

Great Swamp Baptist Church
December 6, 2020



*O Come,
All Ye Faithful*

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Prelude

The Welcome
Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr

Call To Worship

Hymn # 89 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Selections of Praise and Worship

Hymn # 86 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymn # 105 "Child In A Manger"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer
Offertory Special

Mended

"Adore"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

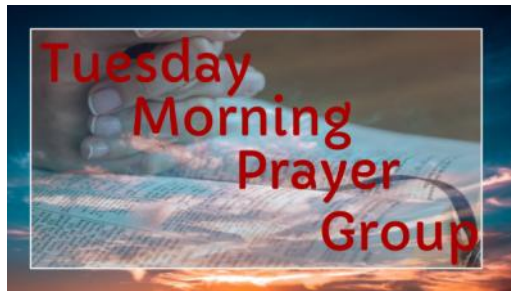
Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8745

Next Week:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-816-3206





Reasons For Emphasizing The Blood of Christ (Heb 9:1-28)

Intro: The tradition of this church and most Baptist churches is to celebrate the Lord's Supper every month that has five Sundays. On the fifth Sunday of that particular month is the Sunday that we carry out the Lord's Supper. This means that we celebrate the Lord's Supper four times a year. Now in the Scriptures we are not told how often to do the Lord's Supper. Only the Word of God says as often as you do it to remember the sacrifice our Lord made for us.

However, I tend to believe that it would be better if we celebrated it more often. We will do just that. We celebrated it last week and we will celebrate it again the third Sunday of this month.

Of course, the most important feature of the Lord's Supper is what it symbolizes and represents, and very plainly our Lord tells us exactly what the elements symbolize. The bread symbolizes our Lord's body which He willingly submitted to be sacrificed for our Salvation. Second, the juice symbolizes His blood which He willingly shed in order to die for our sins. Of course, as He allowed His body to pour out His blood, He was showing that He literally gave His life and truly died on our behalf. For the life is the blood and pouring it out meant He gave His life for us.

Today, I want to ask the question, why do we emphasize the Blood of Christ? My title for this message is the Reasons we Emphasize the Blood of Christ. So we can answer the question why we emphasize His shed blood. The Lord's Supper is just one of the ways we do.

I. The first reason we emphasize the Blood of Christ is because His blood was required. (vs. 1-10,14,22).

Now to really go over all the details involved in these verses would take us a month or so. However, today I simply want to consider the gist of what is being said, and what they are telling us is that the old system presented in the Old Testament required for the forgiveness of sin and cleansing was never sufficient enough to get the job done. As a matter of fact, the writer of Hebrews tells us in verse nine about all the sacrifices of the old system never gave to the people a sense that they were forgiven or cleansed.

“This is our illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshipper.” (vs. 9).

Whenever the people approached the tabernacle, late the temple, they were not allowed to go beyond the court surrounding the temple. Only the priests were able to enter the tabernacle, later the temple, and only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies and he could only do that once a year on the Day of Atonement and even then he himself had to sacrifice a goat for his own cleansing before he was allowed to go in. so the old system still gave them the sense that they couldn't really get close to God because His dwelling place symbolically was in the Holy of Holies.

Then second, whenever the High Priest offered the sacrifice for the sins of the people, he was suppose to take the blood of that sacrifice and sprinkle in the Holy of Holies over the Ark of the Covenant. Then he sprinkled it on the tabernacle itself and then he sprinkled it on the people. However, all of that sprinkling was an outward sprinkling. It literally only touched the surface of anything the High Priest placed it on. In other words, it was only an outward cleansing. It was not inward heart and soul cleansing.

However, we are clearly reminded in these verses that the only way some one could be cleansed and forgiven was by the blood of a sacrifice. “In fact the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” (vs. 22).

So, if the law of God required the shedding of blood for forgiveness and if the old system of sacrifices weren't sufficient to do that then how could that requirement be met? Well, the answer is quite clear in our chapter today, while the sacrifice of the old system didn't do the job, they did point us to the ultimate sacrifice in none other than Jesus Christ Himself. “How much more will the Blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from the acts that led to death, so that we may serve the Living God.” (vs. 14). So the old system didn't meet the requirements but it pointed to the One that would and that One was the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf through the shedding of His blood.

