

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. ~Proverbs 3:5-6

Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 27, 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

Pastor Ralph Lee

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Kim & Juliette

Next Sunday 11/03:
Nicole M. & Sophia S.



Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Courtney

Next Sunday 11/03:
Kim & Richard

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Mack Pope



Phone: 843-540-6636

*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Stand Firm in the Lord (Part 2)

Phil 3:17-21; 4:1-9

Introduction:

Three Sundays ago I began preaching a message on standing firm in the Lord. I pointed out that all of the apostle in the word of God constantly were challenging their people to stand firm and strong in the Lord. There were several reasons why they were encouraged to stand firm. One of the obvious ones was and is the fact that we live in a world that is unfriendly to the cause of Christ.

Second, however, the apostles encouraged us to stand strong in the Lord because of the wolves in our churches that are dressed in sheep's clothing. In our present set of verses, Paul seems to speak of these people whom he calls enemies of the cross of Christ, as those that at one time seem to have been so-called followers of Christ but now he weeps over them, and it may be that these people are still hanging around the church. The result of this is that deception had slipped into the church. Thus, we need to stand firm in the Lord so that those on the outside and those on the inside won't lead us astray.

Now Paul shows us some ways that we can stand firm and strong in the Lord, and *three Sundays ago we looked at the first ways to do that. That first way was that we stand firm by remembering.* Paul reveals that if we remember our citizenship, our coming change, our conversion, and our Christ then we will be encouraged to stand firm. With this message we will look at more of the ways Paul encourages us to stand firm and strong.

II. Second, let's notice that we can stand firm in the Lord by reuniting and reconciling (vs 2)

The two ladies mentioned in this verse, Euodia and Syntyche, had been great workers and helpers to the apostle Paul in carrying out the work of the Lord. However, something had taken place that caused disharmony between these two ladies.

Now the result of this disharmony was that it drained away energy from their service to the Lord, and instead placed it where it should not be, which was their differences with one another.

Second, the result of their disharmony was that it created a bad witness to others in the church and outside of the church. When we are not getting along with one another it puts out a message that we are no different than the world. As a matter of fact, Paul tells us that before these differences developed between these ladies they were helping Paul with the cause of the Gospel, and now their differences were hurting that cause.

One thing that can help us to remain in harmony and unity with one another is to remember that we are not called to be united over our taste and likes and preferences. If that were the case then we most likely would never be able to work together. You see Paul told the ladies to have the same mind, not in their taste, likes, or preferences, but rather in the Lord.

In other words our unity must be in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. We all as believers can agree that He's what our faith centers around and if we can focus on Him then regardless of our differences we can work together for the cause of Christ. He is our sole purpose.

III. Third, let's notice that we can stand firm in the Lord by our reliance (vs 3)

Now what I'm referring to here is our need to rely upon one another as brother and sister in Christ to get through our struggles, storms, and differences that we face in this life, so that we can keep on keeping on for Jesus.

This is what Paul is talking about in this verse when he encouraged other members in the church at Philippi to help these two ladies to work out their differences and come into the same mind of the Lord. We need to rely upon one another if we are going to be able to stand firm in the Lord. We are not called to be lone rangers in the work of the Lord. We are the body of Christ, therefore, as a body we need to work in conjunction with the other members of the body in order to function. So let us rely upon each other to make it through. Then we will find strength to stand firm in the Lord.

IV. Fourth, let's notice that we can stand firm by our rejoicing (vs 4)

Paul believed that rejoicing was so important that he did two things to emphasize it. First, he gave a double emphasis to the command to rejoice. For he repeated the command a second time to rejoice in the Lord.

However, secondly, he went deeper than placing a double emphasis on rejoicing in the Lord, for he also with the double emphasis said that we are to be rejoicing in the Lord always. So our rejoicing in the Lord is not to merely be a once a week deal or even just a once a day event but rather a continuous action of our lives all day long.

Paul understood that whatever a person spends their time and energy rejoicing over that is what will be central in their lives. It is what they will give their attention to. Therefore if we are rejoicing in the Lord on a continuous basis then He is who we will devote our lives to, and we will be able to stand firm in the Lord because He will be central in our focus.

Conclusion:

Certainly when we devote ourselves to reconciling ourselves to one another, and as well relying upon one another and committing our lives to continuously rejoice in our Lord then we will find encouragement to stand firm in the Lord.

