

GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 567

“Share His Love”

Invocation

Freddie Malphrus

WMU Focus Day Recognition

Selections of Praise and Worship

“The Love of God”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

Joyce Gamo

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

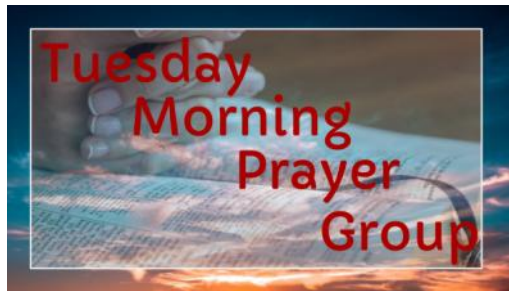
Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole/ Gideon Mobley



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

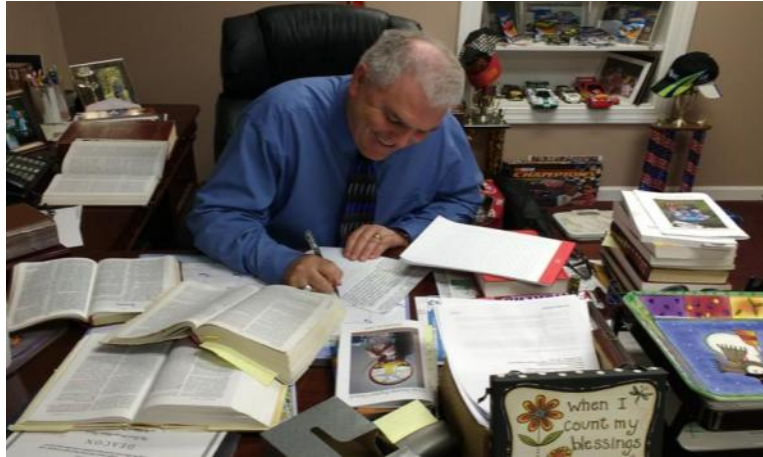
Today:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-816-3206

Next Week:

Mack Pope: 843-540-6636





Christians Should Display Confidence

(I Peter 2:1-10)

Intro: Nearly a year later after the beginning of the Covid 19 episode, very little has changed as far as the outlook of society upon the virus. As Tammy and I traveled this past week to Missouri, we discovered that there is still a great fear among the people concerning the virus. It appears that the spark of life has nearly burned completely out.

However, I have also discovered that when someone comes into the midst of those who are down and out over what is taking place in our world and they are full of confidence, they display that confidence, then their spirit and attitude can be lifted up above all the difficulties we are now experiencing. In general, this has always been true even before Covid 19 and all the other crazy things taking place.

However, in these extreme times, the world needs more than ever to see people who are confident and bold and who are not discouraged by the times. It is very clear in God's Word that those who should have, and display confidence and boldness are the people of God. Christians more than anyone else should boldly and completely demonstrate to the world that we have complete confidence. Confidence that gives victory over the times.

Well, the Apostle Peter in his writings shows us how it is that Christians can and should display complete confidence and this is really, really important because it is clear that the government doesn't want you to be confident. They only want you to be confident in what they tell you. They only want you to trust them and their narrative.

The problem with that is that their narrative does just the opposite of giving you confidence. Rather it just keeps you fearful and timid and that is exactly what they want it to do. Praise be to God, however, that His Word and way will lift us up to higher ground. So, let us examine how Christians should display confidence. My message title simply is "Christians Should Display Confidence."

I. First, let us notice that Christians should display confidence because of where they are. (vs. 4-8).

Well, of course, the question must be, then where are we? Well, what these verses tell us is that we are in the House of God, and the reason we are in the House of God is because we've been made a part of the House of God.

Now, how all of this came about is because the living stone, Jesus Christ who was chosen by God the Father and precious to Him, was used by the Father to make all who come to Him for Salvation into living stones, built into a Spiritual house. A Spiritual house built by the Master Builder, Jesus Christ Himself. He built it to have it for Himself and to use it for His purpose, and the result of that Peter tells us is that we will never be put to shame or disappointment.

So, because we are as the people of God, a part of the House of God and will never be removed from His house, we then can hold our head high full of confidence that should be seen by the world around us.

It must also be shown that all who refuse to turn to Christ will never be able to be a part of God's eternal Spiritual house. So, again let us show the world the confidence we have because Jesus Christ our Lord has built His followers into an eternal house that He will for all eternity maintain in perfect order.

II. Second, let us notice that Christians should display confidence because of who they are. (vs. 9-10).

So, let us ask the question and answer just who are Christians and boy what an amazing set of answers that the Apostle Peter gives to us. It is the kind of answer that should make the Children of God rise up and shout praises unto our Glorious Savior and Lord and then go out in confidence and show the world just who we are and who they can become.

First, he says that we are a chosen people. The word people here in the Greek language means race. God created all persons to be a part of one physical race of people called the human race. However, not all persons are a part of God's special chosen people who are chosen to be a part of God's spiritual race of people. We come to be a part of God's chosen people by coming to Jesus Christ the Chosen One by the Father

to bring us our Salvation.

