

Great Swamp Baptist Church
July 12, 2020

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#### Sunday Morning Worship 9:45 AM Service

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| Weekly<br>Offering  | This Week   | Weekly Budget | Surplus/Deficit<br>+ / - |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|
|                     | \$ 3,580.00 | \$ 4,982.47   | - \$ 951.47              |
| Online Offerings    | \$ 451.00   |               |                          |
|                     |             |               |                          |
| Designated Funds    | This Week   | *******       | Acct. Balances           |
| Church Repairs (AC) | \$ 6,500.00 | *******       | \$ 6,660.00              |
| Senior Trip         | \$ 25.00    | *******       | \$ 2,788.37              |
| Cemetery            | \$ 20.00    | ******        | \$ 70.00                 |
| OCC                 | \$ 1.00     | ******        | \$ 321.97                |
| Flooring            | \$ 1,800.00 | *******       | \$ 579.12                |
| Youth               | \$ 50.00    | *******       | \$ 185.29                |

### DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Today: Michael Daley: 843-505-0998

Next Week: Wilbur Daley: 843-305-0110



### Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am

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Wednesday Night Services @ 7pm
ABIDE—MPB Bldg.
Pastor's Payer Service—Old Social Hall
Youth Group—Mobile Classroom

**NO** WNS **NO** Children's Groups

Other Groups & Committees will resume at later dates.

# From The Pastor Ralph's Desk:



### We Are More Than Conquerors

(Romans 8: 37)

Intro: On July 4th Weekend as we celebrated our liberty and our individual freedoms, we need to be extremely grateful for all the men and women who have in the past and present served and fought in our military to give us the freedom that we so enjoy. Their commitment, service, and dedication have had them to fight the battles necessary that would bring about our privilege to have and experience our individual rights and freedoms like no where else in the world. Their accomplishments have made us more than conquerors in this world. Thank the Lord that they were willing to make the necessary sacrifices for us.

As Christians, we were in bondage to a number of enemies such as sin, Satan, death, and hell itself. In order for us to be set free from these enemies, we needed someone who had the ability to overcome and defeat these enemies and fight the battles necessary to make it possible for us to be set free and be made more than conquerors.

Well, according to the verse that we have chosen to examine, we wh90 are the Children of God through Christ Jesus our Lord, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. He has given us not just temporal freedom but eternal freedom. This indeed makes us more than conquerors. However, the entire chapter of Romans 8 clearly reveals how and why we are more than conquerors. So, my message is simply entitled, We Are More Than Conquerors.

# I. First, we are more than conquerors because there is now no more condemnation. (vs. 1-4).

Because the Word of God clearly teaches that all human beings are born with a sin nature, and therefore all human beings sin, then the consequence is that all human beings stand condemned in the sight of God because we could not in our human nature fulfill the righteous requirements of God's Holy Law. Also, because of the sin nature in us, there is no possible way that we could ever possibly work our way out of this dilemma because we keep on sinning.

However, praise God our Blessed Lord who loves us and desires for us to have a relationship with Him and be able to stand in His Holy presence uncondemned, sent His precious and glorious Son Jesus Christ in the world to take upon human flesh and do for us in the flesh what we could not do for ourselves. In the flesh, He lived a holy and pure life for us which we couldn't do. Then because the righteous requirements required our condemnation and the penalty for that which was death and hell, Jesus also in the flesh willingly took our condemnation, our punishment and our hell for us by going to the cross and facing our hell for us so we could be forgiven and made clean, holy and pure in the sight of God thus removing our condemnation. And the good news is that, that release from condemnation doesn't begin sometime in the future. No, Paul says now there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. So, let us praise our blessed God that we are more than conquerors if we are in Christ because He has taken away our condemnation by being condemned for us and in our place. In another place Paul said it this way, "God mad Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Cor. 5:21). Oh What a Savior we have.

