



God's Got This  
and He's Got You

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*March 15, 2020*

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest. - Matthew 11:28*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

March 15, 2020

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*11:00 AM*

## **Prelude**

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Call to Worship**

*Hymn # 203 "His Name Is Wonderful"*

## **Invocation**

*Wilbur Daley*

## **Selections of Praise and Worship**

*"In Christ Alone"*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Special Music

*Mended*

*"You Are You"*

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invitation**

## **Benediction**

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*Regular Services Tonight @ 6:00pm*



Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<b><i>Tithes &amp; General Budget</i></b>	<b>\$ 4,121.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,982.47</b>	<b>- \$ 861.47</b>
<b><i>Online Offerings</i></b>	<b>\$</b>		
<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>Acct. Balances</b>
<i>WNS</i>	\$ 150.00	*****	\$ 195.23
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 89.00	*****	\$ 89.00
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 615.00
<i>Office Supply</i>	\$ 19.36	*****	\$ 1,158.68
<i>Youth Camp</i>	\$ 112.00	*****	\$ 1,687.63
<i>Gym Debt Retirement</i>	\$ 250.00	*****	\$ 977.00
<i>Church Repairs</i>	\$ 498.00	*****	\$ 513.53
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 50.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 2,990.15	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Janitorial</i>	\$ 500.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Trash Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 0.00



### DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today: Wilbur Daley: 843-305-0110

Next Week: Mack Pope: 843-540-6636



### Greeters

Today: Fred Stanley / Krey Lowther

Next Week: Kim Malphrus / Krey Lowther

*From  
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



## **Building Your Boldness**

*(Acts 4:1-31)*

*Intro: A preacher once was approached by three men who said that they were going to rob him and beat him up. The preacher said will okay, but before you do I am going to pray. He fell to his knees and began praying out loud. Dear Lord, these men are threatening me that they are going to rob me and beat me up. So, dear Lord I ask you to make me strong like you did the last time another group of men tried the same thing. When you gave me the strength to fight the men off, and break their bones, and bash their heads in and gave me strength to carry them all back to the police station where they were arrested and are now serving a long prison sentence. All this I pray in Jesus' name.*

*Needless to say, when he opened his eyes the three men were gone. He certainly had an approach to dealing with a threatening situation. Well in our individual lives, as well as our church lives, we face at times threatening situations. As our present set of verses reveal that the early Believers and Church did as well. These verses also reveal that these early Believers dealt with their threatening circumstances in a similar way as the above mentioned minister did but with a little different message in their prayer. The point is this group of early Christians managed to find a way to build their boldness in the midst of very threatening circumstances. I want us to examine how they built their boldness and pray that we can learn to do the same.*

**I. First, let us notice that building your boldness will come from going to the people of God. (vs. 23).**

*After Peter and John had been arrested, warned and threatened by the religious leaders of Jerusalem not to preach about Jesus or else they would face grave consequences, they were released. Upon being released they went straight back to the place where their Christian brothers and sisters were gathered together.*

*Now once they got back together with the gathered group of Believers, they revealed everything that had happened to them. How they were arrested, warned and threatened and them released. It was in this setting that they could find mutual support, understanding and encouragement. So, we build our boldness by our united support of the gathered body of Christ. Coming together in worship, praise and fellowship of people of God will raise our hope and give us a source of stability, which in turn will help to build up our boldness.*

*A great set of verses that remind us of this truth has been a few verses used to brow beat people up for not attending church but rarely explaining why church attendance is important. That is exactly what these verses teach us not just that we are bad for not attending but rather why it is so important to attend. So listen, to these verses tell us why we shouldn't miss church?*

*"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:23-25). So what these verses teach us is that we shouldn't miss attending church meetings because they are where we can encourage one another to continue to be bold for Christ.*

**II. Second, let us notice that building your boldness will come from going to the person of God. (vs. 24-28).**

*Once Peter and John got back with the gathered church and revealed their threatening situation which they had just gone through, the Bible tells us that they then all in one accord fell on their knees and in prayer began to cry out to God.*

