

Step of Faith Christian Academy Drama Cast



Great Swamp Baptist Church

November 3, 2019

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 140

“Glory to His Name”

Invocation

Mack Pope

Selections of Praise and Worship

“Who You Say I Am”

“Shout to The Lord”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr

Offertory

Offertory Special

The Proclaimers

“Jesus Is Coming Soon”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Terri King / Krey Lowther

Next Week: Mike Mingledorff / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Diane Thames / Chesney

Next Week: Vanessa Smoak / Jennifer Meador



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff

Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Mack Pope

843-540-6636

Next Week: Keith Gamo

843-986-8745

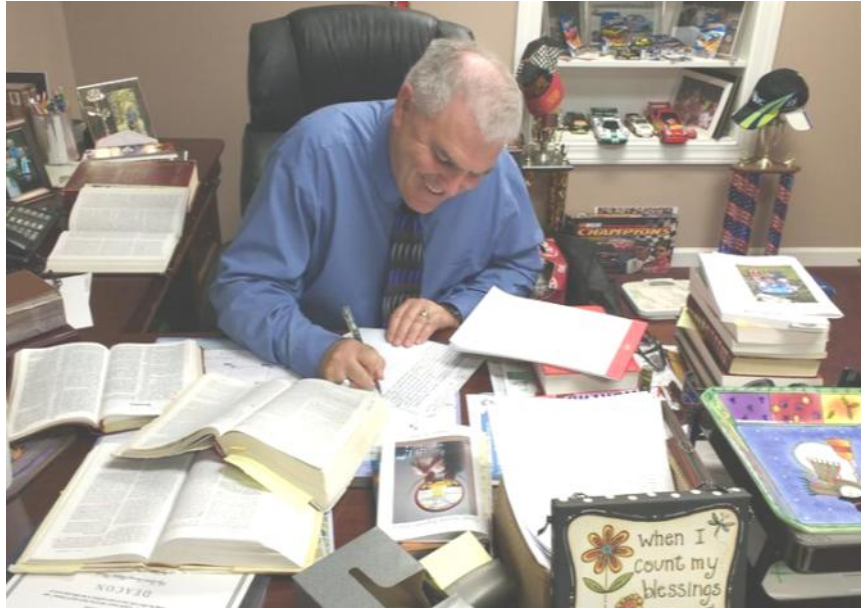


Toll Committee

For the month of November

Latrelle Steedly

Dorthie Armstrong



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Getting Your Joy Back

(II Kings 6:1-7)

Intro: While at the Senior Adult Celebrator's Conference, we heard a message from Dr. Phil Waldrep on recapturing your joy. He shared with us that he lost his joy early on in his ministry but God gave him the means to recover that joy. He also explained how his dad had lost his and recovered it as well.

Now to explain how they recovered their joy, he used as event that took place in the life of the Prophet Elisha. During this event, a gentleman clearly lost his joy but he also got it back. Dr. Phil Waldrep saw in this man loss of joy and recovery to be much like what had happened to him and his dad. So, today, I too, want us to examine how to get your joy back.

I. First, getting your joy back implies that you can lose your joy. *Now, obviously this point is not a new discovery to us. But from time to time, we need to be reminded of what is obvious. For when something is obvious we often don't think about it. However, in order, for us to recapture our joy, we need to simply come to the point to understand that we have lost it.*

In the event that we are looking at one of the sons of the prophets lost his joy and to everyone that there it was obvious when and why he lost his joy. The man was chopping a tree down when the head of his axe flew off and fell into the Jordan river. When this happened he couldn't function anymore and panic had set in. he then cried out for help.

So, in this man's case, it was an accident that caused him to lose his joy. Of course, there may have been other contributing factors in the loss of his joy. We know that the axe didn't belong to him. Also, however he too may have over exerted himself and may be he wasn't paying close attention to what was about to happen and know that he could have prevented it. Which ever it was, clearly the circumstances of his situation, he allowed to rob him of his joy.

So, let us ask ourselves the question, what is it that has caused us to allow our joy to be lost? What circumstances, accident or tragedy or bad choices and misbehavior, has robbed us of our joy? We must first realize that we have for some reason or reasons lost our joy if we are to get it back.

