



**GREAT SWAMP
BAPTIST CHURCH**

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 177 "There's something About That Name"

Invocation

Freddie Malphrus

Selections of Praise and Worship

"I'll Fly Away"

"We Believe"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

Mended

"Forever Reign"

Written by Mel Toland

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

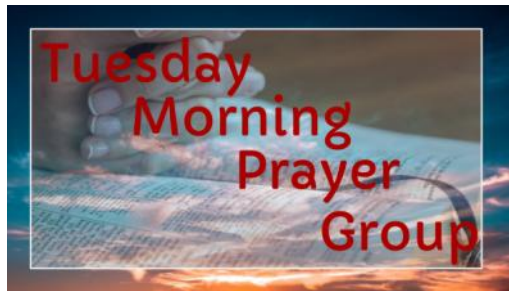
Nursery Workers

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 :

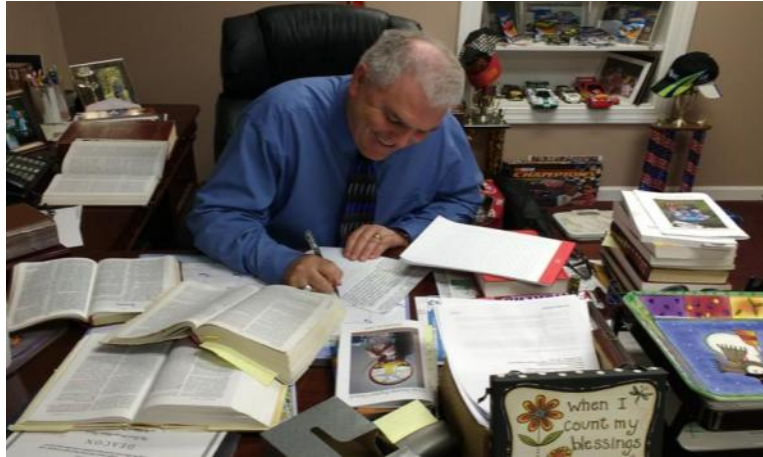
Today:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-816-3206

Next Week:

Wilbur Daley: 843-305-0110





You Have Abundant Life

Intro: This message is for the purpose of reminding God's people that in these troubling and confusing times we have abundant life. No matter what the times are like or hold for us abundant life remains true and faithful for the people of God. So, let us take a look at the abundant life the people of God have and let it encourage us through these days. My title is simply "You Have Abundant Life."

I. First, let us notice why you have abundant life. (vs. 10).

Well, it is quite clear in this verse that we don't have abundant life because we were able to work it p on our own. It is also clear that we don't have it because many other persons made it possible for us. So, if it doesn't come from us or from many other persons then where did or where does it come from?

So, the verse is straight forward about where our abundant life comes from. First, it tells us where it doesn't come from as mentioned above. Jesus said that there was and there still are thieves who sneak in amongst us who try to convince us that they can offer it to us but Jesus said all they really want to do is to steal, kill, and destroy.

Next, however, praise God He makes it as plain as it can be stated as to where abundant life comes from. He said, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." (vs. 10). So, if anyone wants to experience abundant life to the full then there is only one place it can be found in the person of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now, let me point out that Jesus doesn't just give us a little better life or pretty good life. No, the great Greek scholar Kenneth Wuest said, the abundant life that Jesus came to give us is life in "superabundance." So, if we want life in superabundance, then we need to come to Christ.

Now, the reason why Christ Jesus our Lord is able to give us this super abundant life is because He did what was necessary to make it possible. You see, because we were born in sin, the Bible is clear that this has made us spiritually dead. (Eph. 2:1-3). What was needed for us was someone who could interject new life back into us. Well, this is exactly what Jesus has done for us. By going to the cross, Jesus paid the price for our sins so we could experience forgiveness. Then, He was buried and on the third day, up out of the grave He came, totally conquering the very things that held us in bondage and death. With His resurrection power, He can infuse us with His presence restoring spiritual life, abundant, eternal life. Oh, what a Savior.

II. Second, let us notice, what does it mean that you have abundant life?

What it means to have abundant life is found within the context of the Shepherd and His sheep. It also is found in a contrast between the true Shepherd and the fake ones.

So, what we discover from these verses is that what abundant life is, is the intimate relationship between the Shepherd and His sheep. We know that throughout history, the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep have always been special, close, caring and so much more. It is a bond rarely found anywhere else. Out of this special relationship, the sheep have wound up being blessed beyond measure because their shepherd does all that is necessary and more to make their life where all their needs are met.

Now, for the Christian, what this means is that our lives are lives that are full and super abundant because of who our Shepherd is. He is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. There has never been a shepherd like Him. All other shepherds that have been or will be can't measure up to the One who rose up out of the grave.

Our Shepherd, He talks to us; walks with us; protects us; feeds us; provides for us; and leads us. These things He will do for us throughout eternity. So, what it means to have that super abundant life is to have the privilege of having Jesus as our eternal, permanent, good and great Shepherd who will forever walk with us in an intimate, personal relationship, make our life abundant and full.

Now, in contrast, all others who pretend to really are only about themselves. They really don't care about what happens to us. As a matter of fact, all they offer is to steal us, kill us and destroy us. They have come to take our life, Jesus came to give life abundant and eternal.

Now, it is important that I make sure that we don't understand that abundant life necessarily means a long life or a comfortable life in this world. For Christ our Lord Himself didn't experience either a long life or a comfortable life. However, His life was abundant because His Heavenly Father walked with Him and saw Him through the battles of life as Jesus does with us. We will face nothing apart from Jesus our good Shepherd. Then ultimately He will deliver us from this old sinful world where our life will eternally be comfortable. Amen.

III. Third, let us notice who it is that we say you have abundant life. (vs. 7-9).

I want belabor this point for Jesus lays it out when He said, "I am the gate, whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture." So, who do we say you have abundant life? Well, it is anyone or whosoever enters the sheepfold through Christ and Christ alone.

So, if you want to enter God's sheepfold and have both abundant life and eternal life, then you must come to Christ, repent of your sins and trust Him as Lord and Savior and you will have life full, free and super abundant. So, I pray that you will be one of the whoever enters through Christ Jesus the gate that leads to abundant life in the sheepfold of God.

Concl. So, the more we focus upon our Shepherd, the more we will know the super abundant life He came to give us. However, the more we listen to others voice the more we will not experience abundant life. So, I pray that you will listen to and look to only the true Shepherd Jesus Christ our Lord, and the way we do that is to dive into His Holy Word. The Bible, God's Holy Word.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



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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.



Grandmother's Group

*Monday, February 8th
11:00 am, MPB*

*Please bring soups, salads
& desserts.*

Bring Valentines Cards for ladies.

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-Sherry Toland

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

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*

Expecting / Births

Heather Reid, Feb.

*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*

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*

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

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*

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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>7th</i>	<i>Davey McGill</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>Wilbur Daley</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>Bonnie Pope</i>
		<i>Katelyn Morgan</i>



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Tom & Connie Benton</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Rodney & April Malphrus</i>

Baby Bottle Ministry
Returned by Sunday, February 14th
Next SUNDAY



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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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