

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:15-16



Great Swamp Baptist Church

November 20, 2022

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

Mack Pope

Selections of Praise & Worship

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery
Help Needed



Helpers:
Mason Losgar
Emily Johnson



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Today:

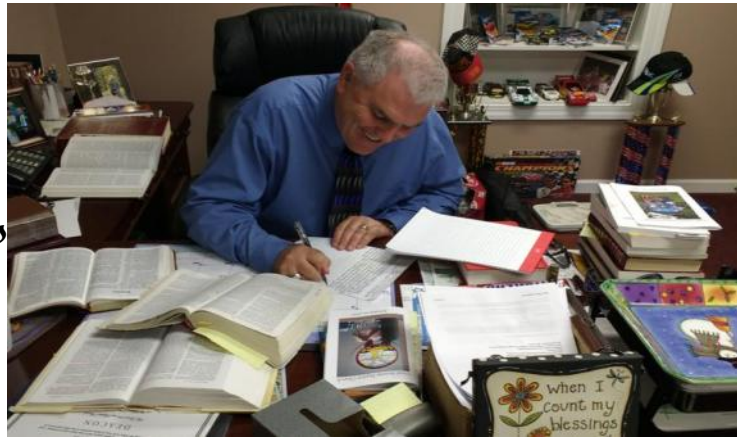
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*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Our Hope Rests in the Lord

(Ps. 62:1-8; Is. 40:21-31; Ps. 37:1-9)

Intro: Well, the midterm elections have come but not quite gone. However what we already know about the election so far have saddened us because the conservative wave didn't happen which we were expecting to. And even though we had some victories here and there, such as our own state as well as Florida, as a whole our nation is very much in a very bad place. One state elected a transgender person to office and five states that had abortion right referendums on their ballots were passed. One state failed to pass a law which would have protected and taken care of any child which managed to survive an abortion.

However, as Christians we must not allow this to discourage us. For our hope does not rest in politicians or even in a particular political system. Whenever we pray the Lord's prayer we begin with, "Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. . . ." So the true political system we seek is the Kingdom of God, and not the rule of men, and this Kingdom has only one political leader and He's the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. His name is Jesus Christ our Lord. The next to last verse in the Bible says in it, "Amen come Lord Jesus. . ." (Rev. 22:20).

Thus while we wait for the church to be raptured out, and the eventual return of Christ following that, who will literally set up the Kingdom of God here on earth, our hope must absolutely rely and rest in one place only, in the Lord. So we will look at some chapters and verses to encourage us to do that.

I. First, let's notice that our hope must rest in the Lord because of who He is. (Ps. 62:1, 5; Is. 40:18-28; 1 Tim. 1:1)

In this Psalms David twice clearly stated that his soul found both rest and hope alone in God. In Paul's writing he clearly indicated the same in his letter he wrote to young Timothy. He began that letter by saying, "Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope" (1 Tim. 1:1). He also said this in the Book of Colossians, "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you the hope of glory" (Col 1:27).

But the question needs to be asked why should we put our hope in Christ alone? Well, it would take eternity to completely answer that question, but for this message let's examine what we are told in this chapter in Isaiah why our hope should be in Christ alone.

Well, this chapter was written to bring comfort to the people of God during a very tough time. He did this by reminding them who He was. God asked them, who could they even possibly compare to Him or who was His equal? The obvious answer was and is and will ever be absolutely no one, because no one can or has or ever will do the things He has done.

Now in this chapter the things that God points out that He alone has done or ever could do was His mighty act of creation. Here are a few of those verses: "Lift your eyes up and look to the heavens who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of His great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing" (Is. 40:26).

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary and His understanding no one can fathom" (Is. 40:28).

With these understandings of who God is why would we rest our hope in anyone else other than God?

II. Second, let's notice that our hope must rest in the Lord because of what He has done. (Ps. 62:1-7)

In this particular Psalm that David wrote we already noted in the previous point that he declares that his hope comes from the Lord. He also states in this chapter that his salvation also rests totally in the Lord and those two things go hand in hand. The point being that the reason why David hopes in the Lord is because it's the Lord who has given him his salvation.

Now there are many incidents in David's life in which the Lord physically saved him over and over. He faced death more times than we could probably count and to which he always gave God praise for.

However David not only knew and experienced physical salvation but also, and more importantly, spiritual salvation. For he had experienced God's great and amazing grace in the forgiveness that God extended to him.

The Apostle Paul also related our hope to the salvation that Jesus Christ provided to us. When he told the Colossian believers that Christ in them was their hope of glory he first stated how that was so by showing them that through His death on the cross for their sins He made possible for them to have eternal salvation.

"Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation if you continue in your faith established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant" (Col. 1:21-23).

So because of the doings of our Lord going to Calvary on our behalf, and through that, reconciling us unto Himself we have been made a part of the family of God. This in turn makes us a part of the Kingdom of God and because we are a part of the Kingdom of God we will dwell in the Kingdom that will never end, but all other kingdoms will perish. All because of what God has done on our behalf. Thus giving to us eternal hope.

