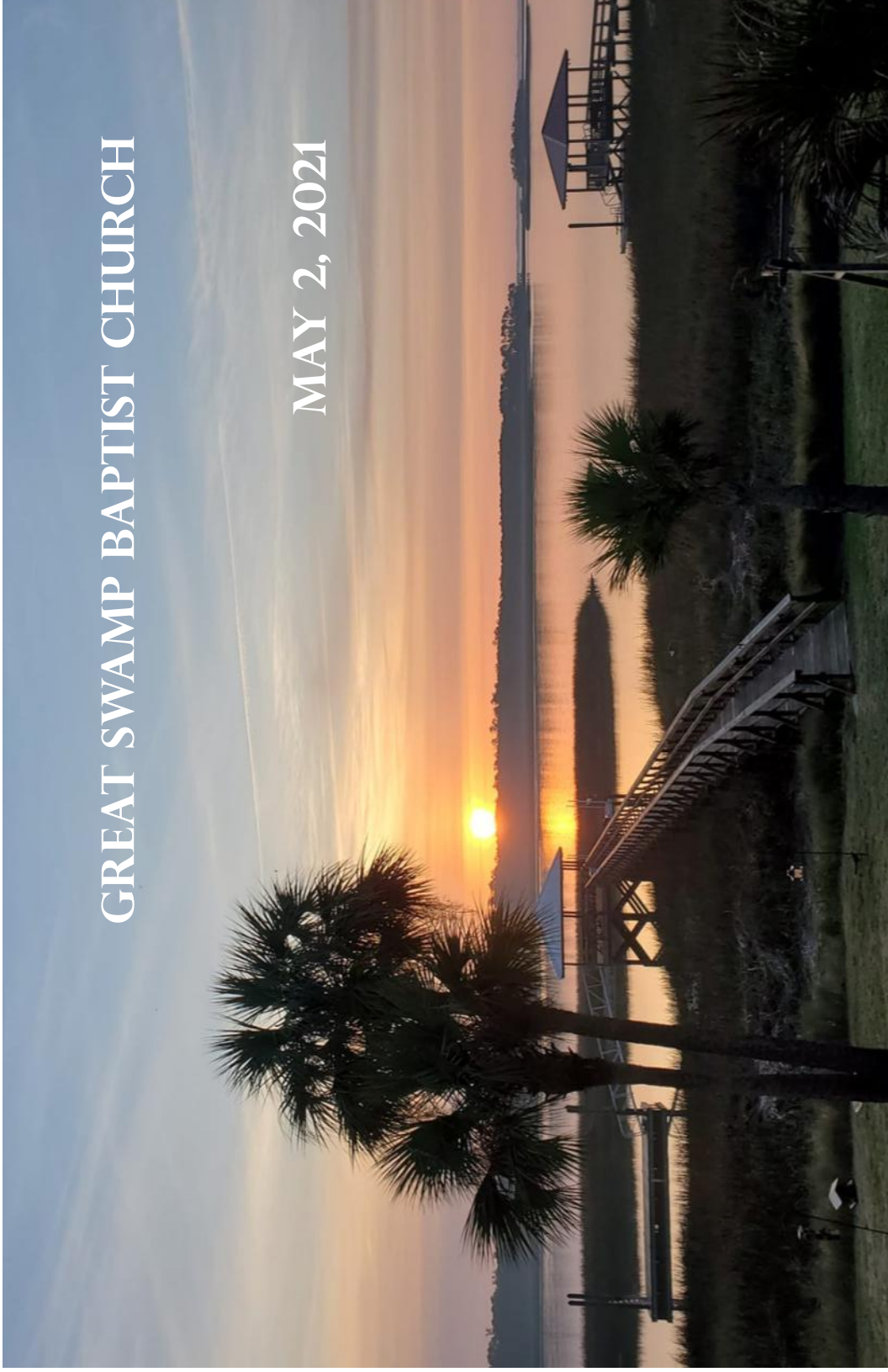


GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 2, 2021



Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

“Forever Reign”

Invocation

Freddie Malphrus

Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn # 437 “Greater Is He That Is In Me”

Hymn # 438 “Heaven Came Down”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

Proclaimers

“Jesus, Only Jesus”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Mason Losgar/Amelia Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-816-3206

Next Week:

Mack Pope: 843-540-6636





The Biblical View of Race

(Acts 17:22-31; Gen. 11:5-9; Rom. 5:12-19; Gal.3:26-29))

Intro: For the biggest part of a year now, Covid-19 has been the primary news subject. However, a different topic has emerged now as the primary topic of the day, racism, especially since the George Floyd court hearing got under way and has now concluded. We have seen celebrities, sport's personalities, politicians and more speak out a guilty verdict even before the hearing had concluded. They all basically concluded that it was all about racism because it was a white policeman who shot a black man. Therefore, automatically, we have concluded that it was racism.

From this whole George Floyd event, many in the nation have concluded that all white persons are automatically racist. Therefore, they concluded that certain things have to be done to turn it all around. One of those things is basically to change how we teach history. This change is to show that white people have always and will always be racist. Another thing that they believe is that the white race in America should pay reparations to the black community for their ancestor's enslavement.

