

Angell Usher



Sunday, July 26

9:45am & 11:15am

GREAT SWAMP
baptist church

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship
9:45 & 11:15AM Services

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Invocation

Concert

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr

Mack Pope

Angell Usher

“The God Who Stays”

“The King of Who I Am”

Selections of Praise and Worship

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

Angell Usher

“The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

*In
Memory of
the 90th Birthday of
Rodney
Malphrus, Sr.*

WHAT DO WE PLANT?


Henry Abbey

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the ship which will cross the sea.
We plant the mast to carry the sails;
We plant the planks to withstand the gales—
The keel, the keelson, the beam, the knee;
We plant the ship when we plant the tree.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the houses for you and me.
We plant the rafters, the shingles, the floors.
We plant the studding, the lath, the doors,
The beams and siding, all parts that be;
We plant the house when we plant the tree.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?
A thousand things that we daily see;
We plant the spire that out-towers the crag,
We plant the staff for our country's flag,
We plant the shade, from the hot sun free;
We plant all these when we plant the tree.



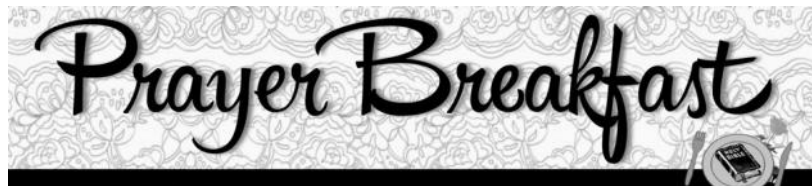
|  Weekly Offering | This Week | Weekly Budget | Surplus/Deficit + / - |
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| | \$ 7,484.00 | \$ 4,982.47 | +\$ 2,904.05 |
| Online Offerings | \$ 402.52 | | |
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| Designated Funds | This Week | ***** | Acct. Balances |
| <i>Church Repairs (AC)</i> | \$ 2,019.60 | ***** | \$ 8,779.60 |
| <i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i> | \$ 25.00 | ***** | \$ 715.00 |
| <i>Office</i> | \$ 100.00 | ***** | \$ 797.51 |
| <i>SFCA Security</i> | \$ 123.89 | ***** | \$ 123.89 |
| <i>SFCA Electric</i> | \$1,203.33 | ***** | \$ 0.00 |



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today: Mack Pope: 843-540-6636

Next Week: Keith Gamo: 843-986-8745



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am

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:*



The Injustices of Life (Ecc. 3:1-17,22)

Intro: With the death of George Floyd, racial tension grew at an alarming rate. The cry of the Black Lives Matter organization was for injustices to be corrected and turned into justices. However, the cry for justices quickly turned violent and really more detrimental for the black lives than they claimed to represent.

However, as you read and study the documents of the actual movement, you become keenly aware that this movement is really not about black lives. Rather, it is a radical agenda for Marxism, socialism, and communism, it is also a radical movement for all types of sexual perversions that the Word of God declares to be an abomination in His sight. Tragically, federal, state and local governments and politicians plus many businesses, corporations and even sport entities have sided with this organization even though this organization doesn't really stand for what they claim. As a matter of fact, many of those in the organization would close down a lot of the government and businesses that support them. As a matter of fact, many businesses that support those who supposedly the organization claim they stand for have been totally destroyed, demolished or damaged by this group.

Now you may be wondering why I'm discussing the above matter. Well, it is because of the cry of injustice from this organization and others at this period of time. But the question we need to ask is are we at this time properly dealing with the matter of injustice or what should we do about it?

The answer must always come from what does God say about it? And the answer to the question is always found in the Word of God. Twenty-four hours a day right now, opinions are being offered from every angle on the matter. But the people of God must always immediately say about any topic, what does God say about it. That is all that matters. So, what does God teach us about the injustices of life? Well, a great place to see what the Bible teaches about it comes from Ecclesiastes 3. so let us dive into God's explanation about this topic.

