



Great Swamp Baptist Church

January 26, 2025

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Calvin Bryan

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:
Sophie & Melissa

Next Sunday 02/02:
Juliette & Myra



Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Kim & Richard

Next Sunday 02/02:
Juliette & Mike Wall

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Calvin Bryan

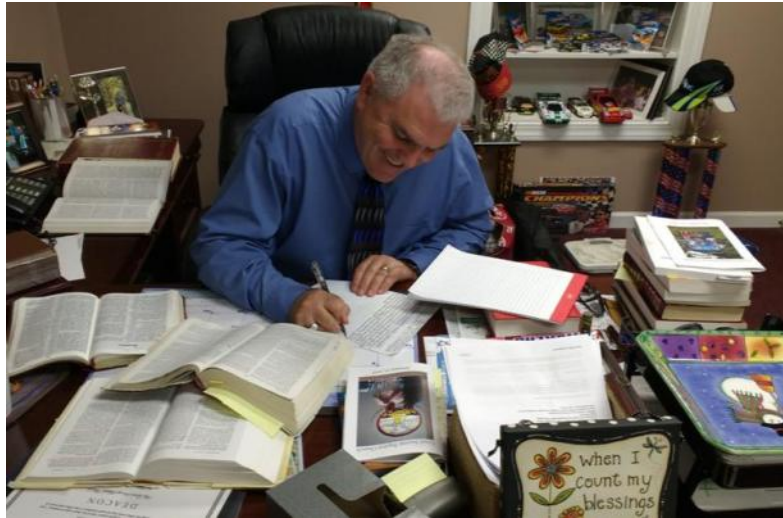


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**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:**
Mack Pope



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



Our Amazing Creation

Ps 139-13-18

Introduction:

Long before there was a scientific understanding of the development of a child in the womb King David under the Holy Spirits' inspiration gave us a very beautiful, poetic, and accurate picture of what takes place when a child is developed inside their mother's womb.

King David's conclusion of that process was that he and all of us are "...fearfully and wonderfully made..." (vs 14). And on this pro-life Sunday I want us to consider why King David concluded that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. I'm call this message our amazing creation.

I. First, let's notice that our creation is amazing because it's the work of our Creator (vs 13-16)

In verse 13 David says, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." With the pronoun "you" David is declaring that someone was his creator and that that someone put him together in his mother's womb. As a matter of fact in these four verses that I'm using for this point David uses the pronoun "you" to refer to his creation in his mother's womb six times. So it behooves us to know just who this person is that David is referring to as his and obviously our creator.

Well, the entire chapter in which we find these verses we discover that David's primary theme is the intimate knowledge that God has of His people. David concluded that God knew everything about him. He knew what he was thinking. He knew where he was going and where he was at all times.

Therefore, King David was saying that the very one who knew everything about him, our blessed Lord, is the very one who created him in his mother's womb. So our creation is amazing because of its direct connection to our amazing God.

We are not the creation of mere chance or an accident or even of human beings. God uses to bring us into existence but He solely is the creator. 27 out of the 66 books that make up the word of God refer to God as the creator more times than you can count. As a matter of fact no other religious writings anywhere refer to there so called gods as creator anywhere near the times the Bible does our one true God. Nor do they present an accurate picture of creation as the Bible does which we will point out in another point in this message.

So there is great value in our creation because the hand of our Almighty amazing God is the one who put us together and who sustains us.

To also go along with this point we must remember that though David's main thought had to do with the creation of our physical being God is also the creator of our spiritual new creation which will ultimately lead to the creation of our new bodies as well. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior God makes us new creations when we trust in Him,. So if you haven't trusted Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior do so today so that He can do a new work of spiritual creation in you today and get you ready ultimately for your new bodies.

II. Second, let's notice that our creation is amazing because it's a work with contrast (vs 13)

So what is the contrast that I'm referring to? Well, to answer that let me quote the second statement David in this verse "...you knit me together in my mother's womb." The contrast that I'm point out is that David was recognizing two persons involved in his own development. Of course what David is referring that once conception from his parents has taken then the two persons who are now the focus is the one that David referred to as "me" and the other is his "mother's womb" thus his mother is the other person.