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph Lee



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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

12:30PM-6:30PM

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>27th</i>	<i>Carol Bradham</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>27th</i>	<i>Fred Stanley</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Bjo Mills</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>31st</i>	<i>Paul Malphrus</i>



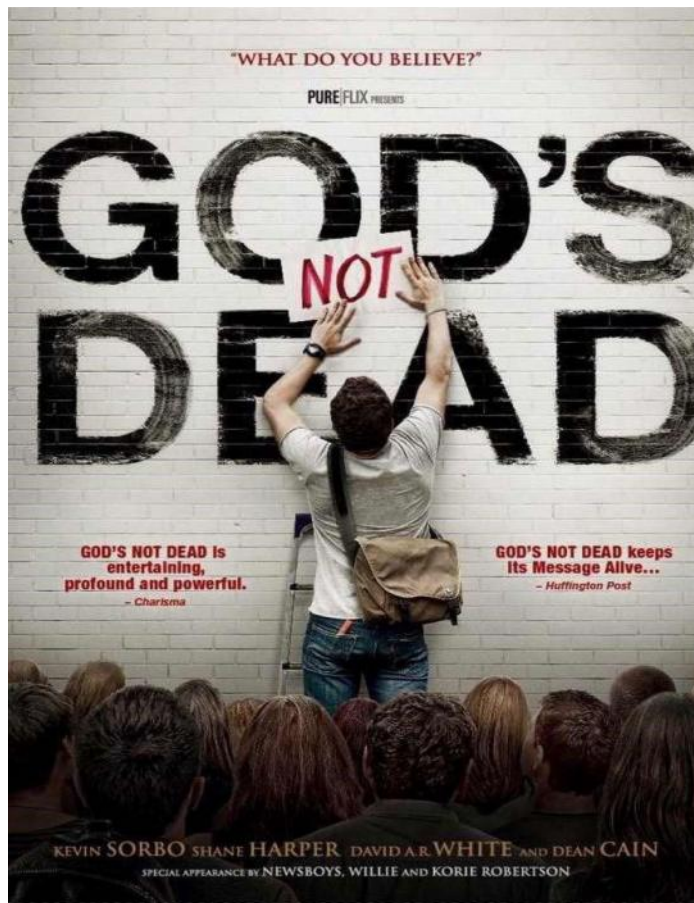
Wednesday Night Supper

Meals served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family of four or more.
 No Meal Deliveries.



Sunday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast will be served
 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
 \$5.00 per person or \$15.00
 per family of four or more.



MOVIE NIGHT!



Showing: God's Not Dead
TONIGHT, Sunday, October 27th
Concessions at 6:00 p.m.
Movie starts at 6:45 p.m.

Please bring finger foods for your family
and more to share with all!
Tea and Popcorn provided
by the church.



Come watch an amazing
movie with us!





Operation Christmas Child



OCTOBER NEEDS

Listed below, with amounts, what is still needed to start packing boxes later this month. Monetary donations can be made.

Thank you for your donations.

Any questions please ask Dorthie.

Girl Combs/Brushes - 55

Scissors - 80

Fishing Kit Supplies

Pencil Sharpeners - 32

(Making 100 Fishing Kits):

Tooth Brushes - 152

-Hooks -Bobbers

Boys (age 2-4) Socks - 10 pairs

-Sinkers -Fishing Line

Boys (ages 5-9) Socks - 25 pairs

Boys (ages 10-14) Socks - 56 pairs

Girls (ages 10-14) Socks - 25 pairs



(formerly Grandmothers' Group)

When: November 4th at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Youth House

Bring: A Covered Dish and/or Dessert

GSBC Prayer Page

Church Leadership

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries
Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Deacons*

Leadership

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

Bereavement

*Family of Mary Kay Cade
Family of Gary Romines, Sr.
Family of Martin Jones*

Unspoken

Hospitals

Other Health Needs

*Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Arthur Pearson
Earl Dean Pope*

Surgery/Recovery

Cancer/Treatments

*Revel Crosby - 4 years old
(Leukemia)
Ken Lawler
Rachel Vaughn
Ella Gourlay - 10 years old
(Leukemia)*

*Shannon Morgan (MS)
Arlette Jones (Back- pinched
nerve)
Kadence Abney (little girl -
collapsed lung)
Heather Anthony & Babies
Angel Cole
Mike Davis
Evelyn Willard
Wilbur Daley
Shannon Morgan (biopsy of
lesions on 10/10)
Juliette's Granddaughter*

Nursing Centers

*Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe
Tommy & Erma Cooler - Ridgeland Nursing Home
David Sauls - Florence Place Assisted Living
Doby Cleland - Life Care Center of HHI*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

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

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton - Deployed
Matthew Mills - US Marines -
Okinawa, Japan
Jericho Malphrus - Sp. Agent/Air Force -
Pinehurst, NC.
Andrea C. Daring - Charleston, SC
Schuyler Johnson - Basic Training Marines*

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Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	<i>\$2,373.00</i>	<i>\$4,923.33</i>	<i>-\$2,550.33</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$230.00</i>		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances
HarvestFest	\$835.00		\$714.86



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

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