer is the power available in prayers. (vs. 9-10).

Praise be to our God because Paul reveals two amazing powers available through the means of prayer. Let us take a look at these two amazing powers available.

- A. **The first power available is the power of the resurrection. (vs. 9).** *Paul in this verse tells us directly that God has the power to raise the dead. Now what is amazing is that Paul puts this resurrection of the dead in the in the present tense. He "raises the dead." Paul could say that He raises the dead because our Lord raised Himself up out of the grave proving that He had conquered death.*

Paul could also say He raises the dead because God had used him as well as the Apostle Peter to pray for some people that had died that they might live again and they did. The Apostle Peter prayed for a lady named Dorcus who had died and she resurrected. (Acts 9:36-43). The Apostle Paul prayed for a young man named Eutychus who fell out of a window where Paul was preaching and died. Paul's prayer was heard and the young man lived again. (Acts 20:7-12).

Finally, Paul knew that God raises the dead because though he had not actually died, he all but had and out of the throws of that sentence of death God resurrected him back to hope, comfort and life.

So prayer helps to release that resurrection power of our Lord to deliver us from the sentence of death and to give us renewed hope, strength, comfort and life itself. So, pray with confidence because there is resurrection power available.

B. The second power available is the power of repetition. (vs. 10). Paul clearly said that by the prayers of God's people and the resurrection power of our Lord that He has delivered him, will deliver him and will continue to deliver him and his companions. God's power is not limited by time, space, or anything else. Therefore He can and will deliver again and again as we pray and rely upon Him. Oh, blessed be the name of our Lord who has and will continue to deliver us. But we pray to experience that continued power of our Lord. So again, let us pray, pray, pray.

IV. The fourth lesson on prayer is the praise resulting from prayer.

Finally Paul teaches the Corinthians and us as well that when we pray and deliverance takes place it results in giving praise to our God. For it allows us to point our fingers to Heaven and great things He hath done. As a matter of fact it allows us to say He has done it all. Oh, let us pray that we might give Him all the honor and praise as we see the answer to our prayer. Our whole life is to be lived to give Him all the glory, honor and praise.

Concl. Often in class we don't really pay attention to the teacher or the lesson. Or we listen but we fail to implement what we have learned. Well, may this be one time that we neither fail to listen or fail to implement Paul's lessons to the Corinthian Believers on prayer. For by their lessons we can release the power of God to deliver our brothers and sisters again and again which will result in giving our Lord praise and honor in answering our prayers. So pray, pray, pray!!!

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Saturday, February 22, 2020

1:00—3:00 pm

Port Royal Baptist Church

SRBA WMU has planned this enjoyable event for everyone. Our goal is to promote missions in our association. There will be a variety of entertaining and learning activities: bounce house, games, missions information and hot dogs.

To reserve a space for your display or for additional information,
contact: Joyce Bunton, WMU Director
843-812-0638, buntonj2@hargray.com or
Nell Simmons, WMU Missions Leaders
404-788-0131, socarolinagal@gmail.com

GSBC Prayer Pages February 16, 2020

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Pam Stanley-MUSC

Surgery / Recovery

*Mack Pope (9/19)
Deidre White (11/12)
Mandy Drew (1/12)
Chelsea Lake (1/17)
Jennifer Resh (1/6)
Alice Reynolds (2/12)*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Becky Jones-Anderson
Royce Malphrus-RNC
Betty Robertson-Encompass*

Special Requests

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

Church Needs

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

Unspoken

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

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 (2/12)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Please Continue To Remember

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

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry
Abide Wednesday Services*

Bereavement

Family of

Other Health Needs

*Charles Maney (7/2)
Danny Breland (9/19)
Cookie Daley (11/19)
James Harris (12/10)
Jane Gorman (12/19)
Paul Malphrus, Jr. (12/19)
Pinky Rushing (1/22)
Gary Malphrus (2/3)
Morgan Scherger (2/13)
Diana Hannah (2/13)*

Expecting / Births

*Sophia Sineath
Ashleii Lynch
Courtney Humbert
Brantley Lawson*

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



Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team

*Betty Robertson
Vera Miles*

For Prayer Needs

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



Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
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*



*St. Helena Baptist Church
Saturday, April 4, 2020*

Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship and inspiration.

The missionary speaker will be Peter Copeland, Mission Service Corps, North American Mission Board. He is a resort missionary and evangelism catalyst in Myrtle Beach, SC.

SC WMU representative will be Becka whose responsibilities include Students and Baptist Nursing Fellowship. She grew up in Tanzania, East Africa, and spent twenty years as a missionary in Africa and the Middle East. (For security, her last name isn't used.)

- 9:30 Registration (coffee and pastries)
- 10:00 Program
- 11:30 Salad lunch (each church brings salads to share)



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>Alex Síneath</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>18th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>19th</i>	<i>Vera Miles</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>Debbie Hodge</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Pat Azzarelli</i>



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<i>Saturday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Ron & Lucille Degler</i> <i>Ronnie & Ann Nettles</i>

Prayer Breakfast



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am

All Welcome

ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Wednesdays 7pm

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd Ridgeland 29936

All ages welcome

Quilt Club

Every Thursday



Will be working

from home until

Youth Annex Building is completed



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

Men's Wild Game Banquet

767 Palmetto Avenue (Old Door Plant)

Varnville, SC 29944

Saturday, March 14, 2020 6:00pm

Door Prizes

(Must be present to win)



MENU:



Venison Wild Hog Boiled Shrimp Turkey Rice
Fried Frog Legs Quail Cole Slaw Banana Pudding

Guest Speaker:

John Godwin (Duck Commander)

Tickets: \$10.00 per person



For more information contact:

Wade Freeman: 803-942-3147

Jim Vincent: 803-943-6105

Varnville First Baptist: 803-943-3089

To Pay and Print tickets go to:

www.menswildgamebanquet.com

Tickets may be purchased in person at the following locations:

Hampton, SC

Ace Hardware

Freeman Agency

Palmetto State Bank - ALL Locations

Hampton, Estill, Allendale, Fairfax, Beaufort, Bluffton



To Be Announced
Desserts
Tea & Coffee
Keith Gamo 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>	\$ 4,840.00	\$ 4,982.47	+ \$ 142.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>WNS</i>	\$ 208.00	*****	\$ 100.95
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 115.00	*****	(\$ 14.94)
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 40.00	*****	\$ 235.48
<i>Senior Trip Deposits</i>	\$ 20.00	*****	\$ 1,488.00
<i>Youth Camp Deposit</i>	\$ 160.00	*****	\$ 1,090.63

Address:

Ashley River Tower
c/o Pam Stanley
Room # 36
25 Courtenay Dr.
Charleston, SC 29401



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PO Box 446
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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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