



Great Swamp Baptist Church
October 1, 2023

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Mack Pope

Praise & Worship

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery



Teacher:
Olivia Stanley

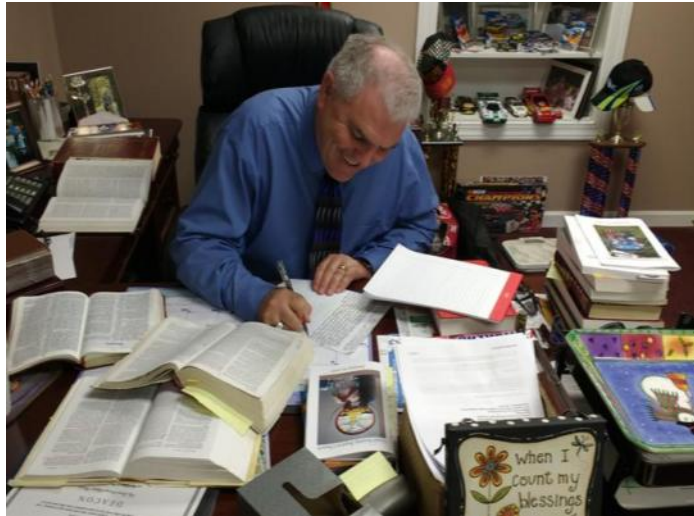
DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Mack Pope



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*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



The Christian Clothing Part III

Introduction:

Five weeks ago we began looking at this set of verses for the purpose of noticing the particular set of clothing that the Apostle Paul said that Christians should be wearing. Now once again, we are not referring to literal clothing that we wear on our bodies, but rather we are referring to our spiritual clothing that affects our attitude and behavior.

In these verses Paul gives us a list of eight pieces of clothing that he intends on us selecting. As we already pointed out in our previous two messages, these pieces of clothing are not a pick and choose selection. Rather Paul is pointing out that we are to select the entire group.

In this message we will look at the remaining three that we've not look at yet. But it behooves us to remind ourselves what the previous five were that we looked at, because all eight of them really require each of the other to be fully clothed in the manner God intends for us to be clothed. Those first five were compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. So let's go shopping and pick up the remaining pieces of the Christian clothing.

II. Second, let's continue noticing the selection for the Christian clothing (vs 12-14)

F. Bearing with one another is the sixth selection (vs 13).

Now, of course, this is closely related to the previous point which was patience. It is patience carried out to its extreme end. It is patience doubled over.

We often hear and say my patience is running out or has run out, but this is not to be said of Christians in their dealing with one another. For they are to go to the extra mile and literally endure one another, even when they've been wronged. Retaliation has no room in our dealings because we are bearing and enduring one another.

As with all of these pieces of clothing, we find Jesus to always be the supreme example and it's also the case with bearing with one another. To see this to be the case all you've got to do is read the Gospel. In the Gospels, of course, we read of Jesus walking in our midst. As He walked among us, He chose 12 men to be His disciples. The three years that those men walked with Him and followed Him they were constantly bickering with each other and arguing with each other. They were often comparing themselves to one another to show who was the best among them. They eventually either denied Him or even betrayed Him. But through it all Jesus endured them, and praise be to His name that He endures us through all eternity.

G. Forgiving one another is the seventh selection (vs 13).

Of course, if we were asked the question "what is the most discussed Biblical subject," forgiveness would be right up near the top. However. Usually when we are discussing the topic of forgiveness, it generally is a discussion about God's amazing and gracious forgiveness that He demonstrated to us through the sacrificial offering of His glorious and holy Son Jesus Christ.

However, what very often gets left out of the discussion is God's expectation for us to forgive one another based upon His forgiveness of our sins.

Well, Jesus gives us a story in the Gospels that powerfully illustrates our forgiving one another. This story that Jesus shares begins with a statement that the Apostle Peter made. "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sin against me? Up to seven times.'" (Matt 18:21).

