

*And it is my prayer*  
**THAT YOUR LOVE**  
*may abound more and more,*  
WITH KNOWLEDGE AND ALL DISCERNMENT,  
*so that you may approve what is excellent,*  
AND SO BE PURE AND BLAMELESS  
*for the day of Christ,*  
FILLED WITH THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS  
*that comes through Jesus Christ,*  
TO THE GLORY AND PRAISE OF GOD.  
*Philippians 1:7-11*

***Great Swamp Baptist Church***  
***March 8, 2020***

# Great Swamp Baptist Church

March 8, 2020

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

## Prelude

## The Welcome

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Call to Worship

Hymn # 406

*"The Solid Rock"*

## Invocation

*Michael Daley*

## Selections of Praise and Worship

*"Mighty To Save"*

*"The Love of God"*

## We Pray for Special Needs

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Special

*Mended*

*"Death Was Arrested"*

## Message

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Invitation

## Benediction

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*Regular Services Tonight @ 6:00pm*



Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<b><i>Tithes &amp; General Budget</i></b>	<b>\$ 5,951.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,982.47</b>	<b>+ \$ 968.53</b>
<b><i>Online Offerings</i></b>	<b>\$</b>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$ 183.00	*****	\$ 1,575.63
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 78.00	*****	\$ 247.06
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 1,319.83
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 565.00
<i>VBS</i>	\$ 1.00	*****	\$ 454.21



**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**

**Today: Michael Daley: 843-505-0998**

**Next Week: Wilbur Daley: 843-305-0110**



**Greeters**

**Today: Duane Armstrong / Krey Lowther**

**Next Week: Fred Stanley / Krey Lowther**

*From  
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



## **Paul's Prayer For the Philippian Believers**

*(Philippians 1:1-11)*

*Intro: The Apostle Paul set a great example of how we should be praying for one another in his prayer that he prayed for the Philippian Believers. So, I would like for us to examine the aspects of this prayer closely and ask the Lord to help us emulate this kind of praying at our church for one another.*

### **I. First, let us notice the attitudes that Paul expressed in his prayer for the Philippians. (vs. 3-4,8)**

*There are at least three different attitudes that Paul expresses when he prayed for the Philippian Believers. The first of the attitudes he expressed was the attitude of thankfulness. In his prayer for them he thanks God for them.*

*The second attitude that Paul expressed in his prayer for them was the attitude of joyfulness. He said, "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy." (vs. 4).*

*Now the third attitude that Paul expressed was one that seemed to come about as he prayed for them. In other words, as he prayed for them with thanksgiving and joy, he was evoked into longingness to be with them. (vs. 8).*

*The thing I want us to consider is what led the Apostle Paul to pray with these positive attitudes for the Philippian Believers? Well, I believe there are at least three reasons we can find in this set of verses as to why he did.*

*First, I submit to you that the Apostle Paul prayed with these particular attitudes for them because of who they were. In verse three and four, he keeps talking about remembering you and praying for you with joy and thanksgiving. So, the question is who are the you? Well, you say the Philippian Believers and you would be right. However, Paul gets a little more specific as to who the Philippian Believers are in the first verse. He says these Believers are "the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi."*

*Like the Apostle Paul, these Believers had become born again Believers in Christ Jesus because they had been set aside from sin, death and destruction unto an eternal relationship with God by the atoning work of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ at the old rugged cross.*

*He wasn't thankful and joyful because they were perfect or never had any problems. No, you can read the whole Book and discover that there were a few issues Paul had with some of them. However, like himself, they were Children of God only because of the grace and mercy of God and for no other reason.*

So, he was rejoicing that like himself, they had been given the privilege of being the Children of God by the grace of God. We, too, can have the particular attitudes when we pray for one another because each of us are Children of God only because of the atoning work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The second reason I want to submit as to why Paul prayed for them with these positive attitudes was because of who they would continue to be. Paul tells us in verse six. Paul is telling us in this verse that the Philippian Believers would continue to be the saints in Christ Jesus all the way into glory. What God had begun in them when He saved them, He would carry it out unto completion until the day of Christ Jesus. In other words, Paul could pray for them with these positive attitudes because he knew that God had saved them and would keep them saved all the way to eternity where He would completely finish His work of Salvation in us. Oh, what a great reason to pray for one another because God is still working on us.

The third reason Paul could pray positively for the Philippian Believers was because of what they were doing. Now, from the first two reasons already stated, we see that Paul was thankful and joyful because of what the Lord had done in them and for them. However, in this third reason Paul expresses in his praying for them, thankfulness and joy and longing for them because of the work they were doing in helping him to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Of course, the Spirit of God was leading them to cooperate with the Apostle in doing this great work of evangelizing and witnessing.

In verse five Paul describes what they are doing as partner shipping with him in the work of the Gospel. So we should ask how were they partner shipping with him? In at least three ways. First, they were praying for Paul as he carried out his work of missions. (1:19). Second, they gave financial support to help Paul carry out his work. (4:10-18). Last of all it just seems apparent that Paul is also indicating that they are partnering with him simply by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others themselves.

So, like the Apostle Paul, may we pray positively for one another because of who we are, who we will continue to be and for what we are doing in carrying out the work of the Gospel. On the last reason we may need to pray that the Lord will help us to be doing the work of missions, evangelizing and witnessing.

## **II. Second, let us notice the appeal of Paul for the Philippian Believers. (vs. 9-11).**

In other words, what were the actual requests to our Heavenly Father that Paul asked for on the behalf of this group of Believers. Of course, it would be the same request he would ask for all Believers everywhere. Well, he states three requests on their behalf.

