



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
February 9, 2020*

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 10 "How Great Thou Art"

Invocation

Wilbur Daley

Selections of Praise and Worship

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

GSBC Praise Band

"The Thief"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Connie Benton / Krey Lowther

Next Week: Tom Benton / Krey Lowther



Nursery Workers

Today: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak

Next Week: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley

Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today: Wilbur Daley

843-305-0110

Next Week: Mack Pope

843-540-6636



Toll Committee

For the month of February

Bernice Malphrus / Bonnie Pope

*From
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



Prayer That Keeps Us Fighting

(Eph. 6:18-20)

Intro: Tammy and I went to see the movie 1917 the other night. The movie is about two young soldiers selected to go and deliver a message to an army unit that is about to fall into a trap set for them. If these men can't reach this unit then the likelihood is that almost the entire unit of nearly 1,600 men will be slaughtered.

Now however, the problem for these men delivering the message is that they have only 24 hours to deliver the message and they will have to go through some of the enemy territory in order to reach the unit to which they are delivering the message.

So, the movie is about their journey of delivering their message, and all the perils, and trials they faced on the way. These perils, trials, and struggles could have easily caused most men to give up. But thankfully these men refused to give up, because so many men's lives were at stake.

Now I tell this story because the Apostle Paul reminds us that we are in a battle as well, a battle over the souls of lost humanity and a battle over the faithfulness of God's people to the Lord. Like the two men in the movie who refused to give up and fought on for their fellow soldiers, so must we not give up or in but rather fight on. So, in our verses Paul is going to show us the key to keep on fighting in the midst of the perils of war, and that key is prayer. Prayer is how a fully suited soldier stays in the battle for the souls of lost humanity and faithfulness of God's people.

I. First, Prayer that keeps us fighting is prayer that is prayed in the Spirit. (vs. 18).

This is exactly the first thing he says here about prayer that it must be done in the Spirit. Because the word Spirit is capitalized, we know that he is referring to the Holy Spirit of God.

So what does it mean to pray in the Spirit? Well, what he doesn't mean is that it is some kind of secret language or unknown language that you pray with. Rather praying in the Spirit means that we are praying in agreement with what the Spirit of God stands for. So we pray in such a way that we know that the Spirit of God

wants us to pray, and the way we do that is to pray in accordance with God's Word in mind for the Spirit of God inspired God's Holy Word.

Dr. John MacArthur said, "To pray in the Spirit is to pray in concert with the Spirit, who, 'helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groaning to deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.'" (Rom. 8:26-27). As the Spirit of grace and of supplication, the Holy Spirit continually prays for us; and for us to pray rightly is to pray as He prays, to join our petitions to His and our will to His."

II. Second, Prayer that keeps us fighting is prayer that is prayed on all occasions. (vs. 18).

When Paul says here to pray on all occasions what he is telling us is that we are to pray continuously. In other words, we are to live in a constant attitude of prayer.

This challenge of Paul to pray on all occasions is clearly promoted throughout the Word of God, especially by Jesus Himself. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus gave His disciples a parable to encourage them to pray at all times. Luke tells us that that is why He gives the parable. "Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." (Luke 18:1). In the parable Jesus tells about an unjust judge who doesn't fear God or care about men. A widow kept coming to this judge in order to get some justice she was seeking. At first the judge was reluctant to help her. However, because she refused to give up he finally gave in and gave her the justice she was seeking because he was tired of her begging him.

So the point of the parable is that if an unjust judge will bring justice to this widow because of her continually pleading with him, how much more will God do for His children whom He loves when they cry out to Him day and night. So let us pray as Paul says elsewhere, unceasingly. (1 Thess. 5:17).

III. Third, Prayer that keeps us fighting is prayer that is prayed in every kind of manner. (vs. 18).

The way Paul put it here is to pray, "with all kinds of prayers and requests." as we saw in the previous point we are to pray on all occasions. Well depending on the occasion will often determine what kind of prayer you will pray. A simple example is that you want to pray in the same manner when you're driving your car as when you are praying in Church. I like the way a preacher from the past put it. "This suggests that we must avail ourselves of every method and approach in prayer. There is private prayer, family prayer,

silent prayer, audible prayer, mealtime prayer, church meeting prayer, the set time for prayer, the emergency prayer. A constant sense of God's nearness and a consciousness of our need of Him will make us versatile in our prayer life. At times our prayer will take on one mode; again it will assume a different appeal altogether. There are prayers of commission, prayers of thanksgiving, prayers of intercession, prayers of supplication, and prayers of petition, and the true soldier of Jesus Christ will practice them all from time to time. We should pray at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances."

