



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
February 23, 2020*

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 217 "Oh, How I Love Jesus"

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Focus on WMU

Selections of Praise and Worship

"Your Words"

"Behold the Lamb"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Special

Sadie O'Connor

"More Than Anything"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

Regular Services Tonight @ 6:00pm



Greeters

Today: Sherry Toland / Krey Lowther

Next Week: Dorthie Armstrong / Krey Lowther



Nursery Workers

Today: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus

Next Week: Vicky Roberts / Emma



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 March

Latrelle Steedly / Dorthie Armstrong

*From
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



He Cried Out To The Lord

(Psalm 118:1-29)

Intro: The historical context of this Psalm is not exactly known. Some think that it was written by King David. Others believe that King Hezekiah wrote it, while others believe that it could have been someone else altogether. Also, some think that it was written before the Jewish people were taken into captivity. While others believe that it was written after the Jewish people returned back to the land of Israel.

So, with all the varying opinions on the origin of this particular Psalm, it seems as though the one thing we can say about it is that it speaks to a broad group of people for all time periods. In other words, it's message was clearly pertinent in the past as well as now and in the future.

Now one of those messages in this particular Psalm that clearly stands out is that the author of this Psalm believed wholeheartedly in the saving, rescuing and delivering power of prayer. For he tells us that in his anguish and distress he cried out to the Lord and the Lord delivered him. So, what I would like for us to consider is what drove the Psalmist to believe that God would hear and answer his Prayer?

I. First he cried out to the Lord because he was distressed. (vs. 5).

Now what was distressing to the Psalmist is unknown to us. However, one thing is clear, he was facing an enemy that was beyond his ability to cope with; or stand against or clearly not defeat.

When you are facing these kind of odds that are distressing you and causing you to anguish, you clearly need someone whom you can cry out to. You need to be able to just scream out for help and know that someone is there to hear that scream. The truth is, sadly, we for the most part hope and pray that people won't bother us with their cries for help. We hope and pray that they will turn to someone else to cry out to with their problems and matters that are distressing them.

Well, thank our blessed Lord that when we are distressed, He is there to listen to our cries, our tears, our pains and our anguish. As a matter of fact, He pleads with us to come to Him and cry out to Him with our anguish and our distress for His help.

Psalm 120:1 says, "I call upon the Lord in my distress, and He answers me."

Psalm 121:1-2 says, "I will lift my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and earth."

Hebrew 4:16 says, "Let us then approach the Throne of Grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

So, Child of God, let us cry out to the Lord in our time of distress because He eagerly awaits for us to cry out to Him and show our dependence upon Him and our need of Him.

II. Second he cried out to the Lord because of His everlasting love. (vs. 1-4).

In these verses, the Psalmist calls upon the nation of Israel and all who fear the Lord to declare about the everlasting love of the Lord. So, when this Psalmist cried out to the Lord, he knew that he was crying out to someone that loved him more than anyone else loved him, and he knew that He loved him with that kind of love for all eternity. When you know that God loves you with the strongest of love, and that, that kind of love is demonstrated to you for all eternity, why wouldn't you call upon Him in your distress.

Let us be reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul in the Book of Romans. "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? If it is God who justifies. Who is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

III. Third he cried out to the Lord because the Lord was with him. (vs.6-7).

In these two verses, the Psalmist declares twice that the Lord is with me. What a blessing to literally be able to say that the Lord is with me. This is the promise that the Lord makes to all of His people and not only does He promise to be with us, but He also promises that He will never leave us or forsake us.

Therefore, this means that anytime we are in anguish and distress, no matter where we are or what time of the day it is, we can cry out and be heard because our beloved Lord is with us. Amen and Praise the Lord.

IV. Fourth he cried out to the Lord and could be trusted. (vs. 8-9)

In these verses, the Psalmist is saying that he couldn't really trust even the most powerful men to help him in his distress. The reason he couldn't trust them is because of mankind's human frailty and human depravity.

However, our Lord is not affected by either human frailty or human depravity. Therefore, we can trust Him to be able to deliver us and set us free for He truly is what we truly aren't and that is God. Now that is indeed who you can trust.

V. Fifth he cried out to the Lord because of the strength of the Lord. (vs. 10-18).

In these verses what the Psalmist shows is that though he himself was not able to defeat his enemies in the name of the Lord he could and did. God's power was all the strength he needed to come out of his anguish and distress. His power is even the power over death, hell and the grave and it is available to all of God's people.

The Apostle Paul's prayer for us all is that we would come to understand the power that God has available for us. Ephesians 1:18-23 says, "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."

With this power available we would be crazy not to cry out to the Lord in our distress.

Concl. I have got one thing to say to you when you know that our Lord is listening when we cry out in our distress and when you also know that He loves you with an everlasting love, and when you know that He is with you at all times, and when you know that He alone can be trusted, and has the strength and power of Heaven and earth, then cry out to Him in your distress and He will set you free.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Donations Needed:

Boxes of Spaghetti Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce
Desserts

Drop off at SFCA Office
9009 Tarboro Rd, Ridgeland, SC

GSBC Prayer Pages February 23, 2020

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

*Pam Stanley-MUSC
Kevin Malphrus-HHH
Rose Boyles-CCH*

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*

*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
Troy Altman
Ethel Cleland*

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)
Rodney Malphrus, Sr (2/21)*

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

*Truett Vaigneur
Mike Mingledorff
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>23rd</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>24th</i>	<i>Christopher Waitt</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>27th</i>	<i>Sarah Malphirus</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>28th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>N/A</i>



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<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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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



BBQ Sandwiches
Slaw / Later Tots / Baked Beans
Desserts
Tea & Coffee
Youth Cooking Team
\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of

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>	\$ 2,647.02	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 2,079.90
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 255.55		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>WNS</i>	\$ 160.00	*****	\$ 260.95
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 77.00	*****	\$ 62.06
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 60.00	*****	\$ 295.48
<i>Youth Camp Deposit</i>	\$ 133.00	*****	\$ 1,223.63

Corrected Address:

*Ashley River Tower
c/o Pam Stanley
Room # 7036
25 Courtenay Dr.*



**Baby Bottles
are due back this week!!!**



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9009 Tarboro 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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