I. First, from these verses we learn that the injustices of life are not something new.

(vs. 16). *When you listen to the talk of those involved in much of the protests today, you would think that injustices are something new. However, they clearly are not. In this verse, King Solomon is acknowledging that injustices were going on in his period of time, nearly three thousand years ago. So, we know that injustices have been around that long. However, King Solomon in the Book of Ecclesiastes and clearly I the chapter we are reading, shows that the experiences of life have been going on all through mankind's existence. Things are and have been repeatable through our existence and ever since God created us and more tragically many of the things since mankind chose to sin against God, which in turn released horrible consequences upon the earth, one of being injustices. It has been happening all along.*

II. Second, from these verses we learn that the injustices of life are not particular or specific. (vs. 16). *In this verse, King Solomon uses an expression that he uses throughout the Book. This expression is, "under the sun." So it is important since he uses it so often and in our present verse to understand what it means. So, all it simply means is everywhere that is under the sun and so that means the entire world.*

Therefore, the point is that no one group has a corner on injustices. It has taken place, it is taking place and it will take place over the entire globe. So that every group of humanity, regardless of the color of their skin, faces injustices at one time or another.

Now it is true that at time one group may experience more injustices than other groups. I should also say that some individuals will experience more injustices at times than other individuals. However, there is no doubt that all of us, regardless of who we are or where we live, will go through injustices.

So, once again, we can't claim that as we said in the first point that our injustices are new, never happened before, nor can we claim that any one person or group of persons are the only particular ones who experience injustices. Rather, they are under the entire sun. they are global.

III. Third, from these verses we learn that injustices of life often happen where they should be corrected. (vs. 16). *In this verse, he talks about wickedness in the place of judgment and justices. Basically, what King Solomon is saying is that in the courtrooms of the land where injustices should be corrected, just the opposite often takes place. So, that injustices get piled up on top of injustices. Instead of making things better, they make what is already painful because they have been treated unjustly, they make it unbearable because their injustices are now greatly multiplied.*

So, what does this tell us? It tells us we live in a sin ridden and fallen world. Humanity, therefore, is very imperfect and will until Jesus returns continue to carry out injustices even in the places where they should be corrected.

We see this happen all the time. New evidence appears that clears someone in prison after having spent years unjustly imprisoned. However, the greatest example of all, of course, is what happened to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He had two court appearances. Both of which declared the only truly innocent, pure, perfect person to walk on earth, to be absolutely guilty and worthy of death. No greater injustice has ever or will ever be carried out in time and eternity.

It was the holy for the unholy. It was the perfection for the imperfection. It was the pure for the impure. It was the sinless for the sinful. It was justice for the injustices.

So let us not forget that none of our injustices, even if they happen in a courtroom setting, will ever measure up to the injustices that our Lord experienced in order to bring us eternal salvation.

For me, many of the injustices that I and my family have experienced have been in the one place for sure that you would expect to not see it at all, and of course, I am referring to churches. Jesus, too, experienced most of His injustices at the hand of religious leaders who so desired to kill Him. They pushed until they got what they wanted. However, thank God that He was allowing it in order to accomplish the requirements necessary to redeem us. So, again, just remember until the Lord returns, fallen humanity will carry out injustices even in the places where it should be corrected. Therefore, we need to not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by them but rather look forward to a better day. With the Lord's help, we can rise above our present injustices and know that one day all will be made right.

IV. Fourth, from these verses we learn that the injustices of life are not hidden from God. (vs. 17). *This verse tells us that God will bring to judgment both the righteous and the wicked. So, if God is going to do this fairly, then He has to see, know, and record all the injustices that take place. Well, clearly that is what God is doing. He is watching our every move and He is watching our every move and He is keeping a record of account of all that we say and do therefore, God is keenly aware of all the injustices that we have, are, and will face.*

In the Book of Revelation, we get a very clear picture of exactly what I'm referring to. "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from His presence and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20:11-15).

Now, I know that when injustices happen and there doesn't seem to be any justice to correct the injustice we feel like either God isn't watching or He is incapable of doing anything about the injustices that we have experienced. Well, what we need to remember is that this life is the only testing ground that we as Christians experience. Our faith is shown to be genuine only as we show that the injustices of life don't deter our faith in God. Knowing, however, at the same time that God is keenly aware of what is going on in our lives and is keeping a record of it to do something about it in His time.

You know someone asked once before where was God when my son died? And the answer came back, He was in the same place when His own Son died?

