

# Grandparent's Day



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*September 13, 2020*

# Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30am

**Prelude**

**The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr*

**Call To Worship**

*Hymn # 406*

*“The Solid Rock”*

**Invocation**

*Freddie Malphrus*

**Grandparents Recognitions**

**Selections of Praise and Worship**

*“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)”*

*Mended*

**We Pray for Special Needs**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction**



**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**



*Today:*

**Freddie Malphrus: 843-816-3206**

*Next Week:*

**Michael Daley: 843-505-0998**



 Weekly Offering	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 4066.00	\$ 4,982.47	-\$ 666.47
<b>Online Offerings</b>	\$ 250.00		
<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>This Week</b>	*****	<b>Acct. Balances</b>
<i>Seniors</i>	\$ 1,024.00	*****	\$ 14,147.37
<i>Cemetery</i>	\$ 10.00	*****	\$ 130.00
<i>AC Fund</i>	\$ 4800.00	*****	\$ 16,898.71
<i>OCC</i>	\$ 77.00	*****	\$ 488.97

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**Wednesday Night Services @ 7pm**

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**PASTOR'S PRAYER SERVICE**—*Bldg. 3, Old Social Hall*

**Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.**

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**ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**—*MPB Bldg.*

**Leader-Wilbur Daley**

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**YOUTH GROUP**—*Youth Annex*

**Leader-Michelle Waitt**

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**NO WNS      NO Children's Groups      NO SMB**

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**Sunday School Classes @ 9:15am**

**CAMO CLASS**—*Room 402*

**Leader- Bobby Smith**

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**GLEANERS CLASS**—*Room 401*

**Leader-Audrey Roberts**

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**VISIONARIES CLASS**—*Bldg. 3, Old Social Hall (September 13th)*

**Leader-Wilbur Daley**

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**YOUTH-Youth Annex**

**Leader-Faye Lowther**

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*From  
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



## **It's Time To Get Back To Work**

*(Neh. 2:11-20;4:1-6;6:1-16)*

*Intro: Of course, the past weekend was Labor Day Weekend, a weekend set aside to honor the hardworking Americans who work hard to care for their families and keep our great nation up and running. Tragically, however, as we celebrate the lives of hard working Americans this weekend, we grieve for those 22 million Americans who have lost their jobs to this so-called pandemic that has never panned out to be what they were claiming would take place. They said that as much as 100,000 person a day would test positive and at least 2 to 3 million persons were going to die from the virus. Well, we've gotten no where near those numbers, not even close. Also, now our positive rate numbers and our death rate numbers have begun moving downward in a rapid motion.*

*However, with the continuous bombardment of negative news, the fear has set in and businesses and companies were either shut down or put on hold and still many of them aren't allowed to open back up. This has resulted in many businesses permanently shutting down, and the governments only solutions is to keep throwing money at the people losing their jobs.*

*Well, how about let's fix the problems by getting people back to work. It is time to open this country up and put people back at their jobs, especially now that we understand that most people in our country are not going to be greatly affected by the virus. If we don't get people back to work, we are going to destroy our nation's ability to be prosperous again and we are going to ruin more lives by this fact than the Covid-19 virus. For we will not be able to get the things we need to live our lives and this will lead to more problems than we can imagine.*

*Well tragically, as well, not only have businesses been greatly affected by having to let their employees go and in many cases, permanently, but churches as well have lost many of their workers and volunteers out of fear over the virus. For basically six months now, we've not seen many of the people that have dedicated much of their time to serving in the church not return and this has caused the church to not be as effective for the cause of Christ as they could be and should be. As a*

Matter of fact, it has been predicted that as much as one out of every five churches may permanently shut down. So, it is time for the churches to get back to work. As one of our old hymns says, "We'll work 'til Jesus comes, we'll work 'til Jesus comes, we'll work 'til Jesus comes and then we'll be gathered home." My message is simply entitled, *It's time to get back to work*. The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah are all about the nation of Israel returning to their homeland and getting back to work rebuilding the temple and the walls of Jerusalem. So, let's examine their return to work and let it encourage us to get back to work in our churches.

