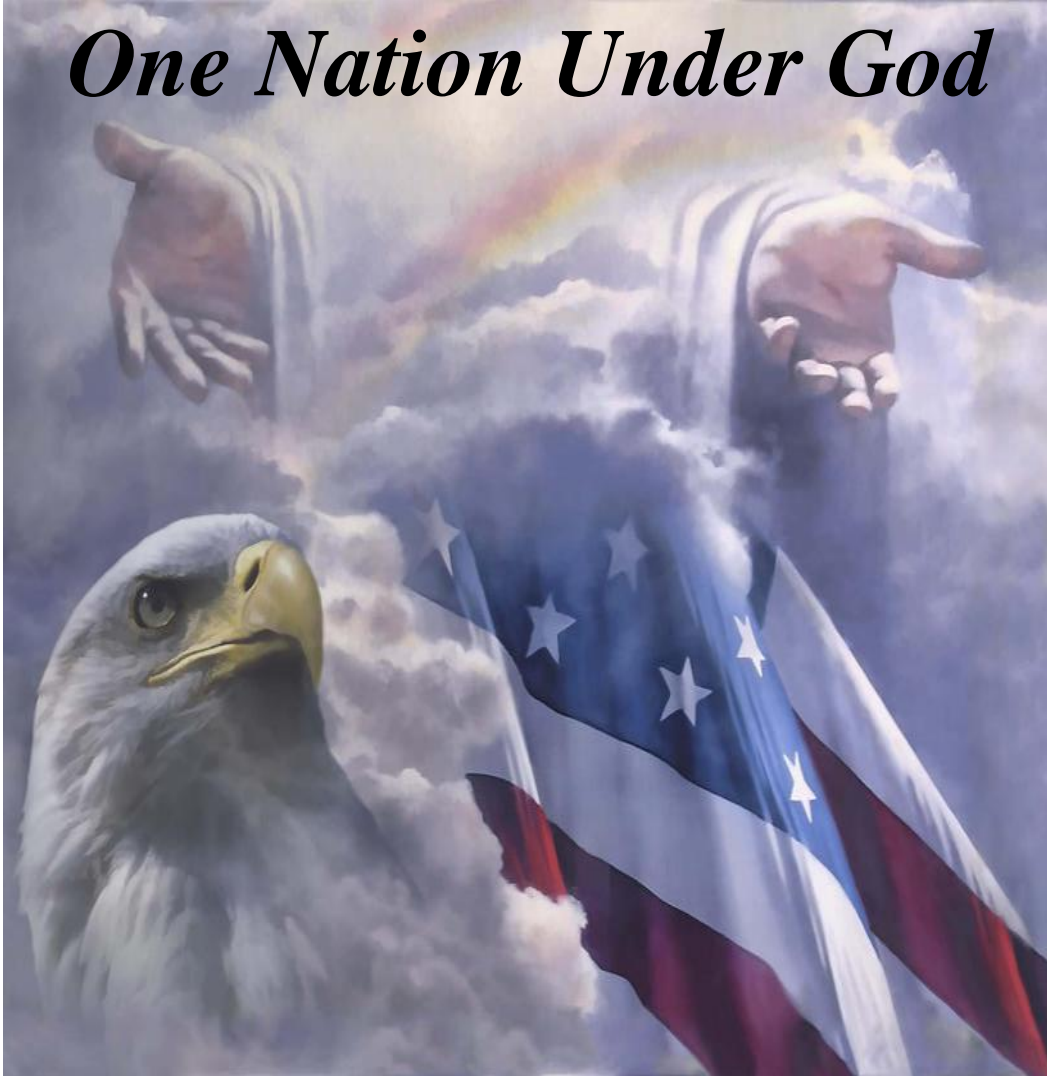


One Nation Under God



Great Swamp Baptist Church

September 6, 2020

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30am

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr

Call To Worship

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Selections of Praise and Worship

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

Joyce Gamo

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

DEACON OF THE WEEK :


Today:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8745

Next Week:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-816-3206



 Weekly Offering	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 5,843.00	\$ 4,982.47	+\$ 960.53
Online Offerings	\$ 100.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Office Supply</i>	\$ 270.00	*****	\$ 1,207.33
<i>Gleaners</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 88.33
<i>Mission Fund</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 409.57
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 1.00	*****	\$ 25.46
<i>OCC</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 20.00	*****	\$ 411.97