# II. Second, we are more than conquerors because we are in the process of sanctification. (vs. 28-30).

Now, in verse 28, Paul is telling us that God is taking everything that comes into our lives, the good and the bad, and of course, we are referring to those who are Christians, and working toward the purpose that He has for our lives. In the next verse, he tells us what God's purpose is for our lives. That purpose is to conform us into the image and likeness of His Son Jesus Christ. That clearly is the direction that God is moving us. However, there is not a person listening to me who has reached that point of total Christ-likeness. Thank god He is still working on us as the children's song says, to make us what we out to be, and that is exactly what verse 28 says, He is working (continuing to work) all things toward the purpose He has for our lives to be made like Christ. That is what sanctification means that God is working toward turning us into the Saints He means for us to be. So, clearly we are more than conquerors because He continues to work our lives toward complete Christ-likeness.

# III. Third, we are more than conquerors because of our glorification. (vs. 18-24.29-30).

We discovered in our last point that God's purpose for our lives is to make us completely Christ-like. We also discovered that He is presently working us in that direction according to verses 28 and 29. However, praise God when you read verses 29 and 30 together, you find out that God is not only working in that direction, but also ultimately He is going to completely fulfill that purpose in our lives. That is His promise and absolute assurance that He will make us like Christ. It will not happen in this life time but the moment we leave here, He w3ill make us like Jesus.

Now, of course, we will not take the place of Christ and we will not be on His level. He, alone and will always be the only begotten Son of God, and have complete supremacy over all. However, we will be made like Him in that we will think like Him, understand like Him, act like Him and have a resurrected body that will last eternity like Him.

In verses 18-24, Paul shows how that because of sin in this world, creation itself, including our bodies, are under the bondage of decay. But it also shows that in Christ we've been given that blessed hope of freedom from this bondage of decay and also a new glorious, resurrected body. In another of his books in the Bible, Paul also gives us this assurance. "But our citizenship is in Heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body." (Phil. 3: 20-21). Oh, how we are more than conquerors because we are going to be glorified.

# IV. Fourth, we are more than conquerors because we have intercession. (vs. 31-34).

These verse tell us that God is for us. He is for us, and we can be assured of that because He didn't even spare His only begotten Son, but gave Him up for us all. He allowed His Son to be condemned for us. Then after His Son was condemned and died for us, He arose to life from the dead and what He is presently doing for us since He arose, which also assures us that God is for us, He is interceding to the Father on our behalf. Amen. We are indeed more than conquerors because Christ is continuously interceding on our behalf.

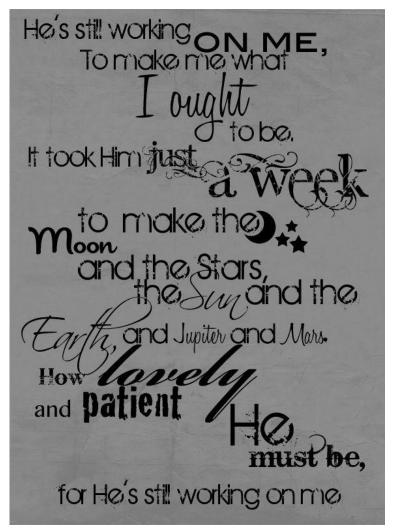
# V. fifth, we are more than conquerors because there is no more separation. (vs. 35-39).

Paul wraps up chapter 8 with this wonderful promise and assurance that absolutely nothing in all of God's creation can or will ever separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. When you go through the list of possible things that could separate us from the love of God as stated in these verses, you realize that absolutely nothing has been left uncovered that could wriggle in and make room for possible separation. Paul covered it all. We absolutely are so loved by God that nothing and no one can separate us from His love. Oh, how blessed we are and oh what an absolute amazing God we have that He could love us this way. Indeed, John was right when he said over and over that God is love.

