



Great Swamp Baptist Church

August 27, 2017

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Call to Worship

Hymn # 448 “*Just a Closer Walk With Thee*”

Invocation

Wilbur Daley

Selections of Praise & Worship

“*Happy Day*”
“*How Great Is Thy God*”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Special Music *Courtney Allen*

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Nursery Workers



Today:

Vicky Roberts

Emma Grace

Next Week:

Diane Thames

Chesney

Today:

Cassandra Bradley

Krey Lowther

Next Week:

Dorthie Armstrong

Krey Lowther



Toll Committee

For August

Helen Malphrus and Anita Blanton

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today:

Wilbur Daley

843-305-0110

Next Week:

Bjo Mills

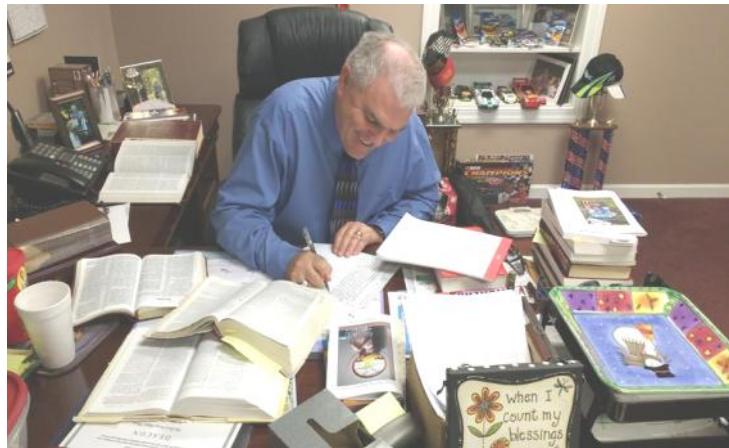
843-271-2840



IF YOUR DEACONS

CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,

CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631



From Pastor Ralph's Desk: **Advice On How To Save Yourself And Others**

(I Kings 1:11-31)

Intro: In the social media world, we are constantly bombarded with advertisements that tell us if we will only take a few moments our of our lives today to listen to their advice, our lives will be changed for the better. They say listening to their advice will make us the healthiest person alive. Some tell us that listening to their advice will make us the strongest person in the world. Others will tell us that listening to their advice will make us rich in this world. Then there are those who tell us their advice will restore the romance in our marriage. The list goes on and on.

However, when we view the comments that people make about the advice given from these ads, we discover that the majority of people get little to no help from the advice that they received. They don't get healthier. They don't become stronger. They don't get wealthy and the romance doesn't improve.

In our Scripture text today, Nathan the Prophet approaches Bathsheba, King David's wife, to offer her some advice that if she will listen to it , it will, like all the advertisements, change her life for the good, and I mean for the good. Actually, what Nathan tells her is that his advice will literally save her life and the life of her son. Not only would it save their lives but make their lives even better than they were experiencing at the moment. Well, because this advice comes from the prophet of God and because it became a part of the Word of God, then we can be assured that unlike all the ads we receive in social media, the advice

the prophet gives will do exactly what it says it will do. Therefore, this is advice we better listen to because it will save our lives and the lives of others.

I. First, the advice on how to save ourselves and others begins by listening to the words of the prophet. (vs. 11-12)

Now, the reason why Bathsheba and her son, Solomon's, lives needed to be saved was because King David's son Adonijah had decided to make himself king without the blessing of his father. If he succeeded with his attempt then most likely Bathsheba and her son Solomon would be put to death to prevent Solomon from ever having the chance of becoming king.

So what saved Bathsheba and her son began with her listening and obeying the advice that the prophet was giving her. By accepting his advice and acting upon it, this saved her and her son's lives. It all began with the words of the prophet.

Now, how this applies to us is that the words of the prophet has for us become the Word of God. So, saving our lives and the lives of others begins with the Word of God. The advice that it gives us will save our lives in every way they need to be saved. II Peter 1:19-21 lets us know that there is nothing more certain than the words of the prophet because their words came from the leadership of the Holy Spirit of God. Also, Luke 24:25-27, 44-47 lets us know that Jesus revealed to His disciples who He was and what He had to do right out of the Word of God. So, the Word of God is advice that will save us because it points us to Jesus. Our journey of saving ourselves and saving others begins by listening to the Word of God.