The Apostle John shows us that chosen people become a part of this chosen race not in the usual physical manner but in a way that only God can do. "He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become Children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." (John 1:10-13).

Second, he says that we are a royal priesthood. The word royal indicates the presence of a king. The Word of God clearly reveals that the One who is truly our great high priest is no other than the One who is also our glorious King the Lord Jesus Christ. "therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess." (Heb. 4:14).

"The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in Heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man." (Heb. 8:1-2).

So, what this is telling us is that we have been given the privilege and honor of serving as priest under the great High Priest our Glorious King, Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Oh, what blessed people that we are get to serve our Lord and Savior.

Third, He says that we are a holy nation. Great nations and empires have all come and gone and the truth is that they all will come but also go. Our own great nation is beginning to show signs that she too will and in the not so long future cease to be the great nation she has been.

However, there is one nation of people that will never cease to be. It is a nation of people that will survive every vicious attack thrown at her and in the end will be the only one left standing because He, the sovereign ruler, is the Lord Jesus Christ and her people are His chosen ones.

One author said of this Holy nation that, "Our Holy nation is without boundary, its' capitol is the New Jerusalem and not the old, its'

constitution is the New Testament and its' government is a monarchy and its' monarch is Jesus." Oh, blessed be the name of the Lord that the people of God are a part of this Holy nation.

Fourth, Peter says that we are a people belonging to God. The KJV says we are a peculiar people. That word peculiar doesn't mean unusual but rather unique, private, personal ownership of the saints of God. Each Christian is God's unique possession.

Peter tells us that once we weren't the people of God and that once we hadn't received mercy. However, now through Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior, we've been made the people of God through His mercy He has shown us . Amen and Amen.

If these two verses, which show us who we are, don't boost your confidence then I don't think your confidence can be boosted because there is no one or no thing that can make you these things first mentioned other than God.

III. Third, let us notice that Christians should display confidence because of what they are to do. (vs. 5,9).

Now, what this point is telling us is that because of where we are, (in the house of God), and because of who we are, (a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a Holy nation and a people belonging to God), we then have a God given responsibility to show forth the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

Most people in the world right now are discouraged and don't see any hope for their future is greatly because they only see themselves as merely a physical human being who doesn't amount to much. God wants us to show them that there is so much more that they can be, and they can see that possibility if they will see in us the absolute confidence we have and we display as we show forth the praises of Him who saved us.

Concl. People are being beat down from every angle; the virus, the political unrest, the lockdown and so many other things. So, may we, as the people of God, fully knowing where we are and who we are and what we are called to do, may we boldly and full of confidence show them the praises of Him who brought out of darkness into His light. By so doing help them to see that they too by coming to Christ can also become a part of God's house and become a part of the unique people of God and all that it includes.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Sunday School Classes

@

9:15am

CAMO CLASS

Room 406

Leader- Bobby Smith

GLEANERS CLASS

Room 401

Leader-Audrey Roberts

VISIONARIES CLASS

Building 3, Old Social Hall

Leader-Wilbur Daley

SOJOURNERS CLASS

Room 417

Leader-Mack Pope

SENIOR ADULT MEN CLASS

Room 413

Leader-Truett Vaigneur

YOUTH

Youth Annex

Leader-Faye Lowther

Wednesday Night Services
@
7pm

PASTOR'S PRAYER SERVICE
Building 3, Old Social Hall
Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
Multi-Purpose Building
Leader-Wilbur Daley

YOUTH GROUP
Youth Annex
Leader-Michelle Waitt

R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors)
Room 417
Leader-Pat Mason

G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION)
Room 415
Leader-Carol Davis

SECA DRAMA PRESENTS

CHATEAU LA ROACH



My mission in
life is not merely
to survive, but to
thrive; and to do
so with some
passion, some
compassion,
some humor, and
some style.