Now the point I'm making here is that the child in the mother's womb is not merely just another part of the mother's body, rather they are uniquely their own person each one, the child and the mother. So that we are dealing with separate persons and not just one. The mother has her body and God is using her womb as the place where He's developing the body of the other person, the child.

We each one are our own unique person specifically created and loved by God even while we are in the development stages in our mother's womb. So we can clearly say that life begins at conception because that when God begins the process of each person's development. As I always say that because we were conceived we are here but if we had not been conceived then we wouldn't be here. Therefore God has chosen us to begin our lives at that moment. Our creation is amazing because God makes us uniquely us.

III. Third, let's notice that our creation amazing because it is a work of complexity (vs 13, 15)

I mentioned in my introduction that David under the Holy Spirit's inspiration had given us a beautiful, poetic, and accurate picture of our development in our mother's womb. Now how was David's description of our development an accurate one when at the time there wasn't a very clear understanding of the modern science of how a child develops in the womb?

Well, David uses in these two verses two phrases to answer the question. In verse 13 he says, "...you knit me together..." In verse 15 David uses a similar phrase, "...I was woven together..." So how do these phrases present an accurate view of our development? If you look at our DNA's genetic structure through the powerful lens of a microscope then you would be able to see that our DNA structure gives the appearance of the work of someone who knits or weaves in the winding and unwinding processes that make proteins for our human development and God had shown David what modern science had not seen until the 1950s thousands of years earlier. All of this helps us to understand that though those sound like simple words "knit and woven" they are two words that refer to complex activities involved in our development that only God our creator could do.

To further describe the complexity found in our creation I want to share what I found in the Bible knowledge commentary. This author said it is a manner that helps to understand just how complex our creation is.

David knew nothing of the modern science of embryology, nothing of the mysterious process by which a baby grows in the womb. He had only the haziest of ideas about these things, but he knew enough to be awed at the process.

If David knew enough to be awed, what about us? We know that every living creature is made up of microscopic cells so small that the letter O on this page would contain between 30 to 40,000 of them. Each microscopic cell is a world in itself, containing an estimated two hundred trillion tiny molecules of atoms. Each cell, in other words, is a micro-universe of almost unbelievable complexity. All these cells put together make up a living creature.

Each cell has its own specialized function and each works to an intricate time table which tells it when to grow, when to divide, when to make hormones, when to die. Every minute of every day, some three billion cells in the body die and the same number are created to take their place. During any given moment in the life of anyone of these cells, thousands of events are taking place, each one being precisely coordinated at the molecular level by countless triggers. The human body has more than a million million of them -- a million in each square inch of skin, thirty billion in the brain, billions of red blood cells in the veins.

Obviously, such a complicated and unerring development of cells cannot possibly be the result of chance. "He *created* me!" David exclaimed.

IV. Fourth, let's notice that our creation is amazing because it's a work of constant care (vs 13, 15, 16)

When you read these two verse you become keenly aware that our amazing creation involves both a timeless aspect and an actual time aspect. For we are told in these two verses that before we were formed in the womb that "...all the days ordained for me were written in your books before one of them came to be" (vs 16). This is the timeless aspect I am referring to. God in eternity part was already planning our amazing creation and how it would take place and what our lives would look like. So God's care for us started in eternity party and has not and will never cease to be.

However His timeless aspect of care for us stepped into actual time. In other words when we actually came into existence in our mother's womb God was completely and totally involved in that whole part of our creation and being. God knew King David in his heart, mind and planning in eternity but He was also there when what was planned became a reality. For as the verses say it was God who created him in his mother's womb and was there the whole time watching and controlling the whole process. So God's care for us as His children has come from eternity part to the present and on into eternity for those who are saved.

Conclusion:

When King David thought about His amazing creation and God's constant care throughout the whole process of his creation from the planning in eternity part to the actual bringing into reality and on beyond caused him to breakout into a beautiful statement about how precious our God is.

"How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand -- when I awake. I am still with you."

My prayer is that you've come to this understanding of your amazing creation and have placed all of your faith and trust in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior who alone can give you the new creation you need in order to eternal life.