**I. First, let us notice that it is time to get back to work because of the command of God. (2:11-12).** When Nehemiah came back to Jerusalem, it was nearly a century later after the first exiles returned to Jerusalem. When the first group came back they rebuilt the temple. However, once they rebuilt the temple, they stopped working on all the other projects and buildings and walls that needed to be restored and in most cases completely rebuilt from the bottom up. So, how was Nehemiah, after a hundred years of not doing the work necessary to be done, going to get the people back to work?

Well, the answer is quite simple. Nehemiah spent his first three days there doing nothing but inspecting the ruins of the city, especially the walls of the city. Now, he didn't have to do this three days of inspection to decide what he was suppose to do or needed to do because he tells us in these verses before he strikes out on his inspection that God had already laid on his heart what he and the people were to do for Jerusalem. So, God had already told Nehemiah that He wanted him to lead the people in Jerusalem to rebuild the walls of the city. So, Nehemiah is able to motivate the people to get back to work and rebuild the broken down walls of the city because that is what God was commanding to be done.

Well this same point applies to the church. It is time to get back to work because God has commanded us to do so. He has commanded us to come together to encourage one another. He commanded us to get together and use the gifts and talents He has given to each one of us in order that we might build each other up in our walk and service to our Blessed Lord and Savior. So, if we need a reason to come back and start serving in the church again, all you need to know is, God commanded it to be so.

**II. Second, let us notice it is time to get back to work because of the trouble in our land. (vs.17).** It really didn't take a lot of convincing of the people in Nehemiah's day that they were in a lot of trouble, because all they had to do was open their eyes and they would see it all around them. Their city laid in ruins and their protective walls which greatly helped them to defend their people and property was demolished completely to the ground making it easy for any enemy to just march right on in.

Well, today, just as in Nehemiah's day, all we've got to do is open our eyes and ears to know that our land is in serious trouble. Our cities are burning from violent protests. Our police and law enforcement are being defunded. Our people are not able to go back to work. Our politicians and nation as a whole are divided like never before, and the list goes on and on.

So, why are we in this trouble? Well, the answer I think has three clear reasons why. First, we are all born with a sin nature and this sin nature leads to sinful activity. Second, Satan is alive and well seeking to use what is going on to promote his evil in the world. Third, and I believe the clearest reason why is because we've turned our back on God and forgotten Him. Romans 1:18 clearly

warns a nation and people who forsake God will go down the slippery roads of all kinds of immorality even to the point of becoming God-haters. When that happens, a nation will go into ruins.

So, we've got to get back to work. God created the church partly to use us to be His instrument in the world to steer the tide of sin, Satan, evil, and rebellion. We, alone, have the answer to get our nation and our people back to living lives for God. That answer, of course, is the Gospel message of Jesus Christ who will transform our lives for the better when we trust Him to be our Lord and Savior.

It shouldn't be that the church looks like it is in trouble just like the world is. No, we should show the world in their trouble times that we got the answer and we are pulling together to work for Jesus so that we can help the world get out of the trouble they are in.

**III. Third, let us notice it is time to get back to work because of the power of God. (vs. 17-20).** In these verses after Nehemiah reveals to the people that God had laid on his heart that they were to rebuild the walls of the city. He then reassured them that though it was a big task, God had already done certain things to make it possible for them to get this job under way. Then he reassured them that God had not only done certain things so they could start the job God had given them to do. He, also, went on to say that God would give them success, and by the power of God they got it done.

So, it is today that we need to get back to work because the power and presence of God is with us. When Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission to go into all the world and make disciples, He first reminded them that He had all authority in Heaven and on earth, and based upon that authority, we were therefore to go. Oh, dear Children of God, we can and must get back to work because our God is with us. You need no other power or authority, for you've got it dear Child of God. Let's get top work.

**IV. Fourth, let us notice it is time to get back to work in spite of opposition to the work. (4:1-6; Ezra 4:1-5,5:1).** Nehemiah faced great opposition by neighboring groups of people to the rebuilding of the wall. As well nearly a hundred years earlier, Ezra faced enormous opposition to rebuilding the temple. They both faced hostile opposition, political opposition, media opposition, military opposition, opposition from within and the list goes on.