In the sport of racing one of the most important portions on each team is the spotter. He or she has the responsibility to get in just about the highest point of the race track in order to be able to see their particular driver at any point or place on the track. His responsibility is to communicate to his driver about all that is taking place on the track so he can inform them where they should be at any given point during the race. There are many things the driver can't see but his spotter can. When the race is over or even while it is happening, the spotter can tell the driver if something happens to him that was another driver's fault.

Well, God is in the highest place of all, the throne of God in Heaven. From there He can see the entire track of the world. He knows what is happening to us and it will not slip by Him because He sees it like the spotter. And through His love for us He sees it with eyes of compassion, grace and mercy and when the race of life is over, He will deal with the injustices.

V. Fifth, we learn from these verses that the injustices of life will be judged and corrected. (vs. 17). *You see the verse not only lets us know that God sees all the injustices of life that are happening to us but He also will bring every person before His throne to give our account for our actions including the injustices that we've experienced but also the injustices that we have meted out to others ourselves. So, don't think for a moment that anybody or anyone will get by with their injustices. No, a day of reckoning is coming in which all injustices will be brought to light and dealt with. So, don't live your life thinking you've got some how to bring about justice to your injustice because clearly God will one day.*

Concl. So the question is what do we do? Or am I suggesting that we do nothing about our injustices? Well, let me say for certain, if within reason you can do something about your injustices, then certainly do so. However, we are not to use the opportunity to strike out in vengeance and violence, and remain angry for the rest of our lives.

King Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes to basically tell us that your life has its injustices but it is so short and soon we will die. So don't spend all your time focused upon the wrong done to you or you will never enjoy the short life you have. Therefore, he tells us to put our trust in God, do your work, and enjoy your family and be a witness for Christ because our is but brief here on earth. We need to learn to ask our Lord's assistance to get through the tough times and leave the injustices primarily up to Him to judge and correct because He will.

As I close. Make sure that your name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The Book that holds all the names of the Believers in Christ, who have absolute assurance of a home in Heaven where there will be no more injustices. You do this by calling out to Christ who died on the cross for us, to forgive you and take control of your life.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

DEACON ELECTION NOTICE

On Sunday, August 23, 2020, during the Morning Service, we will select one deacon to serve until 2023. If you wish to have your name removed from the following list or your name was omitted in error, please contact the church office at 726-3631.

Deacon List

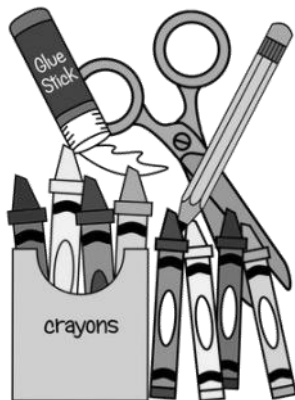
Eddie Amason
Duane Armstrong
Tom Benton
Mike Davis
Krey Lowther
Krey Lowther, Jr.
Freddie Malphrus
Paul Malphrus
Rodney Malphrus, Jr.
Wallace Malphrus
Bjo Mills
Mike Mingledorff
Robert O'Dell
Tony Standard
Fredrick Stanley
Gentry Thames
Mel Toland

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





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| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>26th</i> | <i>Barbara McGill</i> <i>Red Malphirus</i> |
| <i>Monday</i> | <i>27th</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>28th</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>29th</i> | <i>Nicole Cole</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>30th</i> | <i>Josh Carter</i> |
| <i>Friday</i> | <i>31st</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | <i>1st</i> | <i>Gage Duncan</i> |



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| <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>29th</i> | <i>Frankie & Margie Malphirus</i> <i>Jimmie & Amanda Anderson</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>30th</i> | <i>N/A</i> |
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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*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI*

Church Needs

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

Unspoken

*Jessica Cleland
David Meador
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz*

Cancer / Treatments

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

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry
Abide Wednesday Services*

Bereavement

*Family of
Beck Jones*

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
Brenda Farve*

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*

*Gary Way
Lanell Smith
Dot Tindal
Frankie Malphrus
Betty Robertson
Charles Maney*

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

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: **Vanessa Smoak**



Children's Church

Today: **Olivia Stanley**

In Appreciation

*I would like to thank everyone that helped with Mama's funeral.
She loved her Church and Sunday School. Everything was just
like she would have wanted. All she could say during the last week
was, "I'm ready to see Jesus."*

*Thank You
The family of Mary S. Cope*



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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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