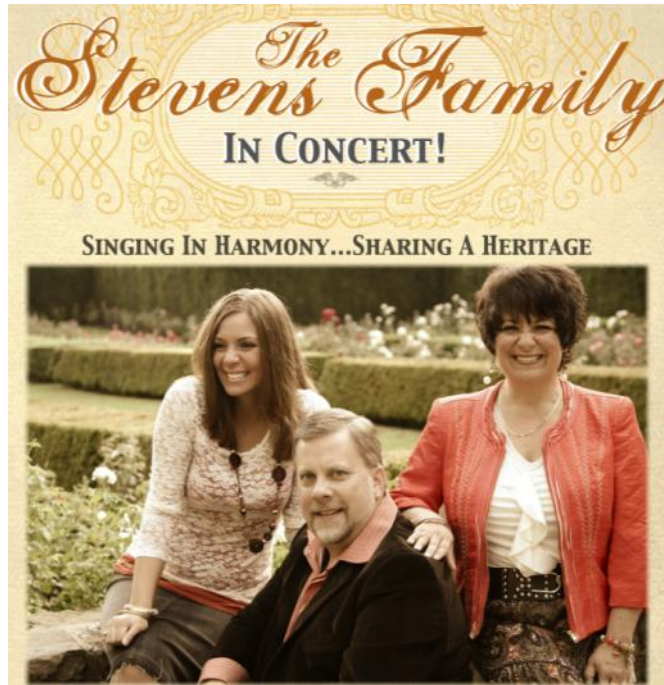
Jesus Loves You,
Ralph Lee



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Keith Gamo</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Rodney Malphrus, Jr</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>31st</i>	<i>Sawyer Smoak</i>



New Youth Program Coming Soon! We are in the process of getting everything set up and together, so I can't spill all the beans, but what I can tell you is that it's going to be AWESOME!! We are revamping our youth program (for the 7th through 12th graders) and it is going to be bigger and better than ever before! God has given us SEVEN new youth leaders. Yes, you read that right, SEVEN! They are Chuck & Terra Scoggins, Bart & Lisa Chandler, Mike & Melissa Ingram, and Bjo Mills. Wow! That is just incredible. Keep your eyes peeled for more information. It'll be coming very soon and you don't want to miss it!! Please pray and spread the word and tell all the 7th to 12th graders that you know about the new youth program coming soon to Great Swamp Baptist Church and invite them all!! They won't want to miss it!!



Sunday, February 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

In the Multi-Purpose Bldg

Note: A love offering will be taken up at the end of the concert for the Stevens Family.



MOVIE NIGHT!!



Showing: TBD

Sunday, February 16th
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!





(formerly Grandmothers Group)

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 3rd at 11:30 a.m. in the multi-purpose building. Come hungry and ready to have some fun (and maybe even learn a thing or two!)

SRBA Executive Board Meeting

Monday, January 27th at 11:30 a.m.

Meet in the SRBA Building

Lunch will be served!

RADIANCE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Please pick up a baby bottle to help these women. Bottles to be turned in by Sunday February 23rd. Please fill all you can!



Now Hiring Apply Today

OPEN POSITION: Church Secretary

If you are interested in working as the church secretary, please send your resume to greatswampbc@gmail.com, give it to a deacon, or drop it off in the church office.

IMPORTANT

Please read



Your 2024 tax contributions will be printed **January 31st as required by Federal Law**. They will not be ready any time before that. If you need it mailed to you, please contact Timmy Sauls or you can pick it up next Sunday before or after church in the lobby.



WMU Focus Sunday coming soon!
It will be Sunday, February 16th. The theme for this year is "What Joy!" The scripture for this theme is I Thessalonians 2:8. This is a fantastic ministry and mission group, so get excited to see what this year's theme will bring!!



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.

GSBC Prayer Page

Church Leadership

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

Leadership

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

Bereavement

Unspoken

Hospitals

Other Health Needs

*Ralph Lee
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Arthur Pearson
Earl Dean Pope
Jeff Bladen (liver)
Rachel Mixon
Maria Coles' Brother*

Surgery/Recovery

Cancer/Treatments

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

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
Barbara Mills
Kenny Smith
Shirley Malphrus*

*Tom Hinely
Ann Blocker
Red & Helen Malphrus
Diane Hannah
Ann Long
Donald 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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The church office will be closed Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day.



**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO GIVE FOR
 LOTTIE MOON!!!!**

Please help us reach our goal of \$3,000!!

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$2,802.00	\$5,172.63	\$-2,370.63
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances
Lottie Moon	\$50.00		\$1,265.00



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

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