Now, on the other side of the coin, there are white people who believe that the black community is inferior and that they are not worthy of our respect.

However, praise the Lord that for the most part, people on both sides of the issue get along well with each other. Most Americans on this topic are not on the extreme ends. However, what would help us all better deal with the issue is to understand exactly what the Bible teaches about race. For when we come to understand what the Bible teaches about race we hopefully will work hard to eliminate this tragic division that has gripped our nation. So let us take a look at the Biblical view of race. Our primary text is Acts 17:22-31.

I. First, let us notice that the Biblical view of race begins with God our Creator. (vs. 22-36).

In our text, the Apostle Paul is speaking in Athens. With his opening words he pretty much blew the theory of the majority of Athenians view of about how we came into existence. One group of Athenians believed that matter always existed and we came from that matter. Another group believed that we were created by many gods. Another group believed that everything connected together pretty much was God so we brought ourselves into existence.

Therefore, when Paul said that we came into existence by the hand and power of the One Eternal God, it most likely blew their minds away. However, Paul stood his ground because there is no doubt what so ever that the Bible, God's Holy word, from Genesis to the last page, clearly teaches that God and God alone is our Creator. Gen. 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

"Then Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth.'" (Gen. 14:18-19).

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for He founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters." (Ps. 24:1-2).

"At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified Him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; His kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as He pleases with the power of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back His hand or say to Him; 'What have you done?'" (Daniel 5:34-35).

Now, that we settle the question, who is our Creator, then we must understand that the only place to truly know how we came into being and what is the proper understanding of race comes from God alone. So, what He says ends the story on the subject. This then allows us to move to the next point that will give us the teaching on race.

II. Second, let us notice that the Biblical point of view of race is that there is only one. (vs. 26).

Now, anytime you fill out a form in just about all settings at some point in that form, they will ask what is your particular race: black, white, Hispanic, Asian, etc... However, according to our verse, the appropriate question should be not what race are you a part of, but rather what people group or cultural group do you belong to? For our verse tells us that every nation of men came from one man, not many, not a few different pairs, just one. Of course, the first chapter in the Bible tells us who that one was. It was Adam and Eve.

Well you might say that the verse is wrong and I am wrong because Adam and Eve are not one but two. However, it is one because when God formed Eve, He did so with a rib from Adam. Therefore, the pair is one. This is what it means that from Adam, God created all other nations of men. So, we all have the same original parents, Adam and Eve. There is not a person on earth that you are not related to. Understanding this truth should help us all begin to treat each other better because we all are a part of the same human race and family. Therefore, because we are all one race and family, we should be promoting unity not division which we see greatly taking place.

III. Third, let us notice that the Biblical view of race includes variations. (vs. 26; Gen. 11:5-9). *Paul tells us that though we began with one man, we eventually spread out into different nations of men. Of course, it is no new news to any of us that each of these nations of men differ from each other in some form or fashion. So, how did this come about and how did it result in us having many different physical appearances from one another?*

The answer to those questions is found in the Book of Genesis where God told Noah and his family, once they were off the ark, to multiply and spread out over the whole earth. However, we all know that they refused to obey God's command to spread out and instead settled down in a certain plain. We also know that they were building a giant tower there. God determined that they were going to spread out so He confused their language so that they no longer spoke one language.

Then what happened was that the people gathered together with the people that spoke the particular language they each spoke. This created different people groups who spread out and settled down in different parts of the world.

Now, God has placed us, every kind He has created, to have variations. So that is why you have dogs which are a kind group but within that group you have all kinds of shapes and colors but all still a part of one kind.

So it is with the one human race that God has allowed within the human race to have variety. As each of those language groups married within their own particular language groups, they each began to develop unique physical traits to their own particular group, however, still having differences even in each group.

That is how there is one human race but many people groups. All because God made it possible for there to be variety within the human race. Thus, some groups vary because of certain facial features or skin color and so on. Thank God for the variety that God has placed in each kind He created because it makes life so much more enjoyable. Thus let us not think

that because we are different, we are not the same race for indeed we are and should treat one another in like fashion as Jesus did.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that the Biblical view of race includes the need for redemption. (vs. 27-31). *Paul told the people of Athens that God created this one human family though in many different people groups with a great deal of variety amongst them all, for one purpose and that purpose was that they all should seek Him, find Him and know Him.*

Now, the reason that we need to seek Him is because they have all become separated from Him because they have become sinners beginning with our original set of parents, Adam and Eve. Romans tells us that, "...just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, and us this way death came to all men, because all sinned." (Rom. 5:12). So, the whole human race made up of many people groups is in need of redemption because all of them are sinners.

However, the good news is that as one man, Adam's sin and death came into the world, so through one man, Jesus Christ our Lord, came the opportunity for redemption for us all. (Rom. 5:15-19).

In another place, Paul makes a bold statement about Jesus dying for us all. "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again." (2 Cor. 5: 14-15).