IV. Fourth, Prayer that keeps us fighting is prayer that is prayed for all of God's people. (vs.18).

Paul is reminding us here that the war and fight for the souls of lost people and the faithfulness of God's people can't be fought by just one individual, or by a small number of God's people. This battle requires the involvement of all the saints. Therefore we must absolutely leave out none of the people of God when it comes to prayer. All of God's people need the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to fight the good fight of the faith. Therefore let us keep on praying for each and all of the people of God.

V. Fifth, Prayer that keeps us fighting is prayer that is prayed for the right objection. (vs.19).

As I've been saying all along we are in a war and battle for the souls of lost humanity. Paul clearly agrees with my assessment. Therefore Paul calls upon God's people to pray for a very specific objective and that objective is that God would give him the words, the opportunities, the boldness to preach and proclaim the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. For this is the commission and command that God has given to us to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This bold task will require more than we humanly can produce. However, with God's leadership it can be accomplished and for this reason we pray that we might know the power of His resurrection to embolden us forward.

Concl. A soldier's task often seems out of reach or as if you would just plain impossible. However, the Apostle Paul knew and understood that if God's people prayed continuously with all manner of prayers, and prayed for one another that we would be bold in presenting the Gospel to our lost world then he knew we could get the job done. So, Children of God, let us keep on praying so we can stay in the fight.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



FAMILY MISSIONS FUN*DAY

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 9, 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)*

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*

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
Harriett Merritt's Son*

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)
Gary Malphrus (2/3)*

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*



Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team

Truett Vaigneur & Mike Mingleдорff

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>9th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Allen Malphrus</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>N/A</i>



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<i>Monday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Tom & Connie Benton</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Rodney & April Malphrus</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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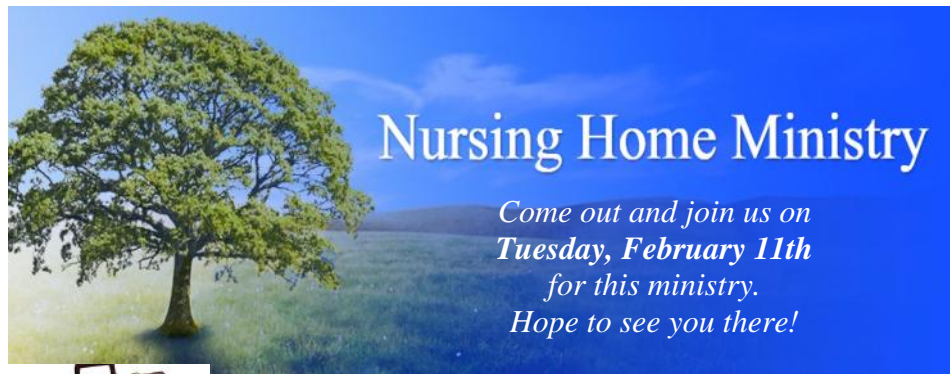
Deacon's Meeting

Monday, February 10th



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am

All Welcome



Business Conference

Wednesday, February 12th



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

ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Wednesdays
7pm

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd Ridgeland 29936

All ages welcome



Senior's Valentine Day Luncheon

Date: *Friday, February 14th*

Time: *Noon*

Place: *MPB, Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sign Up Sheet on the Bulletin Board



Chicken 'n Fixins

Desserts

Tea & Coffee

Dorthie Armstrong 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>	\$ 5,817.00	\$ 4,982.47	+ \$ 1,084.53
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 250.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$ 159.00	*****	\$ 930.63
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 120.00	*****	\$ 444.28
<i>Kitchen Supplies (Meals Ministry)</i>	\$ 10.00	*****	\$ 201.32
<i>Senior Trip Deposits</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 1,468.00
<i>Youth Camp Deposit</i>	\$ 41.00	*****	\$ —
<i>Annie Armstrong Offering</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 50.00
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 1,219.83
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$ 70.00	*****	\$ 515.00

Memorial

*A gift of \$30.00 was given to the General Fund
 In Memory of Oscar Rivera
 By Robert M. & Jeannine Malphrus & Aurelia Koschel.*



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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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