II. Second, getting our joy back requires acknowledging and confessing the loss of your joy. *In our present set of verses, it is completely obvious as to when one of the sons of prophets lost his joy. For this particular gentleman cried to the top of his voice when he lost his axe head, "Oh my Lord, he cried out, it was borrowed." the manner, the attitude, and the words he used clearly reveals that he no longer was joyful. He was not able to function, or carry on, or contribute at least he felt that way. Now the only way he was going to get his joy back was to get the axe head back. You've got to understand that was a big loss because without modern technology and equipment, an axe head was extremely important. Second, obviously it was a big loss because it was borrowed. So again, it was clearly understandable of why he lost his joy.*

Also, however, it is understandable why he cried out acknowledging and confessing it had happened. For otherwise, he would not have received the help needed and the process started of retrieving the very thing that could restore his joy. By acknowledging and confessing he was on his way to a recovery. We, too, must come to a place in our lives when the joy is gone to acknowledge and confess that it is gone so that the process of recovery can begin in our lives. Even if we are not sure why the joy is gone, by simply

acknowledging that it has will help you begin the journey of finding out why and what to do. For if you fail to do so, you will continue to remain in a spirit of sorrowfulness which can in turn, turn to bitterness and ineffectiveness. King David is a prime example of someone who lost his joy and who for sometime became ineffective, sorrowful, and even bitter because he kept it all bottled up inside.

However, once he let loose and acknowledged that he had lost his joy and confessed the process of healing, restoration and recovery of joy began. As a matter of fact, he took an entire chapter to make this confession which is all of Psalm fifty-one. But because it was a long confession, the recovery of joy immediately began to be possible. Have you cried out your acknowledgment and confession of the loss of your joy?

III. Third, getting your joy back requires a willingness to let other Believers help us get our joy back. *When this gentleman cried out he was specifically crying out to the prophet Elisha. So, he turned to both a fellow Believer and prophet. His cry did not go unanswered. The prophet Elisha responded immediately to a plea for help.*

Now, it wasn't Elisha who ultimately made it possible for the gentleman to get his joy back. However, God used Elisha as part of the means of the joy coming back. In other words, we are part of the manner and means that God uses to help people get their joy back. The Apostle tells us to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the Law of Christ." (Gal. 6:2).

So, when we lose our joy let us turn to a fellow Believer that we can trust and seek their help and guidance to be a part of our solution for getting our joy back.

IV. Fourth, getting our joy back requires knowing that only the power of God will truly give us back our joy. *When the gentleman who had lost his axe head cried out showing that clearly he had lost his joy, Elisha responded by asking where the axe head had fallen into the river. When the gentleman showed him, Elisha threw in a stick at that particular location and miraculously the iron axe head floated to the top of the water.*

Now, I used the word miraculously because that is exactly what it was. Elisha did not have the power in himself nor the ability to make an iron axe head float. This can only be understood that God in His awesome power heard the cry of the gentleman who had lost it, and the prayer of the prophet Elisha and by His wonder working power raised the iron axe head out of the water.

When we lose our axe heads that cause us to lose our joy, no matter what the reason, the only true power that can bring it back is the power of Almighty God.

Let us not linger long in the cesspool of sadness, sorrow, bitterness and ineffectiveness when there is the awesome power of our loving God to give us back our joy.

Concl. As we conclude, there is one last thing that is important that we must do to get our joy back. When Elisha, under God's leadership, raised up the axe head, he then instructed the man to walk out to the river's edge and pick the axe head up out of the water. In other words, his joy was not completely restored until he reached down and took hold of the very thing that caused him to lose it in the first place. So, the point in this is whatever God raises up to give us our joy back, we must reach out and take a hold of it before our joy can be completely restored. So what has God raised and said that if you take a hold of your joy will come back? Is it to take a hold of getting back into reading the Bible or praying? Is it repenting of a specific sin? Is it forgiving someone? Or is it serving in a certain position? Well, whatever it is reach out and take hold.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Join Us in Our Mission to
REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH

★ December 14, 2019 ★

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Jasper County Ceremony

Noon at Great Swamp Baptist Church

9009 Tarboro Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936

↔ **Cemetery Wreath Laying** ↔

Great Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery; 9:00 am, December 14

Grahamville Cemetery; 9:00 am, December 14

Ridgeland Cemetery; 10:00 am, December 14

Grimes Cemetery; 3:30 pm, December 14

Gillisonville Cemetery; Noon, December 15 (after church)

Old Sardis Cemetery; time TBA

Floyd Cemetery; time TBA

Everyone Plays a Part

wreathsjasper@gmail.com

If you have a family member or friend that you would like to purchase a wreath for a veteran, the cost is \$15.00 online or put in the offering plate. Donations may also be made to the Cemetery Fund.

