



Great Swamp Baptist Church

September 3, 2023

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Keith Gamo

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
Help Needed



Helpers:
Emily Johnson

DEACON OF THE WEEK:



Today:
Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525

Next Week:
Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



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

Introduction:

Every year just prior to the start of school all the major chain stores, as well as online companies, put on a major going back to school sale. It's a time in which you can pick up school supplies supposedly at a cheaper rate. Part of those supplies include new clothing for the year. There are varied reasons for the buying new clothes for the school year. It may be because over the summer the kids may have grown an inch or two taller. Often however we buy them new clothing because the school we are sending them to has a certain dress code that you need to comply with.

Now the purpose for the dress codes is usually to help the children to dress in a manner that will help them to match up to the standards of the school they are attending. It's also to help them focus on their education and not so much on their attire.

Well, with these set of verses we are going to notice that our Lord has called us to go shopping for new clothes as well. Of course, in this situation we are not referring to actual clothes but rather the spiritual clothing necessary to cause us to match up to standards that our Lord wants us to live by. So as we get ready to start our new church year let's be sure that we are dressed with the right clothing.

I. First, let's notice the motivation for the Christian clothing (vs 12).

So the question is why should we even take into consideration wearing a particular type of clothing as a Christian? Why should we not just wear whatever we just desire to and not what apparel God is calling us to wear?

Well, Paul under the Spirit's leadership has clearly stated three definite reasons why we should eagerly put on the clothing that God has set aside for us to put on.

A. First, we are motivated to put on the Christian clothing because we are God's chosen people.

"Therefore as God's chosen people..." (vs 12). So Paul is saying that because we have been chosen by God that we need therefore to put on the specific clothing God has called us to wear.

The whole point is this if God had not selected us to be His people then we wouldn't be His people. We would forever be lost and bound for an eternity in Hell. However, God in His marvelous grace and bountiful mercy drew us to His glorious Son so that we might believe in Him for our eternal redemption.

In the Old Testament God chose a nation. Before He chose the nation He chose a man by the name of Abraham and from the man He chose He built His chosen nation.

Well, from the man the Lord Jesus Christ, God's chosen one, He birthed into existence His chosen people the church. Had God not chosen His glorious Son and sent Him to be our Redeemer we would have never become His chosen people. Also had He not sent His Holy Spirit to convict us of our sins, and to show us that Jesus Christ was the only way once again we would have never been able to call ourselves God's chosen people.

So let us gladly and enthusiastically put on the Christian clothing that God calls us to wear.

B. Second, we are motivated to put on the Christian clothing because we are God's holy people (vs 12).

"Therefore as God's chosen people, holy...." (vs. 12). So thorough Christ Jesus our Lord God chose us and what He chose us to be is His Holy people. To be God's Holy people requires that we understand what the word Holy means. The word literally means to be set aside.

So literally God chose us out of sin and then set us apart until Himself to be a people set apart for His purpose and will.

Oh, child of God, you are not your own. For you have been bought with the most expensive purchase of all eternity. For you were bought with the blood of Christ. Now you belong to Jesus. You have been gloriously set apart to belong to Him. So rejoice that at the expense of God you are His and you now have a purpose and direction for your life because you've been set apart.

Oh, let us rejoice that we no longer belong to sin, Satan, death, and Hell because God set us apart to belong to Himself and with that gave us a purpose for living. So because we've been set apart let's put on the clothing that reveals we are His holy people.

C. Third, we are motivated to put on the Christian clothing because we are God's dearly loved people (vs 12).

"Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, cloth yourselves..." (vs 12). If ever there was a motivation for us to be willing to put on the Christian clothing this is clearly it. That God not only loves us, but dearly and deeply loves us.

There are very few who haven't heard of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life."

Now it's true that God so loved the world and gave His only begotten son for it. But only the whosoever believers will truly know and experience His love.

So if you are one of the whosoever willing to come to faith in Christ then you will forever be the object of God's eternal, unconditional and special love which will never cease to be.

