

Great Swamp Baptist Church September 10, 2023

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

Praise & Worship

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer Worship by Giving Offertory Special

Message

Steve Levinson

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Benediction Prayer

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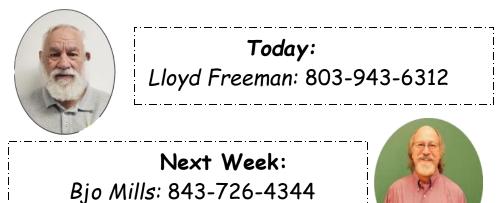
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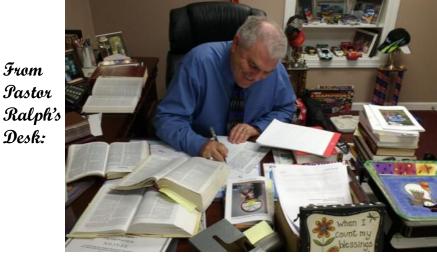
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DEACON OF THE WEEK:





The Christian's Clothing - Part II (Col 3:12-17)

Introduction:

From

Desk:

In our previous message we examined the motivation for our Christian clothing. In other words why should we put on the Christian clothing that God calls on us to wear?

There were three motivations that we took note from our present set of verses that clearly show why we must put on the proper attire that God calls us to put on. Those three are the fact that God has made us (the Christians) His chosen people, His holy people, and His dearly beloved people.

Now that we understand why we must obey our Lord's command to put on the Christian clothing, let's discover what is the proper attire God's called us to wear. Thus, I call this point we are looking at in this message as the selection of the Christian clothing.

Now I want us to understand that God doesn't give us a selection to pick and choose from. Rather He intends that we select the entire wardrobe. So it's extremely important that as we go through the aisles of these selections that we know what they are, and with prayer we ask God to help us put them on.

II. Second, let's notice the selection for the Christian clothing (vs 12-13).

So Paul gives us a long list of the appropriate clothing that he expresses that God wants us to wear. We probably wont get through them all in this message, but we will get a good start. So let's take a look at the selection God has chosen for us.

A. Compassion is our first selection.

Compassion is a very heartfelt concern for those among us who are in genuine need of something. So we are called to be looking out for each other to see those who are hurting or are in deep need among us and out of a deep concern for those individuals we reach out with a heartfelt reaction.

Jesus was the perfect example of what it means to be compassionate. "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in the synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd." (Matt 9:35-36)

"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, and healed their sick." (Matt 14:14)

"Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry." (Matt 15:32)

These are just a few of the many examples of His compassion. So let us go through the aisle of compassion and grab a hold of it and put it on.

B. Kindness is our second selection.

Dr. John MacArthur said, "Kindness is closely related to compassion. The Greek term refers to grace that pervades the whole person, mellowing all that might be harsh."

Thus, kindness is both an attitude and action combined together as you relate to others the way you will relate to them is with an attitude and action of grace and mercy. For this is the way Christ Jesus our Lord has acted toward us. Once again Jesus is the perfect example of what it means to be kind.

In Jesus description of Himself He adequately reveals His kindness. "Come unto me all of you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke from you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for my yoke is easy and my burdened is light." (Matt 11:28-30).

He demonstrated this attitude and action of kindness over and over. He showed it to the Samaritan woman whom He met at the well. He showed it to the leper with a kind touch. He showed it to a woman caught in adultery, and list could go on and on. As a matter of fact we are told that it is by His kindness that we've been drawn to repentance and redemption. (Romans 2:1-4). So let us find the aisle of kindness, put it on, and begin demonstrating it toward others.

C. Humility is our third selection.

All of these selections compliment one another. Humility is clearly one of the selections that you've got to put on in order to accomplish some of the other selections. Without it you would be hard pressed to show compassion, kindness, and the other selections that will follow.

Humility is the act of putting others before yourself. Of course that begins with putting God before yourself, but then it moves to putting others before yourself.

Now of course as in the other points, Jesus is the supreme example of humility. Paul describes Jesus' humility in an amazing set of verses. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. In your relationship with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; Rather He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death -- even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:3-11).

This is an aisle that a lot of us have been skipping while shopping for the Christian clothing. So may we today back up to this aisle and with much prayer put on the clothing of humility.