If you have a family member or friend that you wish to place the wreath on during our Cemetery Wreath Laying Ceremony, please let the church office know @ 843-726-3631.

Women's Bible Study

*Every Thursday @ 6:00 pm
In the MPB
Come out and Join us.
Contact Carol Davis
for more info
Next Meeting will be on
November 7th*



Club House

*"For even the
Son of Man
did not come to be
served, but to serve,
and to give his life
as a ransom for many."*

Wednesday Nights @ 7:00 pm
*Do you know a young girl in the
1st through the 6th grades?
We want to invite them to our
Servant's Heart Clubhouse
to learn about the blessing of serving others.*
Any Questions call
Diane Thames @ 843-321-0806
or
Carol Davis @ 226-0258

Announcements

*Tuesday, November 5th
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am*



*Thursday, November 7th
Quilt Club*

Nursery Announcement



Our nursery is in need of some volunteers for Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. If you would like to be added to our rotation schedule, please contact

*Vanessa Smoak
Thank You*

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u are respectfully invited to attend
Thomas Heyward Academy's
Veterans Day Music Program

□ "A Patriotic Tribute" □

On Monday, November 4, 2019.
The program begins at 7:00 p.m. in the
John D. Rogers Gymnasium.
Come join us while we salute our veterans
for their years of service to our country.

Admission is free.





*Christmas Table Decorating Will Be on
Saturday, November 30th.
Sign Up sheet on bulletin board
for tables & food.
Everyone is asked to bring
Heavy Hors d'oeuvres on
Sunday, December 1st*



Operation Christmas Child

*It is time to get ready for our Packing Party. We need to raise cash funds for shipping and other items to go in the boxes. The cost per box is \$9.00 and we are preparing 400 boxes. The Packing party is set for **Saturday, November 9th**. Everyone who can participate is asked to come out and help. Don't forget to bring some finger foods to share for lunch. The time of the Packing Party is **10:00am until 3:00pm**.*

Grandmother's Group

*Tuesday, November 5th
11:30 am*

*Will meet in the Parsonage to work on
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes
Everyone is asked to bring finger foods
to share for lunch.*





Vegetable Soup

Bread

Salad

Corndogs

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Robert's Cooking Team

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

LIFE CHAIN

What?

Life Chain is a Christian Pro-Life Public Prayer Service, held in over 1900 locations throughout the United States every year.

When?

Sunday, November 17th 2019
2:30-3:30 (pm).
Registration begins at 1:30pm
For more info, contact
Theresa Pulliam at
pulliamins@hargray.com or call
843.812.3336 or
lifecainbeaufort@religous.com

Let's take a stand in defense of the Unborn

Where?

Registration takes place in front of Beaufort City Hall on Boundary Street. After opening remarks and prayer by a local pastor, participants proceed to the sidewalk and spread out in both directions from City Hall. We stand together holding signs that read:

*** PRAY TO END ABORTION ***

We remain in silent prayer for one hour, rain OR shine.

Why?

Our Christian values are under attack in this country. We need to come together as brothers and sisters in Christ to pray. We are called to take a stand for the truth. Abortion is an atrocity that must end! In the United States the facts are:

- Since 1973, 60+ million babies have been killed by abortion.
- Over 3,500 innocent lives are destroyed every DAY
- 90% of Down Syndrome babies are killed by abortionists
- One out of every 4 pregnancies ends in abortion

Source of Facts: National Right to Life

**THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY
NARROWAY, FT. MILL, SC**

Saturday, December 7, 2019 | Trip#13007 | \$129.00 per person

Early Bird Book By November 7, 2019 - \$119.00 per person



*Persons who have signed up already,
the \$50.00 deposit is now past due.
Make check payable to GSBC.
Check Envelope Box # 005
Seniors Offering.
(Total Amount: \$119.00)*