Wednesday Night Services @ 7pm

PASTOR'S PRAYER SERVICE—*Bldg. 3, Old Social Hall*

Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE—*MPB Bldg.*

Leader-Wilbur Daley

YOUTH GROUP—*Youth Annex*

Leader-Michelle Waitt

NO WNS NO Children's Groups NO SMB

Sunday School Classes @ 9:15am

CAMO CLASS—*Room 402*

Leader- Bobby Malphrus

GLEANERS CLASS—*Room 401 (September 6th)*

Leader-Audrey Roberts

VISIONARIES CLASS—*Bldg. 3, Old Social Hall (September 13th)*

Leader-Wilbur Daley

YOUTH-Youth Annex

Leader-Faye Lowther

*From
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



Requirements For The Lord's Supper

(I Cor. 11:17-34)

Intro: May 24th we began in-home worship starting with two morning worship services. However, my goal from that point forward was to slowly but surely bring all the activities of our church back into function. Now that we are keenly aware that the virus is not near as dangerous and deadly as we once thought to the majority of us, it is time that we move forward and open up all of our activities as soon as possible. In South Carolina, we've had around 2,500 people die from the Covid. However, our population is close to 5,200,000 people. So, in comparison to our population, Covid has really not been a large factor of our death mortality ratio. Percentage wise, it does not even equal out to one whole percent for every 1,000 persons in our state. So, with these factors in mind, we are trying to move more rapidly to open up all of our activities. Now, I bring all this up because today we are restarting one of our extremely important activities that our Lord has commanded us to do and that is the Lord's Supper. This will be the first one since the virus began. So what I want to do today is to preach what are the requirements of the Lord's Supper as we find stated in the set of verses that we are examining.

I. First, the Lord's Supper requires our absolute attention. (vs. 17,23). *First of all, Paul tells us that he must give to the church at Corinth the proper directives, instructions, guidelines for carrying out the Lord's Supper, because they weren't doing it right at all and because of it's absolute priority they had to do and do it right.*

However, an even greater reason why it requires our absolute attention is because Paul said that he had received the directives or instructions or guidelines directly from Jesus Himself. It is such a priority for the church to do that, Jesus Himself spoke directly to Paul telling exactly how the Lord's Supper was to be carried out.

So, let it be known that at Great Swamp Baptist Church, we must get the activity of the Lord's Supper up and running because our Lord demands it of us.

II. Second, the Lord's Supper requires that we absolutely assemble. (vs. 17-18, 20, 33).

In these set of verses, Paul mentions five times about the church meeting together. Now Paul points out that they were doing more harm than good when they were assembling together as the church. Paul is condemning their actions but he is not condemning their assembling together. Instead the Apostle gives them instructions on how to properly meet together and properly carry out the Lord's Supper.

So, the Lord's Supper is something that needs to be conducted together as a gathered assembled group of Believers. You can't do the Lord's Supper in a virtual manner. It is time for God's people to begin coming back to church as the gathered group of Believers who meet together to worship, encourage, grow and carry out the Lord's Supper.

This virus has taken us away from meeting together. However, now that we understand that it is not near as dangerous to us as once expected and as a matter of fact, is not going to be harmful to the larger segment of our population. It is time for us to return and not allow this virus to become an excuse for staying away. The church is a family and the family needs to come together.

III. Third, the Lord's Supper requires that certain things be avoided. (vs. 17-22).

When you read these particular set of verses, you discover that the church at Corinth had turned the Lord's Supper into a party time. They actually had made the entire event a big potluck meal. The wealthier persons were bringing a lot of the food for the meal. While the poorer could not afford to bring anything. As a result, the wealthier Believers were looking down on the poorer ones. The poorer ones were made to wait in line until the wealthier ones got their food first. Then on top of this, the people were getting drunk at the meal. So, what was left out of the whole experience was the focus upon the Lord Jesus Christ. The church had failed at accomplishing the purpose for the meal because they were too focused upon themselves. We must avoid anything that takes away from the real purpose of the meal to remember and glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

IV. Fourth, the Lord's Supper requires that we have the proper attitude. (vs. 27-34).

All of our lives growing up in our churches, we have always been told that where it says, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (vs. 28) means that we must confess our sins before taking the Lord's Supper. It is true that we certainly need to do that. However, I believe that the actual set of verses that we are looking at are not just telling us that we need to confess our sins but also that we need to enter the Lord's Supper with the right, proper attitude, and that attitude is to come to the Lord's Supper zeroing in on the Lord Jesus Christ and all that He did to give to us our eternal salvation.