*Now the question is why take their threats and warnings to God? I know that this obviously always seems to be what we should do. However, let us look carefully at why they turned to God and how this clearly built up their boldness. The answer is found in who they portrayed God to be in their prayers. So let us notice the three ways in which they acknowledge God in this prayer. First, they open up by declaring that God is the "Sovereign Lord." Now you can't get anymore supreme than to be the Sovereign Lord. Sovereign is the complete top of the totem pole so to speak. God sits on the throne above all other thrones. His throne is the Heavenly Throne and He is seated on this throne because He alone is the eternal everlasting God over all the universe and everything that exists. So when you cry out to God our Sovereign Lord and you know He is the Sovereign Lord, it will clearly begin to build your boldness to know that your God is Sovereign Lord alone.*

*The second aspect of God that they brought up in their prayer was that God is not only Sovereign Lord but that He is also the creator of "heaven and earth and the sea and everything in them." the Word of God declared God as Creator more than any other do-called sacred books declares their god to be creator. Practically every Book in the Bible speaks of God as Creator in some form or fashion. But I want us to look at one of them that gives us a sweeping view of our Lord as the Creator of all things in a very straight forward manner. "He (Jesus Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in Heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in*

Him all things hold together.” (Col. 1:15-17).

The men who were threatening them had never and never ever would be able to create anything because they are mere men but our God to whom we can seek and pray to is Creator of all. Oh, let us be bold in our walk and witness of because our God is our Creator.

There was one more aspect of God that was brought up in their prayer and that aspect is that God is in control over all situations. Luke tells up right here that everything that had happened to Jesus by these same people that were threatening them didn't do anything but what God had already planned in eternity past to happen. So, as much as these people who were threatening think they were the ones in control have no idea that they can't do anything outside of the will and purpose of God.

So, when those early Believers prayed on this occasion about those threatening them, they reminded themselves in their prayers to God that the men threatening them were power leaders in Jerusalem but they weren't the Sovereign Lord as God is. They also reminded themselves that the mere men threatening them were created beings but their God and ours is the Creator of all. They also reminded themselves in their prayer that mere men threatening them may wheel a lot of authority over the people in Jerusalem but they don't and didn't have authority and control over all situations from eternity past to eternity future. So let us pray to the person of God with the knowledge of who He is and that will help significantly build up our boldness.

**III. Third, let us notice that building your boldness will come with the right petition to God. (vs. 29-30).**

After they acknowledged who God was in their prayer then they lifted up their particular request to Him. First notice what they didn't pray. The didn't pray Lord take this threat away from us. Nor did they pray Lord get rid of these people who are threatening us. They also didn't pray Lord make my life a whole lot easier. No, rather they prayed Lord hear their threats against us and give us the Hold boldness to speak your Word and to exalt the name of Jesus in spite of their threats. What they were saying is that their own human strength and ability was not sufficient enough to overcome the fear that comes with being threatened. So to rise above their fear and be bold for Jesus they would need the power of the Holy Spirit to embolden them and empower them to speak out even in the midst of their being threatened.

They also prayed for the power of God to be evident through miracles and signs that could only be attributed to the wonder working power of God. For this would make carrying out their threats a whole lot more difficult since the evidence of God's wonder working power would actually be seen by many.

So if we want to build our boldness then we must plain and simple ask God for it, and the evidence of His power at work in our midst.

Concl. The conclusion of this message is simple but great and it is this. When we sincerely pray this kind of prayer, we can expect God to move as we see He did in the last verse we are examining. “After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God boldly.” (vs. 31). God may not shake our building but He will fill us with His Spirit so we can speak His Word boldly.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Coming on  
March 27-28, 2020

**The Step of Faith  
Christian Academy  
Production of**



R & H Theatrical

Music and Lyrics by:  
Irvin Berlin

Book by  
Herbert and Dorothy Fields

Orchestrations by  
Robert Russell Bennett

# GSBC Prayer Pages

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

## **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

## **Hospitals**

*Pam Stanley-MUSC*

## **Surgery / Recovery**

*Deidre White (11/12)  
Chelsea Lake (1/17)  
Jennifer Resh (1/6)  
Alice Reynolds (2/12)  
Skylar Saygen (3/2)  
Becky Goretzka (3/12)*

