



Great Swamp Baptist Church
February 18, 2024

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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

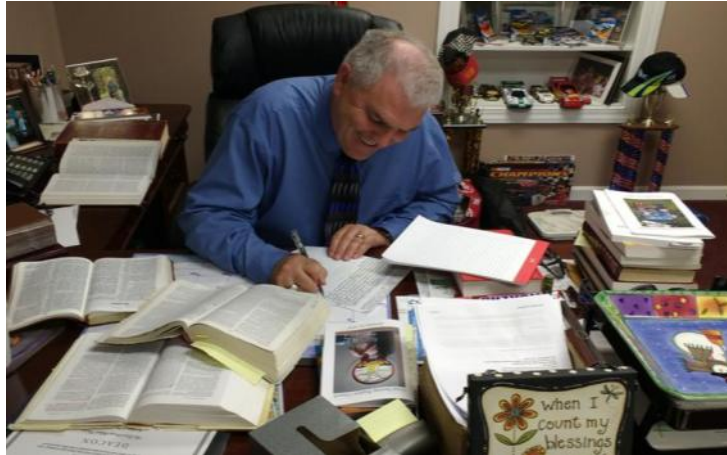
DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Mack Pope



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*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Rebuilding Walls and Restoring Lives, Part 4

Introduction:

In our last message we looked at when was the right time to experience restoration and the rebuilding of our broken lives. What we discovered is that it's now. It's not years, months, or weeks away, not even days away but now.

From God's word we discovered that it's now because mankind's lives are broken and require a fix at this moment, not tomorrow. This fix is required because mankind is incapable of fixing the problem himself.

Second, we discovered that it's now because our Lord has done everything required to give us restoration and to rebuild our broken lives.

With this message, I want us to further consider the urgency of getting our lives restored and rebuilt. To do this we will look at a set of verses that I have often referred to lately because of the times in which we presently live.

We often refer to our country and our world as a Roman chapter one world. Especially when you begin with verse 18 and following it was as though the Apostle Paul was writing of present day USA. It is for this reason we can say that there is an urgency to getting our lives restored.

I. First, let's notice there's a need for urgency when it comes to restoration because our brokenness is not getting better (vs 18-32)

In our previous messages in this series we learned that our brokenness has come from our rebellion, and our rebellion is caused by our innate sinful nature that we are conceived and born with. The result is that sinning and rebelling against God is what comes natural to humanity. As a matter of fact. Based upon the current set of verses that we are examining, our bent toward sin and rebellion against God our creator is not only something that we are conceived with and born with, but rather tragically something that we continue to grow in the most heinous manner, and a part from our Savior's intervention will only continue to get worse.

What we learn is that our rebellion turns our thinking into futility and our heart to foolishness and darkness. We become so ingrained into this darkness that we can no longer distinguish between what's normal and what's unnatural, what's right and what's wrong.

The point being that the deeper one gets caught up in this downward spiral the further from God they get, the more their conscience becomes seared and more difficult to reach.

However thank God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that He's able to reach all who are willing to turn to Him no matter how low they sink. But urgency is of the utmost concern because that downward spiral causes one to think less and less of our creator and their need of Him.

II. Second, let's notice that there's a need for urgency when it comes to restoration because our brokenness can't be used as an excuse (v 18-21)

No one will be able to stand before God and use their brokenness as an excuse as to why they didn't come to God's offer of salvation.

Paul reveals why our brokenness can't be used as an excuse. "For since the creation of the world God's invincible qualities -- His eternal power and divine nature -- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." (vs 20).

So Paul is telling us that even in mankind's' sinful and broken condition he can still see through what has been created that there's a creator, and if there's a creator then we are accountable to Him. So no man is without excuse.

Because mankind as a whole in their rebellious state has chosen to basically ignore the very one who has created them even though they are aware of Him because of creation, and choose rather to continue in their state of rebellion then God has no recourse but to place His wrath against them. "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness." (vs 18).

Praise God however it is not God desire to condemn us and place His wrath against us. He rather desires to save us and will do so if we are willing to turn to Him forsaking our rebellious ways. But if a person doesn't then God's wrath is placed against them and they will be under that wrath for an eternity. So as we can see urgency is of an upmost priority in getting people to repent and turn to our Lord because it's the only way to come out from under God's condemnation and His wrath.

III. Third, let's notice that there's a need for urgency when it comes to restoration because our brokenness has a remedy (vs 14-17)

In this set of verses Paul reveals the remedy before he gets to the problem, which is mankind's sinful, rebellious, and broken lives. Before He tells us that the wrath of God is revealed against the ungodliness and wickedness of people He tells us of the power of God through Christ to save us.

God, as our previous two points reveal, has condemned and placed His wrath against humanity's godlessness and wickedness. However to remedy the problem our God gave us His Gospel. That Gospel is the remedy because it has the power to save us.

So someone may ask why does the Gospel have the power to save us? Because the Gospel message is the good news that Jesus Christ God's son as the perfect sacrifice went to the cross, where as the Apostle Peter said, "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24).

The Apostle Paul said it this way, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Cor 5:21).