So, all are sinners, the entire human race but praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ that our Lord died for the entire human race. Redemption is available to us all if only we would seek Him. We could find Him and know Him by coming to the one God the Father sent to save us. So, the hope of humanity is Jesus.

Concl. Paul told the Athenians that God was not far from any of us. So, what that is telling us is that God is not trying to hide himself from us. Rather it is letting us know that He desires for us to know Him personally and has done everything possible to make it happen.

Therefore, you have no excuse for not seeking Him, finding Him and knowing Him. Won't you cry out to Jesus today?

When we get to glory, we want be separated by our differences even, in Christ the Lord today, we stand equal in God's sight. Paul said, "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Gal. 3:26-29).

Do you belong to Christ?

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Grandmother's Group

Mother's Day Luncheon

Saturday, May 8th

11:30 am

MPB

***Men of the Church
will be serving***

Sunday School Classes

@

9:15am

CAMO CLASS *Room 406* **Leader- Bobby Smith**
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GLEANERS CLASS *Room 401* **Leader-Audrey Roberts**
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VISIONARIES CLASS *Building 3, Old Social Hall*
Leader-
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SOJOURNERS CLASS *Room 417* **Leader-Mack Pope**
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YOUTH *Youth Annex* **Leader-Faye Lowther**

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-**

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-Carol Davis/Diane Thames

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Step of Faith Christian Academy

*The Faculty & Senior Class
of
Step Of Faith Christian Academy
announce*

*Commencement Exercises
Saturday afternoon, May twenty-two
Two Thousand Twenty- One
Four O'clock
Charger Gymnasium*

*Graduate Recognition Service
Sunday, May sixteenth
Ten Thirty AM
Multi-Purpose Building*

*Baccalaureate
Wednesday, May nineteenth
Seven O'clock PM
Great Swamp Baptist
Church Sanctuary*

SFCA UPCOMING EVENTS

Honor Society Induction

Thursday, May 6 @ 9:10am, Sanctuary

Muffins for Mom

Friday, May 7th @ 8:15 / MPB

Graduation Recognition

Sunday, May 16th @ 10:30am / MPB

Baccalaureate

Wednesday, May 19th @ 7:00pm / Sanctuary

SFCA Sports Banquet

Thursday, May 20th @ 6:00pm / MPB

SFCA K-5 Graduation

Friday, May 21st @ 7:00pm / Gymnasium

SFCA Senior Graduation

Saturday, May 22nd @ 4:00pm / Gymnasium

SFCA 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

Last Chapel

Thursday, May 27th @ 8:30am

Awards Day / Last Day of School

Friday, May 28th @ 8:15am / MPB

(Dismiss following)



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT Suppers



**TO BE
ANNOUNCED**

*\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a
family of 4 or more.
NO Meal Deliveries at this
time.*



May Collections

Combs, Brushes & Matchbox Cars

Thank You

Graduation Recognition

Forms are on the Lobby table.

Please remember to submit a graduation photo.

*Photos may be submitted online to
greatswampbc@gmail.com*

*Actual photographs will be scanned and returned.
Forms & photos **must** be in church office by May 13th.*



Wednesday, May 19, 2021 @ 7:00pm

A meal will follow the service.

Sign Up sheet is on bulletin board

GSBC Prayer Page

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

Leadership
*President of the
United States of America*

*Vice President of the
United States of America*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Stephen Roberts
Connie Benton
David Sauls
Bess Parnell
Judy Rogers*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
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
Randy Bethune
Jason Holt
Jennifer Cooler Mazzochi*

Cancer / Treatments

*Sidney
Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Gloria Davis
Gary Malphrus
Skip Brooks
Cynthia Box
Regina Bouye
Kaiaa Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Angela Proctor
Jay Dalton
Reggie Malphrus
Raj's Mother*

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry
Abide Wednesday Services*

Bereavement

Family of

Other Health Needs

*Cookie Daley
Jane Gorman
Bobby Tootle
Randy Smoak
Brenda Farve
Andrew Miller
Lloyd Way
Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Annette Mole
Jerry E. Cooler
Bobby Smith
Keith Gamo
Telie Ethridge
Kenny Smith
Pinky Rushing
Chip Sutler
Arlette Jones
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Iola Daring
Shelby Green
Karen Phillipi
JW Jarrell*

Please Continue To Remember

*Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Judy Smith
Redden Tuten
Vera Floyd
Barbara Mills*

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Ann Blocker*

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

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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Pianist: Michelle Waitt..... *waittfamily83@gmail.com*

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School Administrator: Donna Carter.....*dcarter@hargray.com*

Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus.....*Josie6@embarqmail.com*



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Dorthie Armstrong</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Josh Ford</i>



<i>Monday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Calvin & Pat Bryan</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Mack & Bonnie Pope</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Eric & Kellie Chapman</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Gentry & Diane Thames</i>



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Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:15AM
Sunday School..... 9:15AM
Morning Worship..... 10:30AM
Wednesday Night Supper 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00PM

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