

Great Swamp Baptist Church
October 4, 2015

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn # 579

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

The Welcome

Announcements

Invocation

Fred Stanley

Selections of Praise and Worship

Song of Praise

“Holy Spirit”

“Overcome”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee

A Demonstration of Stewardship

Offertory

Special Music

GSBC Praise Band

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

A Time to Respond

Invitation

Benediction

The Proclaimer's Gospel Choir

will be singing 2 songs on Homecoming Sunday.

If you would like to be a part of this,

please join us for the 2 practices we will have

on Wednesday, October 7th and Wednesday, October 14th.

Homecoming is Sunday, October 18th.



Today:

*Latrelle Steedly
Duane Armstrong*
Next Week:

*Annette Malphrus
Duane Armstrong*

Nursery Workers



Today:

*Vandy Amason
Natalie Amason*
Next Week:



Toll Committee

*For
October*

Bernice Malphrus & Bonnie Pope

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today:
Fred Stanley
843-226-5641



Next Week:
Robert O'Dell
843-422-9521



**IF YOUR DEACONS
CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,
CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631**

From

Pastor Ralph's Desk:

An Unusual Act of Kindness

(II Samuel 9:1-13)



Intro: In our set of verses, David performs something unusual but should not have been. As

a matter of fact, it would be considered unusual even today but again it should not be.

By now you are wondering what it is that he did that was so unusual but should not have been. Well, it was an act of kindness. It was an unusual act of kindness. It was one that was rarely heard of in those days and sadly it would be for these days. Probably 80-90% of the news that we hear nowadays is bad news or negative. When we do hear of an act of kindness on the news, we all are totally surprised because it seems so rare and unusual that they happen.

However, according to God's word God's people should carry out acts of kindness on a regular basis. It should not be unusual. Listen to the words of the Apostle Paul in Ephesians and Colossians. Ephesians 4:24-32 says, "and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionnot grieve the

ate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” And Colossians 3:12-14 says, “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance

against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” both of these sets of verses make it clear that God commands His people to carry out acts of kindness.

Well, David shows us in a very powerful way how to show kindness. Let us examine his unusual act of kindness and ask the Lord to help us to do the same.

I. First, let us notice the person who carries out this unusual act of kindness.

Of course, we know right off who this person is from the start. For the very first verse tells us that King David was the one seeking to carry out this unusual act of kindness to another person.

Now hear what is so unusual about this point that it is not the people showing kindness to the king which was more of what was and is expected. Rather, here it is the one to whom would be expected to be shown kindness in showing it instead to the ones not expected to receive the kindness.

Let us point out that we can relate to this because someone higher than King David, as a matter of fact, someone higher than all kings, queens, empires, presidents and leaders ever been or will be carried out for us the supreme act of kindness. The very one to whom all acts of kindness should be directed to, instead directed the greatest act of kindness toward us. The very Sovereign God of the universe; the King of Kings; the Lord of Lords has chosen to show us kindness beyond measure. Let us remember that if King David could show kindness and if God Almighty could and can and does then certainly God’s people should follow their example.

II. Second, notice the person who receives this unusual act of kindness.

Well, the man who was on this receiving end of this act of kindness was named Mephibosheth. It will help us to see how this was an unusual act of kindness by understanding just who this man was.

A. first, notice from whom he descended, vs. 1-7.

In these first seven verses, we discover that Mephibosheth is the grandson of King Saul and the son of Jonathan. Now what we are going to remember is that King Saul spent years tracking David down to kill him. David spent years running and hiding from him. I imagine that when King David viewed Mephibosheth, many of those past memories flooded his mind of running from Saul. He could have easily said that this man doesn't deserve my kindness because he is a descendent of the man that was my enemy. However, David chose to rise above this fact and show kindness regardless. Oh, praise God that this also reminds me that the Bible tells us that while we were the enemies of God, He sent His Son to die for us. The Godly dying for the ungodly. Oh what an amazing act of kindness, even when it is to someone who seems not to deserve it.

B. Second, notice his deformity, vs. 3.

From this verse we discover that Mephibosheth was crippled. Chapter 4 tells us how he became crippled. His nurse dropped him when he was five years old and this crippled him. Now many people viewed an incident like what happen to him as the result of sin. However, he was only five years old when the incident happened so it was not because of some sins he committed and it was the fault of the nurse not himself.