III. Third, let's notice that our hope rests in the Lord because of what He does. (Ps 37:1-9; Is. 40:28-31).

Now again this is another point that we could preach on for hours and days, but for this message we will point out three things that the Lord does for us when we place our hope in Him.

First, when we place our hope in Him, it will renounce fretting. This whole chapter is about not fretting or worrying or being concerned about evil persons because God in His time will take care of those people. But as we trust and hope in Him He also will take care of us.

Second when we hope in the Lord what it does is to refrain us from anger (vs 8). In other words, when we place our hope in mankind we will grow angry when either they don't do as they say or they do do the things they say they will. Whereas when we are hoping in the Lord we know that no matter what man may or may not do, God will always accomplish His will, which will always be for our good. Getting angry at what's happening in the world and letting that control you will eat away at you, so hope in the Lord.

The third thing the Lord does when we place our hope in Him is to renew our strength. "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Our hope in the Lord will cause us to soar above our difficulties. We will then find the strength to run and finally it will give us the ability to walk right on through with a steady move forward.

Concl: When the world sees God's people shaken up by what's going on in the world then they begin to wonder does our faith really offer anything different than what they already have, which is instability, uncertainty, and lack of direction. But when we hope in the Lord they will be able to see that our Lord can give absolute certainty in our uncertain world.

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph





Donations for November Needed:

\$10 monetary donation to help cover the cost of shipping. The boxes will be send with the donations received.

Dates To Remember:

*Saturday, November 12th — Packing party
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.*

Collection Week:

*November 14th through 21st
Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday (21st) 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

Thank you everyone for your support. Any questions or concerns, please come see me.

--Dorthie

Christmas Musical

Sunday, December 11th



Come join the fun and sing
your favorite Christmas songs!



Meal to follow after the service. The
church will provide the meat and drinks.
Everyone else please bring a side dish and/or a



Pastor Appreciation and Recognition Sunday, November 27th

Come join us in recognizing our amazing
pastor's 15 years of service!

Cake and ice cream to follow after the service



*The Church office will be closed on
November 24th in Observance of
Thanksgiving Day*



Wreaths Across America

Order a wreath for your loved ones.

Cost: \$15.00 each

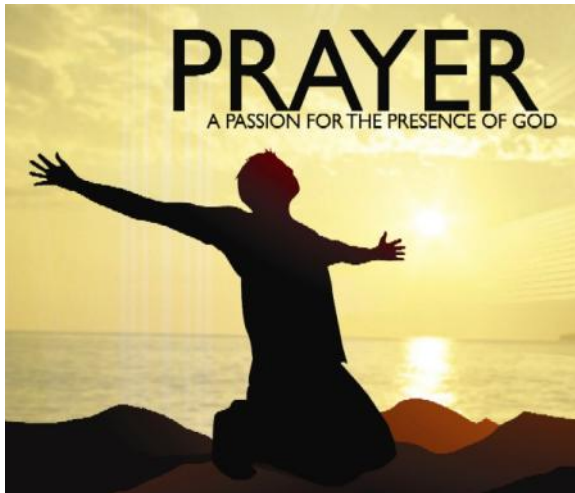
Cut-off Date: Sunday, December 14th

The list is on the bulletin
board on the back wall.



Deacons' Meeting

Monday, December 14th
at 7:00 p.m.



Prayer Group
Tuesday Mornings
@ 9:00am
All Are Welcome

NO Wednesday night
supper due to the
Thanksgiving holiday.
We will resume the
following week.



Sunday Morning
Breakfast

Begins at 8:00 a.m.
\$5.00 each or \$15.00
for a family of 4
or more

GSBC Prayer Page

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

Leadership

*President / Vice President of the
United States of America*

Hospitals

*Shannon Pinner—Greenville
Stan Stones—Memorial*

Surgery / Recovery

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler - RNC
Bobby Mohn - Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe
Dot Nettles - NHC
Dot Smart - NHC*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Lucille & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Alice & Gary Way</i>	<i>Thomas & Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

Leigh Laycock

Cancer / Treatments

*Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Lloyd Freeman
Lisa Chandler
Pat Headley*

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

Other Health Needs

*Tracey Lake
Pinky Rushing
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Marie Malphrus
Mary Kay Cade
Ellen Nettles
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Tim Roberts
Chris Blanchard
Jane Himes' Nephew
Keith Gamo
Doug & Melanie Hamm
Randy Smoak
Dean Daley
Laurie Norman
Rex Norman
Rose Sheehan
Steve Bailey
Mark Mingleдорff*

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Ret.
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC
Andrea C. Daring-Charleston, SC*

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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	<i>\$4,505.00</i>	<i>\$ 4,982.47</i>	<i>-\$377.47</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	<i>\$104.00</i>	*****	<i>\$231.19</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	<i>\$110.00</i>	*****	<i>\$373.66</i>
<i>Wreaths Across America</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>	*****	<i>\$70.00</i>
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,619.05</i>



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

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