

*Great Swamp Baptist Church
October 6, 2024*

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Chuck Scoggins

Praise & Worship

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Barbara L. & Chyleen

Next Sunday 10/13:
Nicole M. & Pat B.



Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Kim & Richard

Next Sunday 10/13:
Juliette & Mike Wall

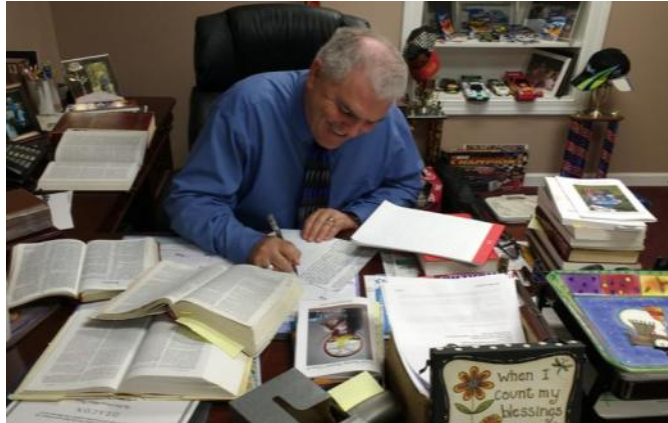
DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Chuck Scoggins



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*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Stand Firm in the Lord (Part 1)

Phil 4:1-9

Introduction:

Practically every book in the Bible challenges God's people to stand firm and strong in the Lord. One of the many reasons we are challenged to do so is because there will always be wolves dressed in sheep clothing right in the midst of the people of God. Tragically many of these wolves in sheep clothing often seem to have been a prime example for the believers to follow. But then however for whatever reason they have changed their focus from following the Lord, and from challenging others to do the same, to deceptively trying to get other followers of Christ to follow them, or at least to follow whatever their particular deception is.

In the book of Romans the apostle Paul gives us a stern warning about these folks described in the preceding paragraph. He said "I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teachings you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talks and flattery they deceive the minds of naïve people." (Romans 16:17-18)

Also in the preceding chapter of the one that we are using for this message Paul gives us another warning about these people who have evidently at one time appeared to be the example that Christians should follow, but now though still hanging around have far different motives for being in the church than to point people to Jesus.

“Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.” (Phil 3:17-19)

Therefore in light of the fact that these deceiving folks are among us we must learn to stand firm in the Lord, and not allow these enemies of the cross of Christ lead us astray. Thus Paul not only challenges us to stand firm in the Lord but also to demonstrates how we can do so. So let’s examine these verses and find out how to stand firm in the Lord.

I. First, let’s notice that we can stand firm in the Lord by remembering (vs 4:1; 3:20-21)

In this first verse of our chapter that we are examining it begins with a “therefore.” So obviously this verse is connected to the preceding verses of the preceding chapter. What we will learn from the last couple of verses in the preceding and the verse that we are using for this point are four things that if we chose to remember will embolden us to stand firm in the Lord.

The first thing that Paul tells us to remember, which will inspire us to stand firm in the Lord, is to remember our citizenship. Paul leaves us no doubt whatsoever as to where our citizenship resides. “But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.” (3:20).

Someone’s citizenship can often tell us a lot about a person. Where they come from can explain their language, dialect, habits, the foods they eat, and their weaknesses as well as their strengths. Also knowing where your citizenship comes from can encourage you to avoid the weaknesses of your citizenship, but also to capitalize on the strengths of your citizenship.

Well, our heavenly citizenship has no weaknesses and its strength are beyond comparison and its existent is forever, and its king is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, the glorious Son of God. With this knowledge and remembrance we should most assuredly find encouragement to stand firm in the Lord.

The second thing that Paul mentioned that if we remember will help us to stand firm in the Lord is our coming change. Of course this leads to a question and the question is what change am I referring to? Well, in order for us to be able to enjoy our eternal home in heaven we've got to have the proper kind of bodies required to last in eternity, and that's the change that will take place. Our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will make that change take place just as Paul said He would. "Who by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body."

