

*Great
Swamp
Baptist
Church
July 5,
2020*



Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

9:45 AM Service

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn #

Invocation

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Selections of Praise and Worship

We Pray for Special Needs

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Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

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“America, Keep Holding To God’s Hand”

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 Weekly Offering	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 3,264.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 1,545.95
Online Offerings	\$ 172.52		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Church Repairs (AC)</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$ 160.00
<i>Senior Trip</i>	\$75.00	*****	\$ 2,688.37
<i>Cemetery</i>	\$ 10.00	*****	\$ 50.00
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 6.00	*****	\$ 86.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$ 1.00	*****	\$ 320.97
<i>Youth Annex</i>	\$ 110.00	*****	\$ 579.12
<i>SFCA Utilities (Combined)</i>	\$ 2,282.95	*****	



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today: Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344

Next Week: Michael Daley: 843-505-0998



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am

Wednesday Night Services @ 7pm

ABIDE—MPB Bldg.

Pastor's Payer Service—Old Social Hall

Youth Group—Mobile Classroom

NO WNS NO Children's Groups

Other Groups & Committees will resume at later dates.

*From
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



Finding the Individual
(Mark 5:21-34)

Intro: Our founding fathers in establishing our nation, had as one of, if not the primary guideline for the direction of our country, the individuality of each person. They clearly stated this direction by their famous quote in the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Now it took years for that quote to be fully fleshed out in our country. However, because our founding fathers placed it in the Declaration of Independence, it did eventually come true so that now we see and acknowledge that each person regardless of the shade of color of their skin is created equal by our God.

This truth that our founding fathers gave to us in the Declaration of Independence came right out of the pages of God's Holy Word. When Paul said, "From one man He made every nation of men..." (Acts 17:26). Therefore since God brought us all from the one set of parents, we are equal because we all are equal then that means that each one of us as an individual is the key factor at how we should look at one another and not what group or race we belong to.

When Jesus walked among us He primarily spent His ministry focusing upon individuals. He dealt with crowds and large group but He mostly focused upon individuals.

It is time as a nation and as the people of God that we rediscover the importance of individuality. In our set of verses, we find Jesus focusing upon individuals over the crowd. My message is entitled Finding the Individual. The individual we will focus upon primarily is the woman in these set of verses. We know about this woman in spite of the large crowd because Jesus took the time to recognize her. Jesus is still finding the individuals.

I. First, let us notice that we find the individual in a crowd. (vs. 21,29).

We not only find her in a crowd which verse twenty-four tells us but verse twenty-one let's us know that it was a very large crowd.

However, when Jesus senses that power has flowed from Him, He stops to discover who has touched Him. At this point in time He is no longer taking notice of the large crowd that has surrounded Him. Rather, He is looking for one individual. At that point in time, He saw no one but the woman. She alone grabs His attention.

Tragically, then and today, people get lost in the crowd and no one takes the time to see them as unique individuals, created in the image of God. We always desire a crowd. We want to brag that we had a crowd. I, myself, certainly want a crowd, a very large one, and there's nothing wrong with desiring one and seeking to have one as long as the crowd is not all you see. Rather, we need to see that the crowd is made up by a mass of individuals, each of whom deserve to be recognized. Each one has his or her specific concerns and needs and they are crying to be recognized, heard, looked upon and helped with the needs of their lives, of course most of all helping them to follow Christ. Do you and I take time to see the individual and not just the crowd?

II. Second, let us notice that we find that the individual has a condition. (vs. 25-26).

These verses tell us that this woman had an issue of blood. We don't know exactly what this problem was but it appears that she is constantly losing blood. She has had the problem for twelve years and has spent all of her life savings going to doctors all over and not one has helped her. In fact, the doctors appear to have only made things worse. She was in desperate need of a healing but no one would take notice of or be concerned about her life threatening problems.

So, when we look out at the individuals that surround our lives, do we take time to notice that they each have something going on in their lives? If you don't outright see something, you certainly can look at them and know that all and each has a sin condition that needs to be taken care of.