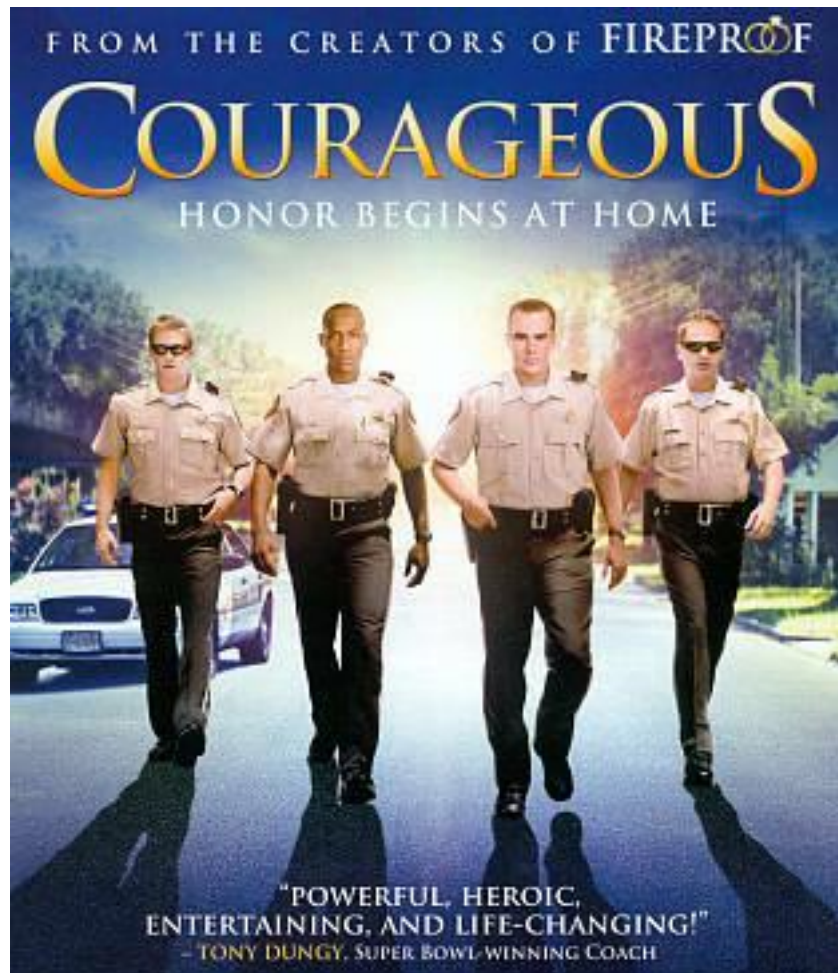
March 12, 13
at 7 PM

9009 TARBORO ROAD
RIDGELAND, SC

MAYA ANGELOU

Directed by-Mrs. Rhonda Stones

Movie Night



Sunday, February 28th

Concessions 6:00 pm

Movie 7:00 pm

*Popcorn & Drinks provided
Please bring finger foods to share*



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT Suppers



**TO BE
ANNOUNCED**

*\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a
family of 4 or more.
NO Meal Deliveries at this
time.*

INFORMATION NEEDED

Due to a computer crash at the end of the 2020 year, many of our membership records were lost. The church office is asking that, even if you have not had any changes, to please fill out the Member Info Sheets on the back wall and turn in to the church office, a deacon or put in offering plate.

We have replaced the old computer and are working on a new system. It is imperative that we get the member info back into our system.

If you know any members who are not currently attending due to the virus situation, please feel free to take an info sheet to them.

Thank You

Share A Need Ministry

The Grandmother's Group has begun a new ministry. If you know anyone who has a particular need that the Grandmother's Group could help minister to, please contact Carol Davis @ 843-226-0258 or let any member of the Grandmother's Group.



The Church office and the school will be closed on Monday, February 15th for a National Holiday.

GSBC Prayer Page

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

Leadership
*President of the
United States of America*

*Vice President of the
United States of America*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Ann Blocker
Michelle Rooks
Marie Cole
Stephen Roberts
Bob Mosely*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.*

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

*Jessica Cleland
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz
Randy Bethune
Jason Holt
Jennifer Cooler Mazzochi*

Cancer / Treatments

*Lynn Daugherty
Sidney
Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Gloria Davis
Gary Malphrus
Skip Brooks
Cynthia Box
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Evelyn Olsen
Tripp Daley
Wesley Ethridge
Angela Proctor
Jay Dalton*

Expecting / Births

Heather Reid, Feb.

Please Continue To Remember

*Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Judy Smith
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
Jane Gorman
Bobby Tootle
Randy Smoak
Brenda Farve
Andrew Miller
Lloyd Way
Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Pat Kemple
Annette Mole
Jerry E. Cooler
Derris Davenport
Bobby Smith
Keith Gamo
Wilbur & Debra Daley
Wallace Malphrus
Telie Ethridge
Kenny Smith
Dora Reynolds
Pinky Rushing
Chip Sutler
Arlette Jones
Sara Davis*

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

Pastor: Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.....*jehu27@gmail.com*

Music Director: Richard Waitt.....*waittfamily83@gmail.com*

Sunday School Director: Mike Davis.....

ABIDE Contemporary Service: Wilbur Daley.....

Pianist: Michelle Waitt..... *waittfamily83@gmail.com*

Administrative Assistant: Sybil Reynolds.....*greatswampbc@gmail.com*

School Administrator: Donna Carter.....*dcarter@hargray.com*

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



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Allene Malphrus</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>Alex Sineath</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>Kris Goethe</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>19th</i>	<i>Vera Miles</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>Debbie Hodge</i>

Baby Bottles Ministry

Due NOW



Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd.
PO Box 446
Ridgeland, SC 29936

Sunday Morning Breakfast 8:15AM
Sunday School..... 9:15AM
Morning Worship..... 10:30AM
Wednesday Night Supper 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Service 7:00PM

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Church Office: (843) 726-3631