II. Second, advice on how to save yourself and others is to act with promptness. (vs. 11-15)

The prophet came to Bathsheba with a sense of urgency and challenged her to act immediately by going to the king at that very moment and say to him what he shared with her to say to him. If they waited any longer to deal with the matter, it might be too late for Adonijah had already declared himself king.

There are things that we can wait to deal with because they are not important. However, saving our lives and the lives of others can not wait. For we never know what tomorrow may hold or even if we will be here tomorrow. Also, we must remember that there are already other schemes at play that are speaking about our demise. But if we act with promptness on the teachings of the Word of God, then we can find victory. II. Corinthians tells us that

today is the day of salvation. So act with urgency.

III. Third, advice on how to save yourself and others will always lead us to the One who has all power. (vs. 13,20-21)

The advice that Nathan the prophet gave Bathsheba was primarily that she had to go to the only one who could do something about her predicament and that was the king. He alone had the power to fix her problem, and that's exactly what happened with his power and authority, he set it straight and saved the life of Bathsheba and her son Solomon.

So it is for us as well that the only way we are going to be saved and the only way we can help others to be saved is to go to the only One who has the power and authority to save you and others. Of course, like King David, the only One who can truly save us in every way is also a King. He is not just, however, merely a king but rather He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is King Jesus. He is the King of kings because He has all power and all authority. He demonstrated this when He arose up out of the grave. Not all the demons of hell could stop Him. So, as you can see there is only one way to save yourselves and others. Go to Jesus.

IV. Fourth, advice on how to save yourself and others will lead us to trust His promises. (vs. 28-31)

In these verses, King David calls Bathsheba back into his room where he assures her that he will absolutely carry out the promise that he had made to her sometime back. That promise was to make her son Solomon king in his place. Now, he made that promise to her because God had told him that his son Solomon would be the next king.

Now, what is important about these verses is that Bathsheba trusted King David to do exactly what he promised to do. We see her trust by the way that she bowed down to him and honored him.

We, too, will save ourselves and others when we learn to trust in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is His promise that assures us that it is by His works we are saved and that He has got us and He will keep us. When we cling to His promises, we will always experience His eternal salvation. They will always pull you through.

Concl. So, who's advice are you going to turn to, to save yourself and others? Will it be frail humanity with whom we all are in the same sinking ship with? Or will it be the advice of the only One who has all power and authority and has made all the necessary promises that will always save us?

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Coming Next Month

Friday, September 8th
(More Details coming soon!)





Operation Christmas Child

Collection Totals for July

41 and over:

Wash Cloths: 216 Soaps: 115

40 and under:

Wash Cloths: 174 Soaps: 133

Let's see if we can beat those totals for August

Collection Items

For

August 6th—13th—20th—27th



Crayons



Pencils



Scissors

Step Of Faith Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, September 1st

5-7pm Eat In

Or

Take out at school dismissal

\$7 per plate

(Dessert at an additional cost)

DINNER AND AUCTION



Silent Auction

Starts @ 2pm

Ends @ 7pm sharp

*If you would like to do-
nate an item or service
for the auction
Contact*

*Amanda Bowen
843-227-8566*

Donations Needed:

Boxes of Spaghetti

Noodles

*Ragu Traditional Sauce
Desserts*

Contact for more info:

Amanda Bowen

843-227-8566

*Or SFCA Office
843-726-6100*

Wednesday Night SUPPER

WNS Kick-Off (August 30th)

Menu

Chicken Sandwiches

Tater Tots / Vegetables

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Youth Cooking Team

\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more



*Sunday Morning Breakfast
will resume in
September.*



"Calling All First Responders"



We would like to honor you

Sunday, September 10th at 11am
at Great Swamp Baptist Church

Please come join us as we thank you
for what you do for our communities.