D. Gentleness is our fourth selection.

Gentleness is approaching others with the mindset that but for the grace of God there go I. Others I read said that, "The gentle person knows he's a sinner among sinners..." (MacArthur). Even when you sense that you need to be harsh you find a way to bring it across in a gentle manner.

Again, Jesus was the perfect example of a gentle person. Once again let us quote part of a scripture already quoted. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am <u>gentle</u> and <u>humble</u> in heart." (Matt 11:29).

When Jesus came riding on the colt of a donkey in what's called His Triumphant entry into Jerusalem He's referred to as gentle because He's not riding a warhorse which will happen at His second coming. But in His first coming He fulfilled the prophesy as the gentle, suffering servant who came to die for our sins.

"This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 'Say to the daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, <u>gentle</u> and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.""

A lot of us have skipped this aisle as well. What the world hears more often from the church is the opposite of gentleness. May the Lord help us to dive deep into the aisle of gentleness.

E. Patience is the fifth selection.

Now this is indeed one of the aisles that we don't have time for. A little pun intended. And the reason why is because of what it stands for. One commentary said that patience is, "Self-restraint, a steady response in the face of provocation." So you choose not to become irritated at one another even with time.

Another person said that, "It is the resolute refusal to retaliate..."

Once again Jesus is the perfect example of patience. As a matter of fact our Lord's patience has brought about our salvation. "Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave Him." (2 Peter 3:15).

Peter tells us that Paul also mentioned that Jesus' patience means our salvation. "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners -- of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His <u>unlimited patience</u> as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life. Now to the king eternal, immortal, invincible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever amen." (1 Timothy 1:15-17).

So if God is patient with us how much more should we be toward one another?

Conclusion:

This list of clothing selections we talked about in this message does not include the entire selection of the Christian clothing. In the next message we will pick up the rest, but we've looked at enough to get us well on the way of having the entire selection. As we move onto the remainder of the selections, please make sure you don't skip any aisles when shopping, instead go by each one and be sure to put on every item of Christian clothing.

Jesus Loves You,

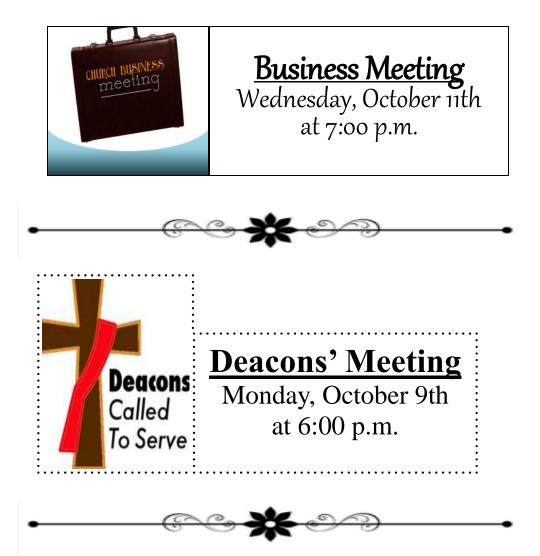
Ralph Lee, Jr.



Monday	11th	Emma Grace Míngledorff
Tuesday	12th	Shírley Malphrus
Wednesday	13th	Grace Malphrus
Saturday	16th	Doby Cleland



Tuesday, September Happy Anniversary 2 <u>12th:</u> Patrick & Kim Malphrus "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not Saturday, September dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not 16th: easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." Krey & Faye Lowther 1 Corinthians 13:4-5



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

SRBA Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 5:00 pm Ridgeland Baptist Church

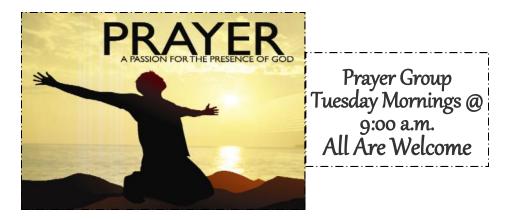
Grandmothers' Group

Monday, September 11th at 11:30 a.m. We will be meeting at the youth house each month to help with Operation

> Christmas Child. Please bring a dish or a dessert to share. Hope to see everyone there!

> > All ladies welcome!





<u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u>

Lloyd Freeman was voted in as a Great Swamp Deacon for the 2023-2026 term.



The men's ministry is wanting to start back up their monthly meetings for fellowship, devotion, and meal. Please sign up if you are willing to commit to being a part of this ministry. Sign up is on the back wall.