Now a lot of people don't want to mess with someone in this condition that Mephibosheth was in simply because of the extra amount of work required. Thank God that David chose to rise above his deformity and reached out to him anyway.

Let me make an observation about our own lives. From God's perspective, sin is a spiritual way and deformed our lives in the sight of God. Our relationship, to God, became crippled. But child of God, blessed be our amazing God who chose to show us kindness in spite of our crippled lives and through Christ He has spiritually healed us. For the Bible says by His stripes we are healed. So, we need to again follow this example and reach out

C. Third, notice his distance, vs. 3-5.

David had to bring Mephibosheth back to Jerusalem because he had been moved a distance away. This meant that for a number of years Mephibosheth had been separated from the place of worship and away from the fellowship of God's people. Thank God that David was willing to span the distance and reconcile Mephibosheth back to the place of worship and the fellowship of God's people.

Well, again this reminds us of an even greater act of kindness. A kindness that spans the greatest distance of all time. When the glorious Son of God our blessed Lord and Savior willingly left His home in glory to come all the way here and then to the cross so He could bring us from our place of separation to reconcile us back to God, Oh, blessed be the name of the Lord.

D. Fourth, notice His descriptions, vs. 8.

In this verse, Mephibosheth calls himself, "a dead dog." You see his condition caused him to see himself in this manner. Many of us see ourselves in similar fashion for whatever reason. But here the good news David chose not to focus on his condition and his own view of who he was.

You see because of our sins, God could choose to see us as dead dogs, and the truth is that sin made us dead to God, but praise His Holy and glorious name, He chose to love us and become as nothing Himself in order to make us something. He brought us back from death to life by going from life to death for us. Oh, thank God for this act of kindness beyond measure. May we be driven to follow suit, and be ye kind one to another.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Listen. Obey. Risk.

Prayer Calendar



Global
Hunger
Relief

bread for life.

Start your Thirty-Day Prayer Calendar Today!



- Day 1: 1 Kings 16:1 through 7
- Day 2: 1 Kings 16:8 - 14
- Day 3: 1 Kings 16:15 - 20
- Day 4: 1 Kings 16:21 - 27
- Day 5: 1 Kings 16:29 - 34
- Day 6: 1 Kings 17:15
- Day 7: 1 Kings 17: - 15
- Day 8: 1 Kings 17:17 - 24
- Day 9: Nehemiah 8:10
- Day 10: Job 29:11 - 16
- Day 11: Psalm 82:3
- Day 12: Proverbs 14:20, 21, 31
- Day 13: Psalm 41:1 - three
- Day 14: Proverbs 28:27
- Day 15: Zechariah 7:10
- Day 16: Matthew 5:42
- Day 17: Matthew 25:35
- Day 18: Luke 18:22
- Day 19: Acts 20:35
- Day 20: 1 John 3:17 - 19
- Day 21: Genesis 48:15
- Day 22: Psalm 111:5
- Day 23: Psalm 147:9
- Day 24: Matthew 25:40 - 42
- Day 25: 2 Corinthians 9:1 - 11
- Day 26: Isaiah 58:7
- Day 27: Hebrews 13:16
- Day 28: Psalm 107:9
- Day 29: Proverbs 25:21
- Day 30: Ezekiel 18:7



Presented by

SOFFE

(Sister On Fire For Eternity)

October 31

4:00 pm to 7:00 p.m.



The Cakewalk



BINGO



Food and lots more!

Homecoming ***Sunday, October 18th***

Great Swamp will be having Homecoming on Sunday, October 18th. The church will provide the meat and the drinks as usual. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite side dishes and desserts. There will be NO Sunday Morning Breakfast. Services will be held in the Old Sanctuary. More information will be coming soon.