The first appeal on their behalf that he made was that their love for one another would grow. (vs.8). He wanted their love to be overflowing. However, he also wanted them to understand that their love for one another must always be controlled by the knowledge and deep insights of God's Holy Word. So, he prayed that their love would be the kind expressed in the Word of God. We, too, must pray that our love for one another comes with the knowledge and deep insights of God's Word so that we would love the way God teaches us to do so.

The second appeal he prayed on their behalf was that they be able to discern from God's Word how to live pure and blameless lives. His prayer was that their behavior would be such that it displays their walk with the Lord, and how we need to pray the same for one another.



The third appeal Paul prayed on their behalf was that they would, “be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.” (vs. 11). Now the best place to find this particular fruit is to look at what Paul calls elsewhere the fruit of the Spirit. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (Gal. 5:22-23). We can’t go wrong praying for one another that our lives will be filled with the fruit of the Spirit so that we may display a life of righteousness letting the world see Christ in us. Are you praying this for yourselves and one another? Are these appeals the ones you are making for the Believers that you know. May it ever be so.

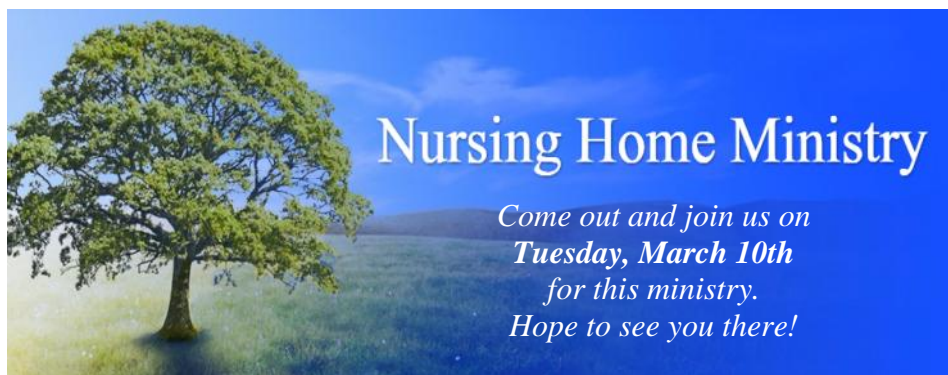
**III. Third let us notice the aim that Paul has in his prayer for the Philippian Believers. (vs. 11).**

Paul ends his prayer for them by saying, “To the glory and praise of God.” His prayer for everyone was always that their lives in everyway would bring glory, honor and praise to God. Praying for one another must never have as its only conclusion that a person’s life is made better in some way or another. Indeed we want their lives to be made better but only in a way that we know it will bring glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ. This must always be our objective for everyone. Therefore that is how we must pray.

Concl. May the Lord help us to pray with the right attitudes; make the right appeals and seek the right aim for one another when we pray.

*Jesus Loves You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*



## Deacon's Meeting

Monday, February 10th



## Business Conference

Wednesday, February 12th

Coming on  
March 27-28, 2020

**The Step of Faith  
Christian Academy  
Production of**



R & H Theatrical

Music and Lyrics by:  
Irvin Berlin

Book by  
Herbert and Dorothy Fields

Orchestrations by  
Robert Russell Bennett

# GSBC Prayer Pages March 8, 2020

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

## **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

## **Hospitals**

*Pam Stanley-MUSC*

## **Surgery / Recovery**

*Deidre White (11/12)  
Chelsea Lake (1/17)  
Jennifer Resh (1/6)  
Alice Reynolds (2/12)  
Skylar Saygen (3/2)*

## **Nursing Centers**

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

## **Church Needs**

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

## **Unspoken**

*Olivia & Juan Garcia  
Jessica Cleland  
David Meador  
Steve Crosby  
Ben & Beth Cabiness*

## **Cancer / Treatments**

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)  
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)  
Sidney (8/15)  
Douglas Denegel (9/16)  
Donald Fludd (9/30)  
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*

## *Ministries*

*Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry  
Abide Wednesday Services*

## **Bereavement**

*Family of  
Timothy Patrick Malphrus  
Michael Priestler*

## **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)  
Diana Hannah (2/13)  
Luke McCay (2/28)  
David Sauls (2/28)  
Kevin Malphrus (2/28)  
Patricia Malphrus (3/5)*

## **Expecting / Births**

*Sophia Sineath  
Ashleii Lynch  
Courtney Humbert  
Brantley Lawson*

## **Please Continue To Remember**

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

*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  
Frankie Malphrus  
Betty Robertson*



## **Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team**

*Mack Pope  
Kevin Malphrus  
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>8th</i>	<i>Pat Malphrus</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Debra Daley</i> <i>Wallace Malphruys</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Libby Pendrak</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Irwin Malphrus</i> <i>Alice Way</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Jeremiah Dennen</i>



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Jason &amp; Vanessa Smoak</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Davey &amp; Barbara McGill</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>N/A</i>



## Grandmother's Group

First Tuesday of the month at 11:30am



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](http://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





Chickin' & 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  
Landscape: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com  
Finance Director: **Timmy Sauls**.....greatswampbc@gmail.com

## Nursery Workers

**Today:** Diane Thames / Chesney  
**Next Week:** Vanessa Smoak / Jennifer Meador



## Children's Church Helpers

**Today:** Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff  
**Next Week:** Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley

## Toll Committee

*For the month of March*  
**Latrelle Steedly / Dorthie Armstrong**



Baby Bottles  
are due back NOW!!!



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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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