Now Jesus' response to this was mind boggling to Peter and as well to us today. Peter thought he was being generous when he suggested seven times. For the Jewish religious leaders of the time taught that you forgive them twice, but the third time you retaliate. Jesus, however, said that you forgive them seven times seventy. Which was a reference to an endless number of times. Then Jesus gives the story that illustrates His statement to Peter.

The story is about a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. As he did this, he discovered that one of his servants owed him an enormous debt. A debt that by today's values would be in the millions of dollars. There was no way the servant could get the money he needed to pay the king back. So the king decided to sell the man, his wife, his children, and everything he owned to repay the debt.

However the servant began to plead with his king to please give him time that he would eventually pay him back. He continued begging the king until the king took pity and showed mercy by forgiving the man his entire debt.

Now you would think that this servant would be so overjoyed that he would do the same for anyone that owed him a debt, but he did not allow his experience of forgiveness with his king to affect his actions toward his fellow servants. For a fellow served owed him a small amount -- roughly between \$20 to \$50 in today's currency. This fellow servant's debt couldn't even begin to compare to the millions the other servant had owed the king, but instead of forgiving his fellow servant, he had him cast into prison until he paid him back what he owed him.

Now when the king heard what this servant did, he chastised him and threw him in jail until he paid the king for his new debt of unforgiveness. Then Jesus said these words to His disciples, "This is how your heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." This story says it all: Because Jesus has forgiven us, we must forgive one another.

H. Loving one another is the eighth selection (vs 14)

This is the final piece of the selection, but not because it's of least importance. Rather it's the final piece because it is the most important. As a matter of fact, without this piece of clothing you wouldn't be able to wear the rest of the selection, because this is the piece that makes all the other pieces possible and it's the one piece that binds all the other pieces together.

The Apostle Paul said, "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'you shall not commit adultery,' 'you shall not murder,' 'you shall not steal,' 'you shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." (Romans 13:8-10).

Jesus said it to His disciples in a very strong manner when He said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34).

Conclusion:

So let us this new church year make sure that we have put on the proper attire by selecting the clothing that our Lord has chosen for us to put on as discovered in these verses that we have covered.

If we do so, we will be able to unite over the things that matter and not fight over the things that don't matter.

Jesus Loves You,
Ralph Lee, Jr.

Sunday School Classes

@ 9:15am

CAMO CLASS - Room 406 - Bobby Smith

GLEANERS CLASS - Room 401 - Darlene Bollack

VISIONARIES CLASS - Building 3, Old Social Hall

Leader - Greg Mariocourt;

Assistant - Diane Thames

SOJOURNERS CLASS - Room 417 - Mack Pope

YOUTH - Youth Annex Leader - Amanda Hodges

BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES - Room 415 -

Nicole Mauriocourt

Wednesday Night Services

@ 7:00 pm

WORSHIP SERVICE Multi-Purpose Building

Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

YOUTH GROUP Youth Annex

Leader-Michelle Waitt

SWAMP KIDS Nursery Hall

Leader - Kim Malphrus

AGENDA

Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

Monday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Grandmothers' Group

Monday, October 2nd at 11:30 a.m.

Meet at the youth house to help with Operation Christmas Child. Please bring a soup or a sandwiches to share. Hope to see everyone there!
All ladies welcome!

Swamp Kids

Every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m.



Gopher Hill Festival

Thursday, October 5th, Friday,
October 6th
And Saturday, October 7th



Movie: Love's Enduring Promise

Sunday, October 22nd



Concessions at 6:00 p.m.



Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

Please bring finger foods to share!

Tea and Popcorn provided.

Come watch an amazing movie with us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCC Packing Party

Saturday, October 14th at 9:30 a.m.



GSBC's Homecoming

Sunday, October 15th.

More information to follow.

SRBA Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

Ridgeland Baptist Church

More information to follow.



Harvest Fest

October 28th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

More info and sign up sheets coming soon.