Thank You

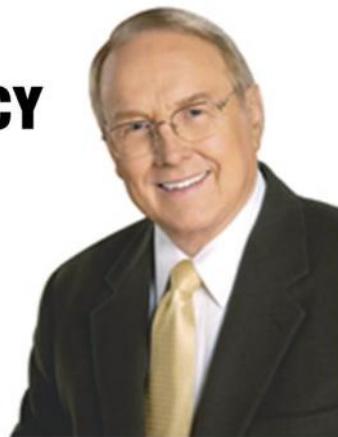
DR. JAMES DOBSON'S **BUILDING A FAMILY LEGACY**

F I L M S E R I E S

TONIGHT at 6:30pm

for 8 Sunday nights

☞ REGISTER for DOOR PRIZES EACH NIGHT ☞



SCHEDULE EACH SUNDAY NIGHT

5:30pm-6:10pm.....Supper

6:00pm-6:25pm.....Registration in the foyer for Door Prizes

6:10pm-8:00pm.....KidsPlay and Nursery

6:30pm.....Film starts

7:30pm-8:00pm.....Award Door Prizes and Dismiss

Women's Conference

Faith



**October 16—17,
2015**

**Red Dam's
Euhaw Campus
2530 Bees Creek Rd
Ridgeland, SC**

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00—6:50: Registration and light meal

7:00—7:25: Welcome, Door Prizes & Games, Worship

7:30—8:15: Message, Shanna Crosby

8:15—9:00: Games, Door prizes and Special Singer

9:00—Dismissed

The event is **FREE!**

Child care will be provided (must register at reddam.org)

SATURDAY MORNING

8:30—9:00: Registration & Light Breakfast

9:05—9:20: Worship

9:30—10:15: First Session

10:30—11:15: Second Session

11:30—12:15: Third Session

Box Lunch & Door Prizes following breakout sessions.

Breakout Sessions and Leaders

Prayer—Ginny Yerden

Giving—Bonnie Patterson

Bible Study—Ramona Bridges

REGISTER at reddam.org or
call the association office at (843) 726-8294.

*Sign Up Sheet in Foyer.
Please Contact Kim Malphrus
for more info.*

Leadership Updates:

Chairman of Deacons: Duane Armstrong

Chairman of Trustees: Wallace Malphrus

Vice Chairman of Cemetery Committee-Timmy Sauls

C.I.A. Sunday School: Audrey Roberts

Youth Sunday School:

Teacher: April Malphrus

Co-Teacher: Faye Lowther

2015-2016 Committees & Teams

All committees and teams for the 2015-2016 Church Year need to meet and elect Chairmen and officers. Please submit to or call the church office @ 726-3631 as soon as possible.

Also, any departments that have schedules, need to be updated for the 2015-2016 church year and turned into the church office.

Thank You



HELP SUPPORT

Operation Christmas Child 2015

*Donations of any amount
will be greatly appreciated.*

*Check mark box 043
on your tithing envelope.
See Alice Way for more info.*

GSBC Prayer Pages October 4, 2015

Church Needs

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

Sunday School
Small Groups
SFCA-Donna Carter

Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Nominating Committee

Leadership

President Barack Obama
United States of America

Unspoken

Jonathan Malphrus-Job Search
Ann Malphrus
Max Cole

Bereavement

Family
Of

Hospitals

Jeffrey Stanley-Greenville
Shelby Green-BMH
Holly White-MUSC

Nursing Centers

Elaine Degler-RNC

Surgery / Recovery

Mack Pope, Sr. (9/3)
Olivia Stanley (9/3)
Tommy Taylor (9/3)

Cancer / Treatments

Lane Malphrus (9/3)
Barry Jones (9/24)
Billy Benton (9/3)
Bobby Emerson (10/01)
Leonard Steedly (9/17)

Other Health Needs

Mary Cope (9/10)
Betty Nettles (9/10)
Vera Floyd (9/10)
Dwaine Malphrus (9/3)
Faye Cleland (9/3)
Krey Lee Lowther (9/3)
Wanda Cooler (9/10)
Sherry Rupert (9/10)
Grace Mejia (9/24)
Matthew Mejia (9/24)
7 year old Mejia (9/24)
Amanda Henley (10/01)

Lois Bootle (10/01)
Judy Smith (10/01)
Lynn Glasser (10/01)
Kenneth Cleland (9/3)
David Lee (9/3)
Sue Tuten (9/3)
David Daring (9/24)
Melissa Smith (9/24)
Curtis Addison (10/02)

Expecting / Births

Vanessa Smoak & Baby Boy Nathan (9/24)

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family
Robin Gray-Central Asia