Also, our proper attitude must be that when we partake of the meal, we need to be sure that our attitude toward our fellow Believers is right. As we saw in the last point, one group in the church looked down on the other group because they weren't in their same social status. However, when Jesus went to the cross to die for all of our sins and shed His blood to bring us redemption, He was not showing favoritism. When we come to the cross we all come equally as sinners and Jesus equally makes us Children of God who stand together on level ground before our God. "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew or Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:26-27).

So we must approach the Lord's table with an attitude that says I am going to give my undivided attention to remembering what Jesus Christ did at Calvary's cross to save me and my fellow Believers for whom Christ also died for. So, if we aren't right with our brothers and sisters in Christ when we approach the Lord's Supper then we should do all we can to get right. For Jesus died equally for us all. Oh, what a Savior.

V. Fifth, the Lord's Supper requires that we do the proper actions. (vs. 23-26). *Paul says with these particular verses that what I am going to tell you to do when it comes to carrying out the Lord's Supper came directly from our Lord Himself. Therefore, be sure to carefully follow these instructions and you will fulfill the actions the Lord meant for us to carry out His meal.*

Now all these particular actions we all are called upon to do are really simply but carry a powerful image and message. The elements are bread and juice. The purpose is to remember and memorialize the fact that Jesus Christ gave His body and shed His blood for our salvation, simple yet profound.

Therefore, at our church each Believer will receive a piece of bread which they will eat with the purpose of remembering that Jesus gave His body for us. They will the receive a cup of juice which they will drink with the purpose of remembering that Jesus shed His blood to cleanse us from our sins and give us eternal redemption. Again, simple yet a powerful message.

Concl. In conclusion, Jesus said, "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." (vs. 26).

It is essential that we show the world that the church is alive and well and that we are here to show the world that Jesus died for our sins and that He is coming back soon, and one of the ways we do that is to celebrate the Lord's Supper as an assembled group of Believers thus proclaiming to the world our Lord's death until He comes again.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



**Sunday Morning Breakfast
will resume on
Sunday, September 13th**



Deacon's Meeting
Monday, September 14th



**Monday, September 7th
For
Labor Day**

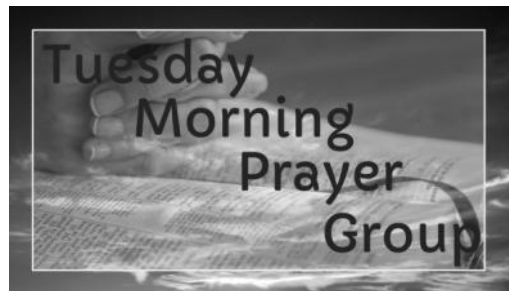
Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



Operation Christmas Child Kick Off

There are 4 ways to donate:

- (1) **The Angel Tree**; take an angel which has an item on the back, bring the angel back with your donation.*
 - (2) **Shoe box list in foyer** by age groups on table*
 - (3) **Monetary donations***
 - (4) **Items listed below** for the month of September.*
- Any questions, see Dorthie Armstrong.*



September Collections:

Soap
Wash Cloths
Toothbrushes
Boys combs
Girls combs & brushes
Stick deodorant
Chap stick
Headbands or hair ties
Jewelry
Sunglasses
Socks
Underwear (all sizes)

GSBC Prayer Page

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Ann Blocker
Michelle Rooks*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Byron & Margaret Vaigneur-Assist.*

Church Needs

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

Unspoken

*Jessica Cleland
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz*

Cancer / Treatments

*Lynn Daugherty
Sidney
Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Gloria Davis
Gary Malphrus
Skip Brooks
Marlene Thornton*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

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*

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry
Abide Wednesday Services*

Bereavement

*Family of
Charlotte Tootle*

Other Health Needs

*Cookie Daley
James Harris
Jane Gorman
Jane Waitt
Jerry Cooler
Bobby Tootle
Randy Smoak
Brenda Farve
Andrew Miller
Lloyd Way
Jason Smoak
Celeste Lucas
Pinky Rushing
Chip Sutler*

Expecting / Births

Heather Reid, Feb.

*Gary Way
Frankie Malphrus
Betty Robertson
Kenneth & Doby Cleland*

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*

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Ashley Duncan</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Emma Grace Mingledorff</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>



<i>Saturday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Patrick & Kim Malphrus</i>
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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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