See Jennifer or Keith for more info.

Lord's Supper

Sunday, October 29th during the service.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 31st

Beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the MPB.

Sign up online or walk-in.



Operation Christmas Child

These are the items being collected for October. Please remember you can make a donation and we will do the shopping for you and/or you can pick an angel off the tree.

October:

Matchbox cars
Stuffed animals
Jump ropes
Barbies
Yo-yos
Puzzles
Assorted toys for 5-14 yr olds

PACKING PARTY:
Saturday, October 14th at 9:30 a.m.



Wednesday Night Supper

Meals served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
every Wednesday night.

Wednesday, Oct. 4th:

Cooking Team: Team Timmy

\$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per
family of four or more.

No meal deliveries.



Sunday Morning Breakfast

Beginning Sunday,
September 10th. Breakfast
will be served from 8:00
a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

\$5.00 per person or \$15.00
per family of four or more.



Be on the lookout for yellow cards requesting updated information. They are primarily in the vestibule, but if you cannot find one of these cards, please come to the church office as I have some available on the desk as well. We need everyone who wants to be in the church phone/address directory to please fill out a yellow information card. Even if you do not think your information has changed, please still fill out a yellow card. Please do this as soon as possible, so that I can create a new church directory before the new year. NOTE: This is for everyone and anyone who wants to be in the church directory.
It is not limited to church members.

If you have a problem writing or if it is difficult for you, please call the office and I will be happy to take all of your information down and fill out the card for you.

I look forward to receiving everyone's information card!! :)



October:

10/1 - Courtney & Jeff
10/8 - Kim & Richard
10/15 - Juliette & Mike W
10/22 - Latrelle & Mike D
10/29 - Courtney & Jeff

November:

11/5 - Kim & Richard
11/12 - Juliette & Mike W
11/19 - Latrelle & Mike D
11/26 - Courtney & Jeff



<i>Monday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Timmy Sauls</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Donna Carter</i>



MEETING NOTICE!

We are planning a church council meeting in the near future. We have **tentatively** scheduled it for next Sunday, October 8th after the service, however, this date is **NOT** set in stone and may change. Thus, please stay tuned for the permanent date to be announced and more information to follow. Any questions, please see Mack Pope.

SAVANNAH RIVER
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
WMU
CHRISTMAS 2023
BACKPACKS FOR
JASPER COUNTY

DUE
TO
SRBA
BY
DEC.
6TH.

ITEMS TO INCLUDE

- 3 Winter accessories: such as hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks.
 - 3 Pop top cans of food: such as Vienna sausages, SpaghettiOs
 - 3 other food items: such as wrapped hard candy, jerky, fruit snacks, breakfast bars, gum, sunflower seeds
- NO PEANUT PRODUCTS, PLEASE!**
AN AGE-APPROPRIATE BIBLE OR BIBLE STORY BOOK

ATTACH
TWO
RIBBONS
ON EACH
BACK-
PACK

RIBBON
ONE
GENDER

BOY -
BLUE

GIRL -
PINK

RIBBON
TWO
GRADE

PRE K & K
PURPLE

1ST - 3RD
YELLOW

4TH-5TH
GREEN

6TH-8TH
RED

9TH -12TH
WHITE

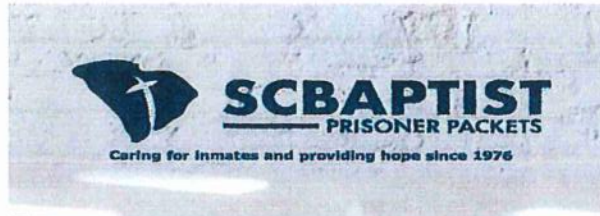
ALSO, TO BE INCLUDED

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN: HYGIENE ITEMS:
Place in Ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, washcloth. **3 FUN ITEMS** such as fleece blankets, stuffed animals, dolls, hair accessories, cars, crayons and coloring books, puzzles, card games story books, fidget spinners, bubble pop toys.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN/TEENS HYGIENE ITEMS:
Place in Ziploc bag: tooth brush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, wash cloth, deodorant. **3 FUN ITEMS:** such as make up, jewelry, fleece blankets, thermos, flashlights with batteries, drawing items, markers, colors pencils, craft sets, balls with pump, Uno, fidget spinners etc.