However, neither one of these men allowed their opposition to deter them one bit. For they understood as the previous points pointed out that they couldn't stop the work no matter what because of God's command; the trouble in the land and the power of God. For them the greater fear was not the opposition they faced but rather not getting the work done which God commanded to be done.

We are living in a time of great fear. The question is which fear are you going to allow to make your choices for you? For many the fear of the virus, of death or of what others think or say will for the time being take them out of getting done the work the Lord's called us to do.

My prayer is however that instead we will be more fearful of not doing the work that God has called us to do and which He has promised to empower us to accomplish. There will always be opposition. If that becomes our determining factor about whether to move forward or not then we will never move forward and we will never get the work done.

So, let it be said of Great Swamp Baptist Church that we will not be deterred by opposition but rather in God's strength we will get back to work.

*Concl. Let me conclude by sharing what Nehemiah says when they completed the building of the city walls. "So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God." So, let's get back to work in our churches knowing that our God is helping us and the end result will be that our opposition and the world around us will see that God is alive and well working through the lives of His people.*

*Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



## **Sunday Morning Breakfast Resumes TODAY**



**Deacon's Meeting**

Monday, September 14th

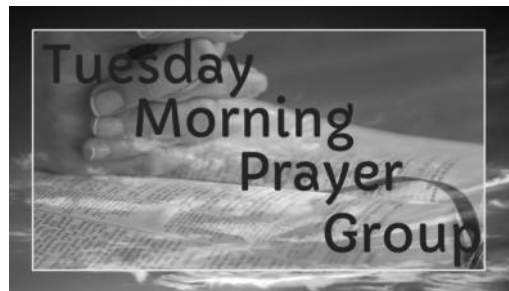
## Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak  
*Helpers Needed; See Vanessa*



## Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley



*Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am*





# Operation Christmas Child Kick Off

*There are 4 ways to donate:*

- (1) **The Angel Tree**; take an angel which has an item on the back, bring the angel back with your donation.*
- (2) **Shoe box list in foyer** by age groups on table*
- (3) **Monetary donations***
- (4) **Items listed below** for the month of September.*  
*Any questions, see Dorthie Armstrong.*



## September Collections:

*Soap*  
*Wash Cloths*  
*Toothbrushes*  
*Boys combs*  
*Girls combs & brushes*  
*Stick deodorant*  
*Chap stick*  
*Headbands or hair ties*  
*Jewelry*  
*Sunglasses*  
*Socks*  
*Underwear (all sizes)*

# GSBC Prayer Page

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

## **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

## **Hospitals**

### **Surgery / Recovery**

*Skylar Saygen  
Ann Blocker  
Michelle Rooks*

### **Nursing Centers**

*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Doris Blackmon-Morningside  
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC  
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI  
Byron & Margaret Vaigneur-Assist.*

## **Church Needs**

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

## **Unspoken**

*Jessica Cleland  
Steve Crosby  
Heather Betz*

### **Cancer / Treatments**

*Lynn Daugherty  
Sidney  
Douglas Denegel  
Becky Goretzka  
Gail Sims  
Gloria Davis  
Gary Malphrus  
Skip Brooks  
Marlene Thornton*

### **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

### **Please Continue To Remember**

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

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

## *Ministries*

*Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry  
Abide Wednesday Services*

## **Bereavement**

*Family of*

### **Other Health Needs**

*Cookie Daley  
James Harris  
Jane Gorman  
Jane Waitt  
Jerry Cooler  
Bobby Tootle  
Randy Smoak  
Brenda Farve  
Andrew Miller  
Lloyd Way  
Jason Smoak  
Celeste Lucas  
Pinky Rushing  
Chip Sutler*

### **Expecting / Births**

*Heather Reid, Feb.*

*Gary Way  
Frankie Malphrus  
Betty Robertson  
Kenneth & Doby Cleland*

### **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*

## Church Staff

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*Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus* ..... *Josie6@embarqmail.com*



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Grace Malphrus</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>19th</i>	<i>Eric Chapman</i>



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>Krey &amp; Faye Lowther</i>
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## Memorials

*A gift of \$ 100.00 was given to the General Fund  
 In Memory of Mary Cope  
 By Celeste Lucas.*



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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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