DUE NOW

Announcement

*All committees and teams for the 2019-2020 Church
year need to elect officers and turn in to church office
ARE DUE NOW so that Leadership manuals can be
printed.*

Thank You

GSBC Prayer Pages November 3, 2019

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Mike Hodge-St. Joseph's

Surgery / Recovery

*Patrick Malphrus (5/8)
Pam Stanley (9/16)
Gail Malphrus (9/16)
Mack Pope (9/19)
Eva Migliore (9/18)
Pat Bryan (9/27)*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Becky Jones-Anderson
Royce Malphrus-RNC
Dot Tindal-NHC*

Special Requests

*Mike Hodge
Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley
Redden Tuten
Vera Floyd
Bobby Mohn*

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Dev. Ministries*

Unspoken

*Olivia & Juan Garcia
Jessica Cleland*

Spiritual Guidance

Cancer / Treatments

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)
18 month old Baby Girl (8/15)
Douglas Denegel (9/16)
Donald Fludd (9/30)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of
Madeline Self
(Tom Benton's Sister)
Randy Swailles*

Other Health Needs

*Dan Peeples (6/26)
Charles Maney (7/2)
Lee Martin (7/3)
Ann Blocker (7/25)
Ruby Keiffer (9/19)
Eddie Kinard (9/19)
Danny Breland (9/19)
Pinkie Rushing (10/10)*

Expecting / Births

*Gary Way
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith
Dot Tindal
Pam Stanley*

Please Continue To Remember

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Lois Bootle
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles*



Pray For Our Military

Jared Blanton-Fort Stewart

Isaac Martin Malphrus

Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard

Matthew Mills-CA-US Marines

Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force /

Oklahoma City. OK

Michael Sottile - Deployed

Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC



Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team

Truett Vaigneur

Mike Mingledorff

For Prayer Needs

You may access by calling the church at

843-726-3631



<i>November 3rd</i>	<i>Wanda Cooler</i>
<i>November 4th</i>	<i>Freddie Malphrus</i>
<i>November 5th</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
	<i>Audrey Roberts</i>
<i>November 6th</i>	<i>Amanda Sims</i>
	<i>Gentry Thames</i>
<i>November 8th</i>	<i>Kelly Scherger</i>
<i>November 9th</i>	<i>Amanda Anderson</i>



November 3rd
Michael & Courtney Humbert

November 5th
Chris & Stephanie Carter



SFCA
*Is now accepting applications for the position of
 K5 Assistant and After school worker.
 Hours are from 10:00am to 6:00pm.
 See Mrs. Donna Carter for details.
 Needed immediately.*

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr. *jehu27@gmail.com*
Music Director: Richard Waitt *waittfamily83@gmail.com*
Sunday School Director: Wallace Malphrus *Josie6@embarqmail.com*
Pianist: Michelle Waitt *waittfamily83@gmail.com*
Administrative Assistant: Sybil Reynolds *greatswampbc@gmail.com*
School Administrator: Donna Carter *dcarter@hargray.com*
Custodian: Ann Malphrus *ramalphrus@hargray.com*
Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus *Josie6@embarqmail.com*
Finance Director: Timmy Sauls *greatswampbc@gmail.com*

Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$ 2,274.10	\$4,982.79	-\$ 2,708.69
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$ 55.00	*****	\$ 65.00
<i>Youth Annex (Harvest Fest)</i>	\$ 471.00	*****	\$ 2,577.07
<i>Missions</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 50.00
<i>Seniors Trip (2020)</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 451.58
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 119.00	*****	\$ 119.00
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$ 130.00	*****	\$ 642.33
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 3,120.86	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Janitorial Supplies</i>	\$ 500.00	*****	\$ 49.02
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Maintenance (Grayco)</i>	\$ 325.81	*****	\$ 85.77
<i>OCC</i>	\$ 200.00	*****	\$ 614.46

Celebrating  **175 years of God's Faithfulness**

and the journey will continue until God returns...

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Ridgeland, SC 29936

Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:30AM
Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM
Evening Worship 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Supper 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00PM

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