Do not overstuff bags, place any extra items in box or bag that can be donated.

ANY QUESTIONS: CONTACT THE SAVANNAH RIVER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AT 843- 726-8294



Every single Prisoner Packet gets delivered. And every single packet contains a Message of Hope - the story of Christ's love and forgiveness. Last year S.C. WMU sent 17,500 packets.

PACKING LIST

- ONE black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
- ONE standard size writing tablet approx. 6"x9" (no wire bound books, composition books, post-it notes, or colored paper)
- ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
- ONE 4 oz to 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)
- ONE 3.2 oz to 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped or unboxed bars)
- TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- THREE first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed Envelopes (from US Post Office, NO regular stamps, no other size envelope)
- ONE gallon size zipper bag (no other size bags accepted)

ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE ZIPPER BAG WITH ZIPPER CLOSED SECURELY DO NOT INCLUDE: washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, combs. Extra approved items may be sent to NewSpring Church on collection day in a bag/box marked "extra items."

You put it together. We'll put it in the right hands. God will do the rest.

The Christmas Packets for Prisoners project began in 1976. It is a joint project of SCBC and SC WMU. As the project has grown, our churches continue to give faithfully and generously. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with those who need to know Jesus in a personal way.

Many men, women and youth have no one who cares for them. They have no visitors, nor do they receive gifts at Christmas. You make Christmas special for them through this ministry. You provide hope and love. As a result, some have received the true Christmas gift. They have come to know Christ because you care.

It is the easiest gift on your shopping list. Every item on the list is in your grocery store, dollar store or variety store and to gift wrap it, all you do is put the items in a zipper plastic bag. Of all the gifts you give, it is the one most likely to change a life!

ALL PRISON PACKET MUST BE DELEVERED TO THE SAVANNAH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION BUILDING NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 29TH



GSBC Prayer Page

Church Leadership

Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries
Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons
Church Finances

Leadership

President / Vice President of
the United States of America

Bereavement

Family of Elaine Degler

Unspoken

Other Health Needs

Mary Kay Cade
Debbie Hale
Gene Price
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Judy Smith
Kathy Breland

Mr. Williamson - heart attack

Mike Wall
Grace Hetrick
Arthur Pierson
Dwight Malphrus
Clark Daring
Arlette Jones
Max Cole
Nicole Cole

Hospitals

Marie Malphrus - Beaufort
Memorial
Mary Cooper - Beaufort
Memorial

Cancer/Treatments

Revel Crosby - 4 years old
(Leukemia)
Morgan Warren
Ken Lawler

Surgery/Recovery

Judy Smith
Karen Malphrus
Mike Davis - Neck Surgery
David Raines - Sprenger Rehab

Nursing Centers

Bobby Mohn - Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South
Pointe

Expected Mothers:

Chelsea Lake - Due 10/16

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>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Thomas & Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	<i>Marie Malphrus</i>

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
Schuyler Johnson - Basic Training Marines

Church Staff

Pastor: Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr. *jehu27@gmail.com*
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Sunday School Director: Mike Davis
Pianist: Michelle Waitt *waittfamily83@gmail.com*
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843-726-3631
School Administrator: Donna Carter *dcarter@hargray.com*

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$2,889.00	\$ 5,012.49	\$-2,123.49
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
Designated Funds		*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Janie Chapman Fund</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$55.00
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$841.83
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$143.00	*****	\$1,356.72
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$186.00	*****	\$-8.77
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$550.00	*****	\$650.00
<i>SFCA Gym</i>	\$200.00	*****	\$976.83



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Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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