The Lord Jesus Christ will literally give us a body like the one He had when he resurrected up out of the grave. The apostle Paul loved speaking on this subject matter. The longest chapter on the resurrection of our Lord and as well as our own resurrection deals quite extensively with the topic of our glorious resurrected bodies.

"So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man." (1 Cor 15:42-49)

Therefore having the knowledge and remembrance that we have a glorious new eternal body, one like what Jesus has, we should be encouraged to stand firm in the Lord.

The third thing that Paul tells us that should encourage us to stand firm in the Lord if we chose to remember is our conversion. In the particular verse for this point Paul calls the believers here in Philippians with titles that obviously shows that his audience here have been converted by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends.." (4:1)

Paul was indicating in every way that those he was asking to stand firm in the Lord were born again saved people because they were his brothers and sisters in the Lord and they were his joy and crown. Now the reason they were his joy and crown was because he's the one God used to lead them to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thus Paul was saying that because you have been converted to salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, then you should be encouraged to stand firm in Him because He saved you to become believers in Christ.

The fourth thing that Paul shows that we must most definitely remember to be encouraged to stand firm in the Lord is Christ Himself. This is indeed the most obvious remembrance we should constantly remember. That it's because of Christ alone that we have our citizenship in heaven; that our bodies are going to change into glorified bodies; and that we've been converted to everlasting salvation.

Conclusion:

When we are challenged to compromise on our stance for the Lord Jesus Christ let us pray that our blessed Lord will bring to our remembrance our citizenship, our coming change, our conversion, and our Christ.

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph Lee



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Wednesday Night Supper

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

Menu: Spaghetti, garlic toast, salad

****WNS & SMB meals are underway now and
going great. We are very grateful for the new
people volunteering to help and to cook these
meals. If you are interested in helping out
with SMB, WNS, or both, please see Timmy
Sauls or the church office.****



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.



Great Swamp Baptist Church's Yearly Homecoming Celebration will be Sunday, October 20th. We will have The Mills Brothers singing and performing and Reiny Koschel, the Associational Missionary from the Laurens Baptist Association, will be preaching.

Plus we will be doing baptisms. This day is a very special day and we want YOU to be a part of it! So put it on your calendar! The church will provide the meat and drinks.

Please bring a side dish and dessert. Any questions, please call the church office.



Operation Christmas Child



SEPTEMBER 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.

Glue Sticks - 114

Girl Combs/Brushes - 89

Fishing Kit Supplies

(Making 100 Fishing Kits):

-Hooks -Bobbers

-Sinkers -Fishing Line

Scissors - 284

Pencil Sharpeners - 32

Tooth Brushes - 152

Boys (age 2-4) Socks - 22

Girls (age 2-4) Socks - 80



It's time to start preparing for this year's Harvest Fest as October 26th will be here before you know it!!

Sign up sheets are on the back wall. Please sign up if you can or if you have any questions, please call Keith Gamo at 843-986-8525 or Jennifer in the church office at 843-726-3631

W O M E N
O N
M I S S I O
(formerly Grandmothers' Group)



When: October 7th at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Youth House

Bring: A Covered Dish and/or Dessert



Janie Chapman Mission Offering Update!!

So far we have raised \$610, which puts us more than halfway to reaching our goal of \$800! This will be the last Sunday for this offering so please give now!!!!

So give what you can and let's reach our goal together, just like this year's verse for the Janie Chapman Offering says: "We are better together." (Acts 2:42-47).



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Patrick Malphrus</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Chris Scherger</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10/2</i>	<i>Timmy Sauls</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10/7</i>	<i>Donna Carter</i>

DEACON ORDINATION

Next Sunday, October 13th Chuck Scoggins will be ordained as a deacon. Please come support him as one of our new deacons!!

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

Unspoken

Vicki Archuleta's Cousin

Hospitals

Other Health Needs

Mary Kay Cade
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

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
Mary Kay Cade - Springer in Okatie

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 + / -
	\$1,832.00	\$4,923.33	\$-3,091.33
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$375.00		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances
Janie Chapman Offering - #09	\$1.00	*****	\$610.00



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

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