III. Third, let us notice that we find that the individual has Christ and a cure.

Now, somehow this lady had heard about Jesus and His healing power. I wonder who took the time to tell her about Jesus? Are we taking the time to one on one tell the individuals of the world about the saving power of our Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

She had come to believe that this was the only hope that she had left in the world. If He couldn't help her then all hope was lost. However, praise God curing the woman was no problem for Jesus not only was it no problem for Jesus, but rather it was a great pleasure for Him. He stopped and took all the time necessary to address her, encourage her and send her away in peace.

We need to not be fearful of reaching out to the individuals around us, and their concerns. I know that when we look at many of them our attitude is I hope someone else will deal with them because their problems are too big for me. However, all we need to remember is that Christ is bigger than all of their problems and totally capable of fixing all their concerns they have. So, what the individual needs from us is to give them Jesus. More than anything Jesus desires a

personal relationship with each individual. But like this lady, you must have absolute faith that Jesus can save your soul and heal your concerns.

IV. Fourth, we find that the individual had to face Christ. (vs. 30-34).

Jesus waited until this woman revealed herself to Him. He was not going to move an inch in spite of the fact that a man needed Him to quickly come and save his daughter before she died. Well, she knowing what had happened to her came trembling before the Lord not knowing how He would respond to her touching Him and being healed by Him.

Well, Jesus' response to her was extremely positive. It was all because of His mercy, compassion and grace and also because of her absolute faith in His power and authority. We need to remember that one day we will face Christ not in a group but as an individual. Each of us will give an account to Christ. At the point the only thing that is going to matter is did we respond to Christ when we walked upon the earth with an individual faith in His grace, mercy, love and forgiveness. If so, then we will hear those words, well done thy good and faithful servant enter into the joy I have for you.

Concl. Clearly I believe that as we quote that famous verse that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son," that He means that He loves the world because He loves each one that makes up the world. We know this to be true because the rest of that famous verse says, "that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). The whosoever is an invite to the individuals of the world. May our God once again help our country and our churches to focus upon the individuals of our world. They need Jesus.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



We would like to thank everyone for all the calls, calls, visits, prayers and food brought during Rodney's passing. We appreciate all of these kind deeds.

We will be having a Celebration Service on July 25th at 12:00 with a meal to follow. All are invited to attend.

The Family of Rodney Malphrus, Sr.

Toll Committee

For the month of July

Latrelle Steedly / Dorthie Armstrong



GSBC Prayer Page

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Chelsea Lake (1/17)
Jennifer Resh (1/6)
Alice Reynolds (2/12)
Skylar Saygen (3/2)
Dustin Roberts (5/20)
Freddie Malphrus (6/4)
Ann Blocker (6/15)
Chip Sutler (6/18)*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Becky Jones-Anderson
Royce Malphrus-RNC
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Lois Bootle-NHC*

Church Needs

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

Unspoken

*Olivia & Juan Garcia
Jessica Cleland
David Meador
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz*

Cancer / Treatments

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)
Sidney (8/15)
Douglas Denegel (9/16)
Becky Goretzka (5/20)
Gail Sims (5/18)
Gene Cooler, Jr. (5/28)
Gary Malphrus (6/3)
Gloria Davis (6/15)
Gary Malphrus (6/17)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry
Abide Wednesday Services*

Bereavement

*Family of
Mary Cope*

Other Health Needs

*Danny Breland (9/19)
Cookie Daley (11/19)
James Harris (12/10)
Jane Gorman (12/19)
Jane Waitt (5/20)
Robert Sauls (6/4)
Doris Smoak (6/15)
Karen Creech (6/15)
Pat Bryan (7/3)*

Expecting / Births

*Courtney Humbert
Brantley Lawson*

Please Continue To Remember

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

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

*Gary Way
Lanell Smith
Dot Tindal
Frankie Malphrus
Betty Robertson*

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*



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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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