<u>September:</u> 9/3 - Courtney & Jeff 9/10 - Kim & Richard 9/17 - Juliette & Mike W 9/24 - Latrelle & Mike D <u>October:</u> 10/1 - Courtney & Jeff 10/8 - Kim & Richard 10/15 - Juliette & Mike W 10/22 - Latrelle & Mike D 10/29 - Courtney & Jeff

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Creation Seminar Guest Speaker: Steve Levinson This morning, September 10th!

Sunday School Hour (9:30 a.m.)

Creation2Communion Seminar A gospel illusion presentation! Steve transforms into "Dr. LivingStone," complete with a lab coat and wig! Several illusions are performed to demonstrate the gospel message. Please invite all ages – it's not just for kids!

Worship Hour (10:30 a.m.)

Foundations Under Fire Seminar This PowerPoint message reveals how evolution undermines the gospel message and how it has affected our culture. The church is encouraged to wake up and get serious about the issues.

Sunday Evening (6:00 p.m.)

Fossils, the Flood, Noah's Ark, and Dinosaurs This jammed-packed message answers many questions from the Bible and demonstrates that people are "evolutionized." A young earth is clearly shown from the Bible! Steve also brings his fossil collection.

You do NOT want to miss any of these seminars. They will be fantastic! Bring your family, bring your friends, bring everyone you can!!!

A love offering will be taken up after each seminar.

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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 ********

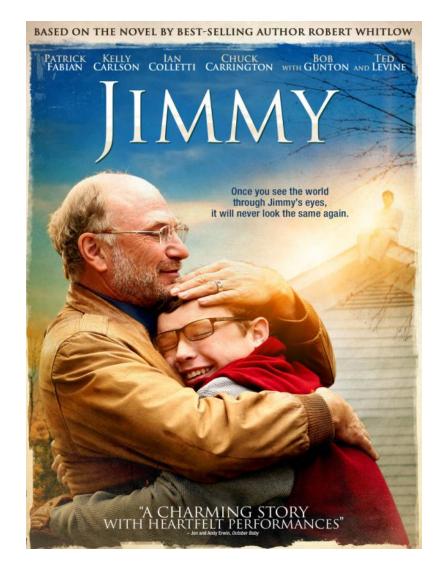
BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES - Room 415 -Nicole Mauriocourt

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





Movie: Jimmy

Sunday, September 17th 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!



Operation Christmas Child

These are the items being collected for September along with the amount needed. You can still take an angel off the tree or give a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you. Thank you. :)

September:

Washcloths = 717 Toothbrushes = 100 Combs/Hairbrush (girls) = 336 Combs (boys) = 300 Ponytail holders, headbands, barrettes Socks: Girls 5-9 = 128; Girls 10-14 = 165Socks: Boys 5-9 = 138; Boys 10-14 = 148

Any questions, ask Dorthie. Thank you.

Work days are Wednesday and Friday this week.



Wednesday Night Supper

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

Wednesday, Sept. 13th:

Cooking Team: Team Keith

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



<u>Sunday Morning</u> 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.

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

Unspoken

Cancer/Treatments

Pat Headley

Leigh Laycock

Joyce Garbade

Lloyd Freeman

Revel Crosby - 4 years old

(Leukemia)

Morgan Warren

Hospitals

David Raines - VA Hospital

Surgery/Recovery

Judy Smith

Karen Malphrus

Mike Davis - Neck Surgery

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 Jerry Koons Dwight Malphrus Arkette Jones - MRI on Back

Nursing Centers

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

Expected Mothers: *Chelsea Lake - Due 10/16*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

Shirley Malphrus Rose Boyles Judy Smith Vera Floyd Barbara Mills Kenny Smith Diane Hannah

Ann Blocker Doby Cleland Lucille & Ron Degler Red & Helen Malphrus Thomas & Erma Cooler Marie Malphrus

Tom Hinely

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

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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$3,746.00	\$ 5,012.49	\$-1,266.49
Online Offerings	\$50.00		
Designated Funds		******	Acct. Balances
Adult Senior Trip 2023	\$644.00	*****	\$10,951.94
Dot Lee Scholarship	\$66.00	****	\$1,139.06
Operation Christmas Child	\$325.00	****	\$1,402.84



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