Concl. So, as we celebrate our liberties and freedoms given by the sacrifices of our founding fathers and our men and women in uniform, which have made us more than conquerors in a worldly manner. Let us also and more importantly celebrate the spiritual freedom we have gained through Christ our Lord that has made us more than conquerors not in a temporary and worldly manner but in our elevated manner. For Christ fought all the battles spiritually for us setting us free eternally making us more than conquerors. To Him be all the glory, honor and praise. My prayer is that you have repented of your sins and turned to Christ that you too may be more than a conqueror.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



### Memorials

A gift of \$ 50.00 was given to the General Fund In Memory of Mary Cope By Tammy Davis

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Anonymous

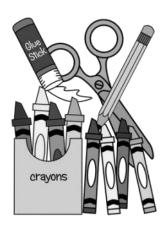
## **Operation Christmas Child Kick Off**

### **Christmas in July**

Donation of school supplies or monetary donations accepted.

Any questions, see Dorthie Armstrong.

### **July Collections:**



**Pencils** 

**Erasers** 

Pens

Crayons

Colored pencils

Scissors

Glue sticks

Notebook paper

Pencil sharpeners





| Sunday    | 12th | Robert O'Dell             |
|-----------|------|---------------------------|
| Monday    | 13th | Sílas Carter              |
| Tuesday   | 14th | $\mathcal{N}/\mathcal{A}$ |
| Wednesday | 15th | Kayla Horton              |
| Thursday  | 16th | N/A                       |
| Fríday    | 17th | $\mathcal{N}/\mathcal{A}$ |
| Saturday  | 18th | N/A                       |



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| Wednesday | 15th | N/A                        |
| Thursday  | 16th | N/A                        |
| Fríday    | 17th | Thomas & Erma Cooler       |
|           |      | Donnie & Burnette Pinckney |
| Saturday  | 18th | N/A                        |

### **GSBC Prayer Page**

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

#### Leadership

President Donald Trump United States of America

#### **Hospitals**

Tracey Lake-Sav. Mem.

#### Surgery / Recovery

Jennifer Resh Skylar Saygen Dustin Roberts Freddie Malphrus Ann Blocker Chip Sutler Michelle Rooks Debra Daley

#### Heather Betz

**Cancer / Treatments** Mitzi Cramer Lynn Daugherty Sidney Douglas Denegel Becky Goretzka Gail Sims Gene Cooler, Jr. Gloria Davis Gary Malphrus

#### **Church Needs**

Unspoken

Jessica Cleland

David Meador

Steve Crosby

Ministries Sunday School Outreach Ministry SFCA-Donna Carter In reach Ministry Child Dev. Ministries Abide Wednesday Services Church Finances

#### **Bereavement**

Family of Lois Bootle

#### Other Health Needs

Danny Breland Cookie Daley James Harris Jane Gorman Jane Waitt Robert Sauls Doris Smoak Pat Bryan Royce Malphrus Jerry Cooler Bobby Tootle Charlotte Tootle Randy Smoak

#### **Nursing Centers**

Elaine Degler-RNC Doris Blackmon-Morningside Becky Jones-Anderson Royce Malphrus-RNC Wilma Jean McGill-RNC Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI

#### **Called to Ministry**

Chris Carter & Family

#### **Expecting / Births**

#### **Please Continue To Remember**

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

Dot Nettles Tom Hinely Grace Boyles Patricia Malphrus Scott Boyles Ann Blocker Charles Maney

Gary Way Lanell Smith Dot Tindal Frankie Malphrus Betty Robertson

#### **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

### **Church Staff**

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|--|-------------------------|
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| Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus             | Josie6@embarqmail.com   |
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**Business Conference** 

Wednesday, February 12th

Nursery Workers
Today: Vanessa Smoak





Children's Church Today: Olivia Stanley

### Announcement

Due to the increase in corona virus, the Celebration of Life service planned for Rodney Malphrus, Sr. on the 25th of this month has been postponed until further notice.

Thank You
Patricia Malphrus



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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