When a person attends college to study to be a doctor, he or she will read and study books about the human body and about diseases and how to treat them. They also read about surgeries and how to perform them. However, none of this is the actual thing. The books re preparations for the real thing such as actually doing a surgery or treating a real disease. This is like the old system of sacrifices. They were only the preparations for the real sacrifice to yet come and Jesus Christ' sacrifice and shed blood was the real thing. His blood alone meets God's requirements for our forgiveness and cleansing.

So let us emphasize His Blood to the whole wide world until He comes again for no other blood can cleanse us.

II. The second reason we emphasize the Blood of Christ is because His Blood was revealed. (vs. 11-13'16-24).

Again, as in the last point, we could spend a month or two looking at the details of these verses as well. But to sum them up in one primary thought, the writer of Hebrews in these particular verses was letting us know that the old system was merely our earthly system. In other words, when the priest was carrying out his duties at the tabernacle and temple, he was working in an earthly environment and an earthly facility.

However, when Jesus Christ offered Himself up to be our sacrifice and allowed His blood to be poured out for our redemption, He didn't just take that blood and pour it out in the earthly tabernacle. No, Christ took His blood that He offered for our Salvation into the Heavenly tabernacle. We are told that, "When Christ came, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; He entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence." (vs. 11,24).

Jesus literally took His blood to Heaven to show to the Heavenly Father that He had paid for our sins with His own blood and His own life. Our Heavenly Father received the blood as the complete requirement necessary for our Salvation, and His blood is permanently kept in the Heavenly tabernacle as a reminder of the price paid for our forgiveness.

The writer of Hebrews tells us in these verses that a will can only be enforced when someone dies. So, Jesus took His blood to the Father where He revealed it to Him to show that now the will could be enforced and full and free Salvation could be provided.

So, let us loudly and boldly proclaim and emphasize the Blood of Christ because His Blood was revealed in Heaven where it made possible for our Salvation to be enforced.

III. The third reason we emphasize the Blood of Christ is because His Blood was resolute. (vs. 12,24-28).

Once again, I'm making a repetitious statement but it is clearly a true one and that is that the details of these verses could take about a month alone to go over. However, to sum up the teachings of these particular verses would be that the blood and sacrifice of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ was offered up one time and one time only, and that one time was all that was required by God but it was the Blood of Jesus Christ the Holy Son of God. Whereas the blood of the old system required that the priest had to sacrifice the blood of bulls and goats year after year after year. The reason as we've already gone over in previous points is because the blood of animals was not sufficient. Jesus Christ' pure and Holy Blood met all of God's eternal requirements and therefore He died once and once only and that will be sufficient for now and forever.

"He did not enter by the means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own Blood, having obtained eternal redemption." (vs. 12).

Again we read, "Nor did He enter Heaven to offer Himself again and again, the way the High Priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now He appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself." (vs. 25-26).

Whenever we do the Lord's Supper we are symbolizing and remembering the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf. However, sadly, the Catholics and others literally teach that every time you partake of the Lord's Supper you literally are eating the flesh of Christ and drinking the Blood of Christ. This is dead wrong because Christ will never be crucified again. Yet their view of the Lord's Supper says that they are re-sacrificing Him over and over.

However, we praise God we don't and He don't need to be sacrificed over and over again because with His Blood once was enough. Ohm, Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Let us emphasize His Blood because once was all that was required to give us eternal redemption.

IV. The fourth reason we emphasize the Blood of Christ is because His Blood gives redemption. (vs. 11-14).

I don't mean to belabor this point. It clearly means that since His Blood met the requirement of Heaven and since His Blood was revealed in Heaven so the will of Salvation could be enforced and since His Blood was only required to be offered once because it was His blood, then we can fully know that by His Blood we can have eternal redemption.