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd., Building #4
(843)726-3631



Four Days of Unspeakable Joy

OCTOBER 16-19, 2017
PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE



Monday 7 PM
Tuesday 9 AM



Monday 9 PM



Tuesday 11 AM

DAVID JEREMIAH

With a commitment to teaching the Word of God, Dr. Jeremiah writes gripping books that get right to the point to see the lost saved.

MARK LOWRY

Singer, storyteller, humorist, author and songwriter, Mark is known and loved around the world as a trusted voice in the realm of Gospel music and beyond.

STAN WHITMIRE

Appearing Monday evening with Mark Lowry, Stan is a Dove Award-winning pianist and an integral part of the music ministry at his church in Atlanta.

ANNIE MOSES BAND

This talented ensemble of songwriters, singers, and musicians, combines technical skill with exhilarating showmanship.

MONDAY	Session 1	7 PM - 10 PM
TUESDAY	Session 2	9 AM - Noon
	Session 3	7 PM - 10 PM
WEDNESDAY	Session 4	9 AM - Noon
	Session 5	7 PM - 10 PM
THURSDAY	Session 6	9 AM - 11 AM

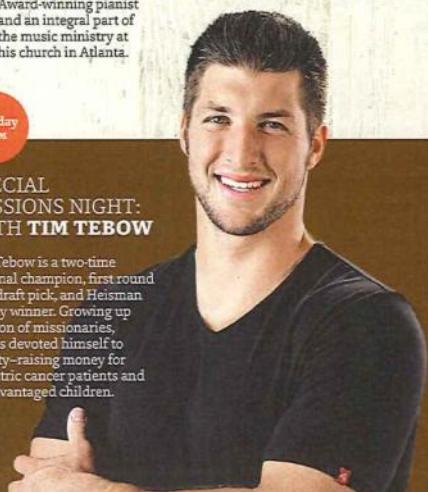
Doors open about 1 hour before each session.



Tuesday
8 PM

SPECIAL MISSIONS NIGHT: WITH TIM TEBOW

Tim Tebow is a two-time national champion, first round NFL draft pick, and Heisman trophy winner. Growing up as a son of missionaries, he has devoted himself to charity-raising money for pediatric cancer patients and disadvantaged children.



Senior Adult News

**Trip Balance Payment is due
Tomorrow, August 28th**

**Bus Fees are due
October 4th**



Calling All Ladies!!!!

*We need to update our telephone tree
with names & telephone numbers.*

*This list is for providing food for funerals
within our church.*

For more info

Contact Dorthie Armstrong @ 843-726-67945

Or

Church Office @ 843-726-3631

Sign-Up Today

August 28th Kate Carter

September 1st Hunter Lang

September 2nd Pam Stanley



Attention Church Family!

**Help Step of Faith raise money
to purchase extra equipment
for the school**



Boxtops for Education

and

Labels for Education.



A collection box is in the Foyer.

It will be emptied weekly.

A list of products is also available.

Thank You



Step of Faith
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**FUN
FOR THEM.
PEACE
OF MIND
FOR YOU.**

After School Care

*A safe place for your children to stay
while you finish up your work day.*

Now enrolling

2017-2018 School Year

K3—6th Grade

Call School Office @ 843-726-6100

for more info

odd

to sign up.

GSBC Prayer Pages August 27, 2017

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons
Child Dev. Ministries*

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals
*Jeffrey Stanley-MUSC
J W Jarrell-MUSC
Peggy Fludd-Bft. Memorial*

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham
County Rehab. Center
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Thelma Ashing-RNC*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Church Needs

*Sunday School
Small Groups
SFCA-Donna Carter*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Nominating Committee
Deacon Selection*

Unspoken

*Tim Cramer Family
Michael Fitzhugh (8/3)*

Bereavement

Family Of

Expecting / Births
Victoria Keiffer

Surgery / Recovery

*Duane Armstrong (8/10)
Olivia Stanley (8/3)
Sadie O'Connor (8/3)*

Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (8/10)
Mitzi Cramer (8/10)
Wallace Roberts (7/27)
Diane Thames (7/27)
Maxie Mason (7/27)
Mack Pope, Sr (8/3)*