So what this means is that at the cross Jesus Christ our Lord having taken our sins upon Himself took the condemnation and wrath of God on our behalf.

So once a person is willing to repent of their sins, and place their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior then they are no longer under God's condemnation. "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Rom 8:1).

In John's Gospel we have that most well known and beloved verse in the entire Bible and of course that's John 3:16, but very few know what the other verses say that follow it. But the following verses are as vital as verse 16 itself. They flow together. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them." (John 3:16-18, 36).

So based upon the Gospel of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ the remedy for our rebellion, our sins, and our condemnation, our brokenness have been taken care of and is the only means and power available to set in free and restore our lives. Thus it's urgent that we grasp a hold of this remedy while we can.

Conclusion:

How sad are the words of so many who have either thought or said, "I got plenty of time." Your time is limited so don't wait another day because now in the day of salvation and the remedy has been provided.

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph Lee



**Baby Bottle Drive
Bottles DUE back
Sunday, March 3rd**



*Please help us fill up these
baby bottles!! You can fill
them up with change or
cash or even put a check in
it! Every little bit helps!*



ANNOUNCEMENT

The Dinner Show Theatre on March 30th is full. We will meet at the church on March 30th at 8:00 a.m. Transportation information to follow soon.

****The full payment is due Sunday, February 25th****

If payment is not received by this date, your name will be removed from the list.

Ticket Prices:

0-18 = \$22.95

19-54 = \$42.95

55+ = \$40.95





Operation Christmas Child



It's that time again -- time to start our year 'round collection! We've had two months off for the holidays, but now onward to the rest of this year. 600 boxes are anticipated to be packed this year, possibly more if more donations come in. The OCC account is \$0 but good thing we have items left over from last year to get us started! You can donate the items each month from the list or give a monetary donation if you don't want to shop. Let us do the shopping for you!

Here is the list for the month of February:

- Washcloths
- Stuffed Animals
- Toothbrushes
- Barbies
- Tennis Balls
- Combs/Brushes - both boys and girls

Thank you for your donations.
-Dorthie

SHELLEM CLINE CONCERT! NEXT SUNDAY!!

February 25, 2024

Shellem Cline will be hosting our entire morning service on February 25th. A love offering will be taken up at the end of the service. Please plan to attend this wonderful concert!

WMU Association-Wide



Help Re-stock our Association Churches' Food Pantries!

Please collect food pantry items during the month of February through your church and bring them to either: (1) Beth Bonds, 5942 Pleasant Farm Drive, Beaufort, SC, OR (2) The SRBA Office on Bees Creek Road in Ridgeland. They will be distributed from there to our associational churches with food pantries.



Thursday, February
22nd:

Ronnie & Ann Nettles



<i>Monday</i>	<i>19th</i>	<i>Vera Miles</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Pat Azzarelli</i>



MOVIE NIGHT!!



Showing: *The Girl who Believes in Miracles*
TONIGHT!! Sunday, February 18th
 Concessions at 6:00 p.m.
 Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.



Please bring finger foods to share!
Tea and Popcorn provided.

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

SOJOURNERS CLASS - Room 417 - Mack Pope

YOUTH - Youth Annex Leader - Amanda Hodges

BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES - Room 417 -

Nicole Mauriocourt

RAINBOW KIDS - 3RD GRADE AND OLDER - Room 415 -

Kelly Scherger

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



Wednesday Night Supper

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

Team Keith will be cooking Wednesday, February 21st.

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

No meal deliveries.



Sunday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast will be served
from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00
a.m.

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\$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

Hospitals

Allen Tindal, Junior

Surgery/Recovery

Cancer/Treatments

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

Nursing Centers

Bobby Mohn - Ridgeland Nursing Home
Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe
Tommy & Erma Cooler - Ridgeland Nursing Home
David Sauls - Morrell Nursing Center
Doby Cleland - Life Care Center of HHI

Other Health Needs

Mary Kay Cade
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Kathy Breland
Grace Hetrick
Arlette Jones
Jennifer Wall
Arthur Pearson
Pete Williamson
Mike Davis
Maxie Mason
Lester Daring
Dwight Malphrus
Latrelle Steedly
Sarah Sanders
Rodney Malphrus, Jr.
Mark Mingledorff
Bill Carter
Donna Carter

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

Shirley Malphrus *Tom Hinely*
Rose Boyles *Ann Blocker*
Judy Smith *Red & Helen Malphrus*
Vera Floyd *Marie Malphrus*
Barbara Mills *Diane Hannah*
Kenny Smith *Ann Long*

Pray For Our Military

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

Church Staff

Pastor: **Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.** *jehu27@gmail.com*

Music Director: **Richard Waitt**

Sunday School Director: **Mike Davis**

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School Administrator: **Donna Carter** *dcarter@sfcaweb.org*

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$3,439.00	\$4,923.33	-\$1,484.33
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances
<i>SMB</i>	<i>\$95.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,133.52</i>
<i>WNS</i>	<i>\$195.00</i>	*****	<i>-\$45.44</i>
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>	*****	<i>\$25.00</i>



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

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