## **Nursing Centers**

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

## **Church Needs**

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

## **Unspoken**

*Olivia & Juan Garcia  
Jessica Cleland  
David Meador  
Steve Crosby  
Ben & Beth Cabiness*

## **Cancer / Treatments**

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)  
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)  
Sidney (8/15)  
Douglas Denegel (9/16)  
Donald Fludd (9/30)  
Lynn Braden (1/19)  
Mary Ann Rowell (1/19)  
Tommy Deal (1/21)  
Mark McDougal (1/21)  
Mark Tuten (1/21)  
Becky Goretzka (2/12)*

## **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

## *Ministries*

*Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry  
Abide Wednesday Services*

## **Bereavement**

*Family of  
Timothy Patrick Malphrus  
Michael Priestler*

## **Other Health Needs**

*Charles Maney (7/2)  
Danny Breland (9/19)  
Cookie Daley (11/19)  
James Harris (12/10)  
Jane Gorman (12/19)  
Paul Malphrus, Jr. (12/19)  
Pinky Rushing (1/22)  
Gary Malphrus (2/3)  
Diana Hannah (2/13)  
Luke McCay (2/28)  
David Sauls (2/28)  
Kevin Malphrus (2/28)  
Patricia Malphrus (3/5)*

## **Expecting / Births**

*Sophia Sineath  
Ashleii Lynch  
Courtney Humbert  
Brantley Lawson*

## **Please Continue To Remember**

*Shirley Malphrus  
Rose Boyles  
Mary Cope  
Judy Smith  
Jeffrey Stanley  
Redden Tuten  
Vera Floyd*

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

*Gary Way  
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.  
Lanell Smith  
Dot Tindal  
Keith Floyd  
Frankie Malphrus  
Betty Robertson*



## **Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team**

*Betty Robertson  
Vera Miles  
For Prayer Needs*

*You may access by calling the church at 843-726-3631*





## **Pray For Our Military**

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed  
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*



*St. Helena Baptist Church  
Saturday, April 4, 2020*

Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship and inspiration.

The missionary speaker will be Peter Copeland, Mission Service Corps, North American Mission Board. He is a resort missionary and evangelism catalyst in Myrtle Beach, SC.

SC WMU representative will be Becka whose responsibilities include Students and Baptist Nursing Fellowship. She grew up in Tanzania, East Africa, and spent twenty years as a missionary in Africa and the Middle East. (For security, her last name isn't used.)

- 9:30 Registration (coffee and pastries)
- 10:00 Program
- 11:30 Salad lunch (each church brings salads to share)



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>Kaylee Standard</i> <i>Don Van Curen</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>KayCee Goethe</i> <i>Chyleen Mock</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>18th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>19th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>Sherrí Fryman</i>



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## Grandmother's Group

First Tuesday of the month at 11:30am



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am

All Welcome

ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Wednesdays  
7pm

Great Swamp Baptist Church  
9009 Tarboro Rd Ridgeland 29936

All ages welcome

### Quilt Club

Every Thursday



Will be working

from home until

Youth Annex Building is completed



# Women's Bible Study

*Every Thursday @ 6:00 pm  
In the MPB  
Come out and Join us.  
Contact Carol Davis  
for more info*



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

**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

Coming to GSBC  
Sunday, March 22nd  
Evening Service

**North Greenville Drama Team (ACT II TROUPE)**







To Be Announced  
Tea & Coffee  
Keith Gemo Cooking Team  
\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of  
4 or more

## 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  
Landscape: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com  
Finance Director: **Timmy Sauls**.....greatswampbc@gmail.com

## Nursery Workers

**Today:** Vanessa Smoak / Jennifer Meador  
**Next Week:** Carol Davis / Taylor Daley



## Children's Church Helpers

**Today:** Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley  
**Next Week:** Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff

## Toll Committee

*For the month of March*  
**Latrelle Steedly / Dorthie Armstrong**



Baby Bottles  
are due back NOW!!!



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PO Box 446  
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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