Other Health Needs

*Lloyd Freeman (8/10)
KayCee Goethe (7/27)
Robert Sauls (7/27)
Lucille Degler (8/3)
Mike Hodge (8/3)
Shelby Greene (8/10)
Lula Floyd (8/10)
Nadine Smoak (8/24)
Joyce Sutler (8/24)
Alfred Miles Altman (8/24)*

*Ron Davis (8/10)
Bonnie Pope (7/27)
Ladonna Stonerock (7/27)
Kimberlyn Malphrus (7/27)
Ruth Guillory (8/3)
Irwin Malphrus (8/10)
Reed Smith (8/10)
Ryder Smith (8/10)
Dot Tindal (8/17)
Joe Pace (8/17)*

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Fort Benning

Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines

Jericho Malphrus-Air Force

If you have someone who needs listing, call either the church office a@726-3631 or E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479.

Thank You

Please Continue To Remember

Ricky Cleland

Mike Hodge

Shirley Malphrus

Rose Boyles

Lula Floyd

Mary Cope

Judy Smith

Jeffrey Stanley

Joyce Sutler

Dot Nettles

Betty Nettles

Tom Hinely

Olivia Stanley

Lois Bootle

Grace Boyles

Patricia Malphrus

Scott Boyles

Gary Way

Christy Gagel

Vera Miles

Mary Daley

Leonard Steedly

Barbara Mills

Rodney Malphrus, Sr.

Lanell Smith

Brian Freeman

Susan L. Vaigneur



What about revival? Can we have one of our own choosing? No. Only God can give revival. What is our role? Prepare the way of the Lord. Make the road a straight one. It leads us to examine the "Desert" of our lives. Then God will send revival. Prayer will lead the way.

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group II

Barbara Mills-Leader

Betty Robertson

Watchman Prayer Service
Saturdays @ 8:00am

Prayer Note

For emergencies

a prayer chain

is available for needs.

You may access

by calling the

church @ 726-3631

Or

E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479

Announcements



S.O.F.F.E.

Monday, August 28th, 7:00 pm

***The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage***

Thursday, August 31st @ 10:00am



Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, September 2nd @ 8:00 am



*Starting in September, the ages for children's Church will
be K-4 thru 5th grade.*

Notices

*The Grandmother's Group for September 5th will be held
at the home of Pam Stanley. **DO NOT BRING FOOD.** Meal will
be provided.*

RECOMMENDATION

*The Building and Grounds Committee recommends to the
church to do necessary repairs to the MPB metal roofing and the
Sanctuary steeple louvers @ the cost of \$10,250.00. This will be
discussed and voted on at the September 13th Business Conference.*

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Church Staff

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<i>Sunday School Director: Wallace Malphrus</i>	<i>Josie6@embarqmail.com</i>
<i>Pianist: Michelle Waitt</i>	<i>waittfamily@embarqmail.com</i>
<i>Administrative Assistant: Sybil Reynolds</i>	<i>greatswampbc@gmail.com</i>
<i>School Administrator: Donna Carter</i>	<i>dcarter@hargray.com</i>
<i>Custodian: Ann Malphrus</i>	<i>ramalphrus@hargray.com</i>
<i>Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus</i>	<i>Josie6@embarqmail.com</i>

Calendar of Events

<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast (September thru May Only)</i>	<i>8:30AM</i>
<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>9:45AM</i>
<i>Morning Worship</i>	<i>11:00AM</i>
<i>Evening Worship</i>	<i>6:00PM</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Supper (September thru May Only)</i>	<i>6:00PM</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Service</i>	<i>7:00PM</i>
<i>Saturday Watchman Prayer</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>

Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>	<i>\$4,085.00</i>	<i>\$ 4,943.56</i>	<i>-\$858.56</i>
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Sr. Celebrators</i>	<i>\$1,567.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$5,737.20</i>
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	<i>\$5.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$73.65</i>
<i>OCC</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$767.07</i>

HELP NEEDED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN CHILDREN'S DEPT!

Now that school has started and Wednesday suppers will start soon, the GA and RA classes are growing to the point that these classes need to be divided based on age. But we need YOU! Please speak to Diane, Debra, Mike or Kim and let us know, "I can help, show me where you need me."



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