So because His love for us is so bountiful; so dear and deep; so continuous and eternal, let us joyously put on the clothing God intends for us to wear.

Conclusion:

I want to conclude this part of my message with another set of verses that so powerfully backup what this message says.

"Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ in accordance with His pleasure and will to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the one He loves. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins in accordance with the richest of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding." (Eph. 1:3-8).

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph Lee, Jr.



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in recognition of Labor Day.



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Joyce Gamo</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Bobby Mohn</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Anita Blanton</i>


ANNOUNCEMENT

This year Great Swamp raised a total of \$876.06 for the Radiance Women’s Center baby bottle collection. We received 75 bottles from the center and we filled EVERY SINGLE ONE!!! This just adds to the more than \$10,000 we’ve given over the years through our participation in this baby bottle drive. Thus, our donations we have helped this ministry save many, many babies from being aborted! Praise the Lord! Thank you to everyone who filled a bottle or donated. Continue to pray for this ministry and these women and be ready to fill more bottles next year! We have more babies to help save!!





Business Meeting
Wednesday, September 13th
at 7:00 p.m.



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Deacons' Meeting
Monday, September 4th
at 6:00 p.m.



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.

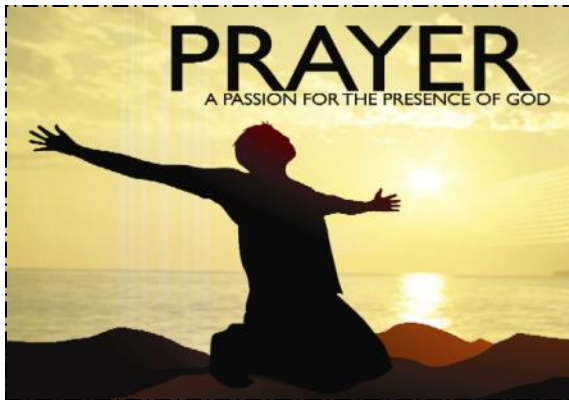


Please bring a dish or
a dessert to share.

Hope to see everyone there!

All grandmothers welcome!





Prayer Group
Tuesday Mornings @
9:00 a.m.
All Are Welcome

Movie: To Be Determined
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.

MEN'S MINISTRY

'AS IRON SHARPENS IRON SO ONE MAN
SHARPENS ANOTHER' PROVERBS 27:17

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.



GREETERS MINISTRY

September:

9/3 - Courtney & Jeff
9/10 - Kim & Richard
9/17 - Juliette & Mike W
9/24 - Latrelle & Mike D

October:

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



Operation Christmas Child

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

September:

Washcloths
Toothbrushes
Combs/Hairbrush (for boys and girls)
Ponytail holders, headbands, barrettes
Socks - boys & girls, ages 5-14
Matchbox cars
Stuffed animals/barbies

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. 6th:

Cooking Team: Team Timmy

Menu: Hamburgers, Hot dogs, and all the fixins'!

\$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per
family of four or more.



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 \$20.00
per family of four 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

Karen Malphrus - Candler

Surgery/Recovery

Nursing Centers

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

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

Cancer/Treatments

*Pat Headley
Leigh Laycock
Joyce Garbade
Lloyd Freeman
Revel Crosby - 4 years old
(Leukemia)
Morgan Warren*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

Other Health Needs

*Mary Kay Cade
Debbie Hale
Gene Price
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Judy Smith
Kathy Breland
Mr. Williamson - heart attack
Venny Robinston (Allene's
sister)
Karen Malphrus - Fall
Mike Wall
Grace Hetrick
Arthur Pierson
Jerry Koons
Dwight Malphrus
Arkette Jones - MRI on Back*

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*
Music Director: Richard 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 + / -
	\$3,665.00	\$ 5,012.49	\$-1,347.49
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
Designated Funds		*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Adult Senior Trip 2023</i>	\$1,117.00	*****	\$10,307.94
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$100.00
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$105.00	*****	\$1,077.84
<i>Kitchen Renovations</i>	\$40.00	*****	\$2,453.00



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

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