"He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but entered the Most Holy place once for all by His own Blood, having obtained eternal redemption (vs. 12). So let us emphasize His Blood with unwavering devotion because His Blood alone offers eternal redemption.

Concl. Let us approach the sacrifice of Christ our Lord with the same emphasis that Paul directed toward it. He said, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Gal. 6:14).

Are you and I boasting in the cross of our Lord who shed His Blood there for you and me? May His sacrifice be our emphasis forever.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Thank you everyone who made donations, helped during collection week and the ladies who helped sort, count and recount and bagged items up to be packed in the shoe boxes. Also those who helped pack the boxes and the youth group for labeling the lids and the youth Sunday School Class for putting the boxes on the altar to be prayed over.

We went over the goal, which is a blessing with everything going on this year. The total for the church and SFCA is 820. we collected 1,551 boxes during collection week. A total of 15,154 boxes were collected for Jasper, Beaufort and Hampton counties.

Thank you Bernice for keeping me straight this year.

Bless You All

Dorthie Armstrong



Calendar of Events

Thursday, December 10th: 6:00 pm

*SFCA Drama Dinner Theater
In the Multi-Purpose Building*

Sunday, December 13th: 10:30 am

NO Breakfast

“THE GREAT SWAMP FAMILY CHRISTMAS GATHERING”

Annual Christmas Program

Annual Christmas Dinner

Children’s Program

Everyone is asked to bring heavy horsd'oeuvres.

Table decorating will be done by church staff.

Tuesday, December 15th: 11:00 am

Gleaners/Grandmothers Group Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 16th: 6:00 pm

ABIDE Christmas Program

Sunday, December 20th: 10:30 am

Candlelight Service

The Lord’s Supper

Wreaths Across America Program

Movie Night Concessions: 6:30 pm

Movie: “A Man Called Norman” : 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 23rd & 30th:

NO Supper

Thursday & Friday, December 24th & 25th:

Offices Closed for holidays

Wednesday Night Services @ 7pm

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

Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE—*Multi-Purpose Building*

Leader-Wilbur Daley

YOUTH GROUP—*Youth Annex*

Leader-Michelle Waitt

R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors)—*Room 417*

Leader-Pat Mason

G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION)—*Room 415*

Leader-Sherry Toland

Sunday School Classes @ 9:15am

CAMO CLASS—*Room 406*

Leader- Bobby Smith

GLEANERS CLASS—*Room 401*

Leader-Audrey Roberts

VISIONARIES CLASS—*Building 3, Old Social Hall*

Leader-Wilbur Daley

SOJOURNERS CLASS—*Room 417*

Leader-Mack Pope

SENIOR ADULT MEN CLASS—*Room 413*

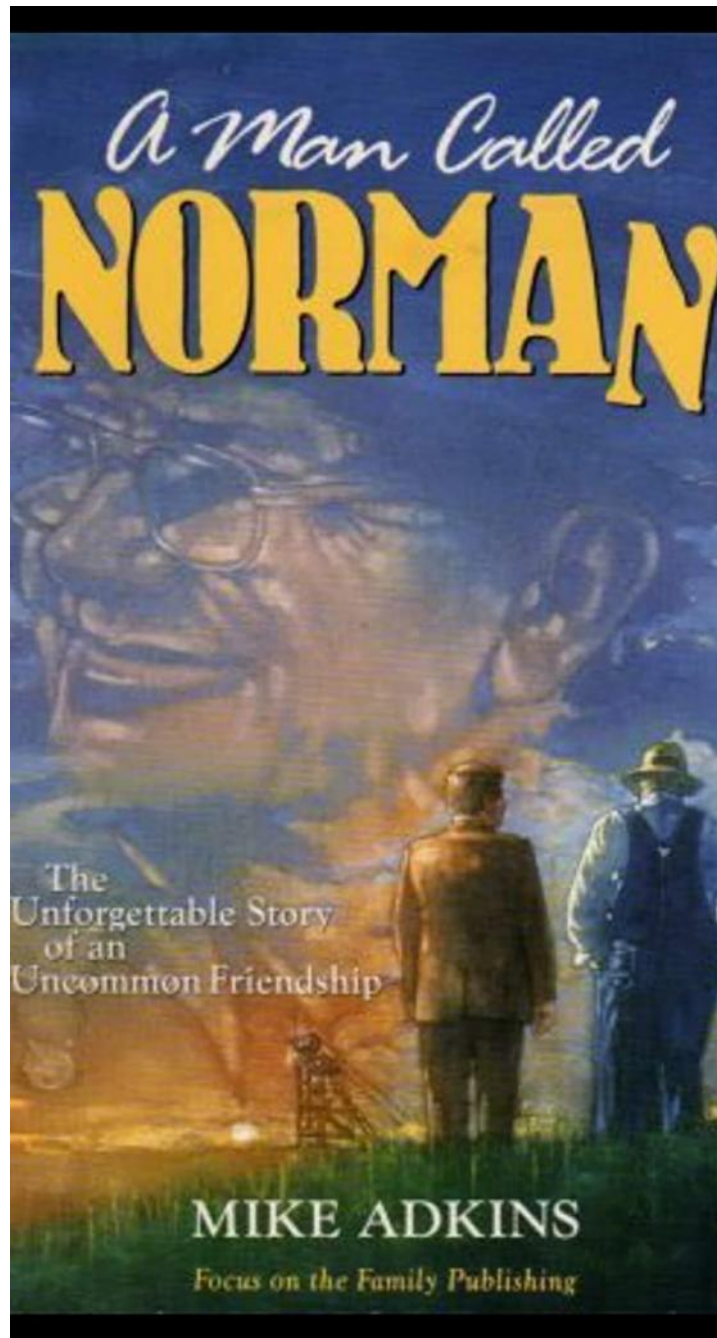
Leader-Truett Vaigneur

YOUTH—*Youth Annex*

Leader-Faye Lowther

Save the Date

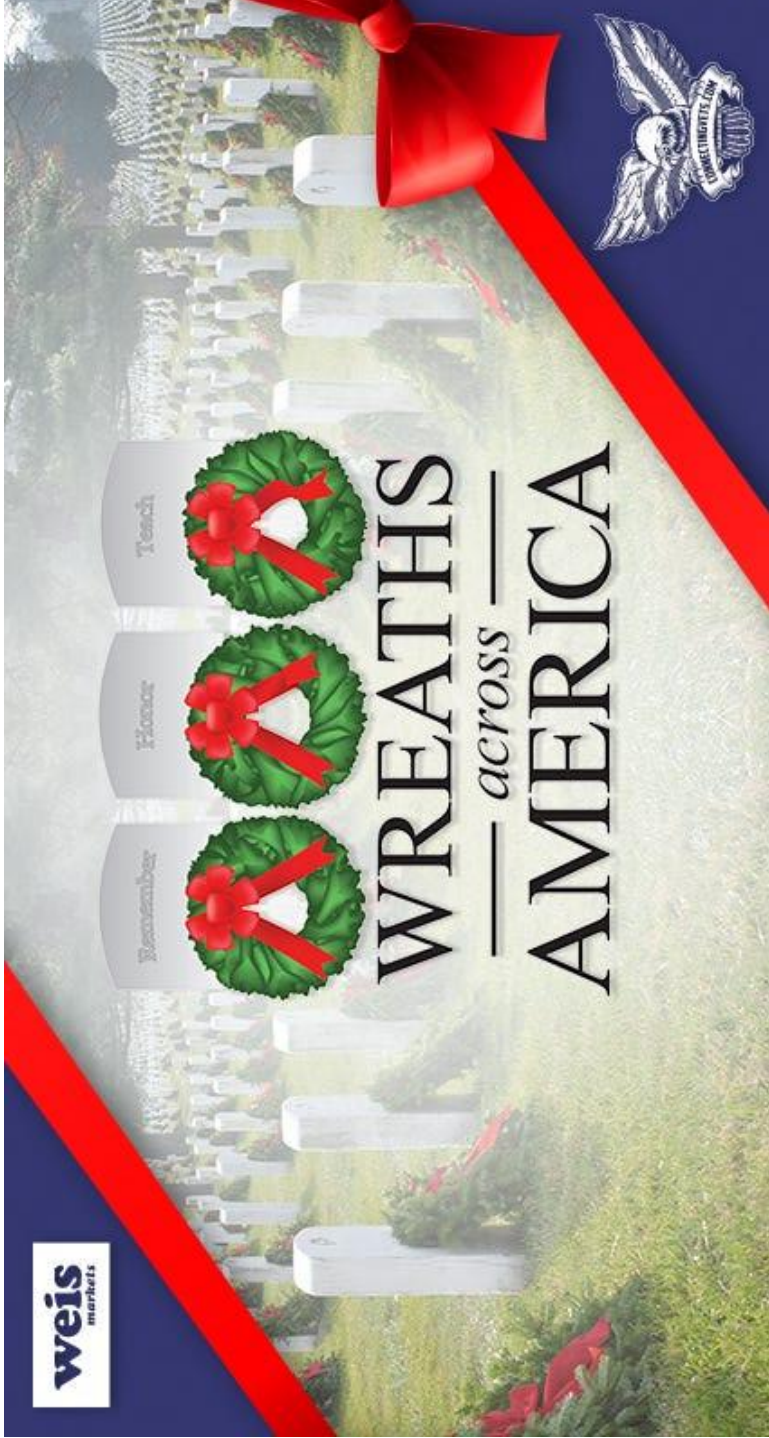
December 20th




Opens @ 6:30pm Movie starts @ 7:00pm

Popcorn Tea Lemonade

If you would like to provide other snacks, please feel free to do so.



Sunday, December 20th following Morning Worship Services

 Weekly Offering	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 2,265.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$2,518.77
Online Offerings	\$ 198.70		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Wreaths Across America</i>	\$ 339.00	*****	\$ 991.03
<i>Office Supply</i>	\$ 60.00	*****	\$ 2,619.14
<i>Lottie Moon Offering</i>	\$ 52.00	*****	\$ 102.00
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 540.00
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$ 82.22

Welcome

New Members

Stephen Roberts

Richard Roberts

It's That time of the Year Again

*It is time to update our records and Phone/Address book &
Annual Calendar w/ Birthdays & Anniversaries.*

*Pick up a Member info sheet today and place in offering
plate or turn into church office.*

Thank You