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Afghanistan

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

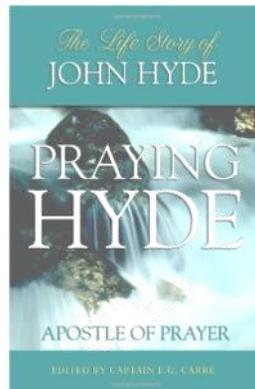
Thank You

Please Continue To Remember

*Ricky Cleland
Mike Hodge
Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Myia Angala Ellis
Susan L. Vaigneur
Norris Sauls
Lula Floyd*

*Dot Nettles
Jimmie Mills
Betty Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Joyce Sutler
Kevin Roach
Wofford Malphrus*

*Myrtle Rowell Smith
Billie Langford
Lisa Koon
Mitzi Cramer
Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley*



Praying leads one to get acquainted with some great men of God who have made prayer an integral part of worship. George Mueller who had such faith and power with God he operated an orphanage. He depended on God. John Hyde who spent hours on his knees and carried the name of Praying Hyde. Pray.

Today's Prayer Team

Group III

**Timmy Sauls- Leader
Mary Daley**

**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



*Tuesday, October 6th
Grandmother's Group
11:30am / MPB
Bring Finger Foods*



*Thursday, October 8th
Quilting Club / 10:00 am
Home of Shirley Jean Wing*



*Saturday, October 10th
Watchman Prayer Group
8:00 am*



This Week:

<i>October 5th</i>	<i>Roxane Adesso</i>
<i>October 7th</i>	<i>Donna Carter</i>
<i>October 9th</i>	<i>JC Goethe</i>
<i>October 10th</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 pm:
Associational Annual Meeting

Sign Up sheet for Baptist Courier
is in foyer.

If you want your name removed from the current listing please contact the church office.

Greeters & Ushers Sign Up sheet in Foyer.



Senior Trip
Bus Fees (\$50.00 each):
Monday, October 5th
Call Timmy Sauls
for more info: 321-0789

LOOK UP LODGE 2016
Registration has begun!
Forms are on the table in the
Multi-Purpose Building.



There are 17 camper spots available,
so make sure to get your form in early.

The cost of camp is \$329 per person.

A DEPOSIT OF \$65.00 IS REQUIRED TO HOLD YOUR SPOT.
There will be fundraisers to help each camper pay the remaining balance.

If you wish to pay the deposit in two separate payments,
please note that on your form.

The deposit deadline is October 15, 2015.

Please contact
Michelle Waitt at 843-597-1322
for additional questions.

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Church Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.**.....jehu27@gmail.com
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 Sunday School Director: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com
 Pianist: **Michelle Waitt**.....waittfamily@embarqmail.com
 Administrative Assistant: **Sybil Reynolds**.....greatswampbc@gmail.com
 Treasurer: **Faye Lowther**.....kreyleesmom98@gmail.com
 School Administrator: **Donna Carter**.....dcarter@hargray.com
 Custodian: **Ann Malphrus**.....ramalphrus@hargray.com
 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com

Calendar of Events

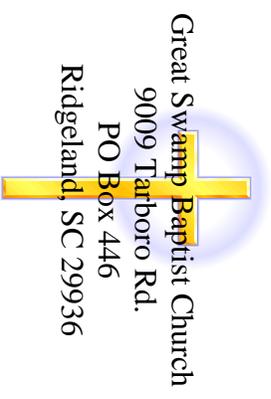
For

October 5th through October 11th

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

Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
Tithes & Offerings	\$2,987.00	\$ 4,616.28	-\$1,629.28
Designated Funds			
	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
Youth Camp Deposit	\$75.00	*****	\$—
Military Bible Sticks	\$25.00	*****	\$270.00
WNS (Youth)	\$191.60	*****	\$414.42
SMB	\$74.00	*****	\$426.65
SFCA Gymnasium	\$1.00	*****	\$
SFCA Security	\$51.90	*****	\$51.90
SFCA Trash Pick Up	\$125.00	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Electric	\$2,789.00	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Janitorial	\$500.00	*****	\$443.23
Senior Adult Trip Fund	\$284.00	*****	\$15,267.45
Kitchen Supplies	\$40.00	*****	\$544.61
SFCA Church Repairs (Grayco)	\$16.80	*****	\$16.80



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