Member Info sheets are on Back Wall



Menu to be announced.

\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more.

NO Meal Deliveries at this time.

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
Marie Cole*

Nursing Centers

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

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

*Jessica Cleland
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz*

Cancer / Treatments

*Lynn Daugherty
Sidney
Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Gloria Davis
Gary Malphrus
Skip Brooks
Cynthia Box
Regina Bouye
Mack Pope
Kaiaya Alston
Evelyn Olsen*

Called to Ministry

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry
Abide Wednesday Services*

Bereavement

*Family of
Margaret Vaigneur*

Other Health Needs

*Cookie Daley
Jane Gorman
Jerry Cooler
Bobby Tootle
Randy Smoak
Brenda Farve
Andrew Miller
Lloyd Way
Jason Smoak
Celeste Lucas
Pinky Rushing
Chip Sutler
Diane Hannah
Loony Jones (Jeffrey Stanley's
Grandfather)
David Sauls
Tracey Lake
Pat Kemple*

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
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*

Church Staff

Pastor: **Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr**.....jehu27@gmail.com

Music Director: **Richard Waitt**.....waittfamily83@gmail.com

Sunday School Director: **Mike Davis**.....

ABIDE Contemporary Service: **Wilbur Daley**.....

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



Monday

7th

Vanessa Smoak

Victoria Keiffer

Rylie Ford

Wednesday

9th

Frankie Malphrus

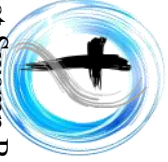
Saturday

12th

Nadine Smoak



Tuesday, December 15th @ 11:00 am
Multi-Purpose Building
Bring finger foods and favorite sides
Beverages Provided.



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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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