

GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 21, 2021



**HER NAME
LIVES ON.**

HER LEGACY STANDS MILLIONS STRONG.

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 550 "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Invocation

Wilbur Daley

Selections of Praise and Worship

"In Christ Alone"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

Richard Waitt

"Gracious and Merciful"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

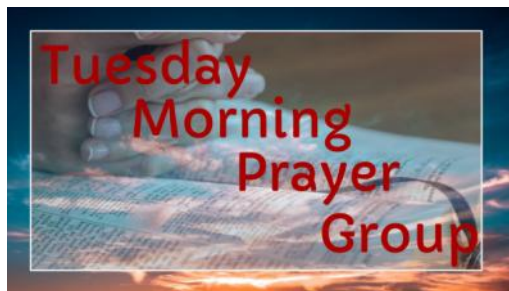
Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole / Mason Losgar



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

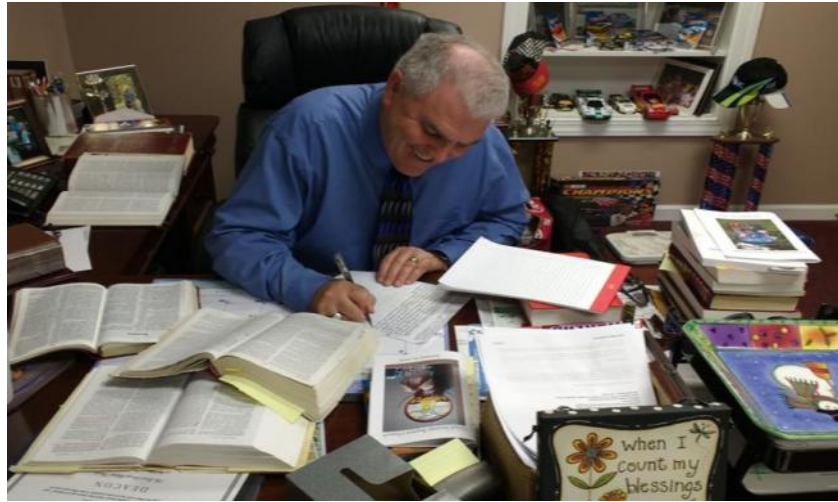
Today:

Wilbur Daley: 843-305-0110

Next Week:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8745





God's Love For His People

(Hosea 1:1-3, 3:1-5)

Intro: History has given us some great love stories such as Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebekah; Jacob and Rachel; Ruth and Boaz. Romeo and Juliet and many more.

However, none of these love stories can even begin to touch the love story of God's love for His people. The Book of Hosea is one of the places in God's Holy Word where we clearly see the amazing and incomparable love that God has for His people.

There are many people who would say that the Book of Hosea shouldn't be in the Bible because god told Hosea to go and marry a lady that will be unfaithful to him. These people would say that we don't want to be encouraging people to go around looking for a mate that they know will be unfaithful to them.

However, what we need to understand is that God is not using the Book of Hosea as a book to tell us how to pick our mates. Rather God told Hosea to go and marry an adulterous woman to us as an example of His love for the nation of Israel even though they had been unfaithful to Him just as Hosea's wife was to him. In spite of her unfaithfulness to him, Hosea loved her again and again. The same is true of God's love to His people. So, let us look at this love story that has no comparison.

I. First, let us notice that God's love for His people is undeserving. (1:1-3). *Now, Hosea did exactly what God told him to do. He went and found a lady by the name of Gomer who had a reputation for loose and immoral standards when it comes to relationships with men, and after marrying her she lived up to her reputation and had an adulterous relationship with someone else while they were married.*

So the point here is that Hosea didn't marry her because she was deserving of his commitment to her. Not he married her even though he knew she wasn't going to be faithful to him. So, his marriage to her was completely and totally a choice he had to make in spite of her unfaithfulness and her undeservingness.

So, it is that God has chosen our of His essence of love to love us even though we aren't deserving of His love. The Apostle Paul said this way, "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—It is by grace you have been saved." (Eph. 2:1-5).

Grace means something that you receive undeservingly. So, it is that out of His great love for us and His grace He has saved His people even though we don't deserve it, Amen and praise be unto our God.

II. Second, let us notice that God's love for His people is unconditional. (3:1-3). *Now, as we've already noted that God told Hosea not only to marry an adulteress woman but He also told him to go and love Gomer again after she had run around on him. Hosea did exactly as God had told him to and went and got her back and loved her again.*

Now, God told Hosea to do this as an example of His one love for His people even though they had been adulterers in their relationships with Him by going after other false gods and idols. He place no conditions on His love for them. In other words, He was not going to allow their actions to keep Him from loving them.

However, this does not mean that we can live any way we want to regardless of what God says and He won't care at all. No, nothing can be further from the truth. If that is your attitude, then I doubt very seriously if you've ever been saved to begin with.

What we have to remember is that it is God's love that brought the nation under great judgment for their sins and led them into captivity where they repented of their idolatry and returned to believing in God and God alone. So, His love led to discipline and His discipline led to faith.

Thank God, however, for His unconditional love for us even when we go through periods of unfaithfulness to Him. The Psalmist reveals this great truth to us.

“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children—with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.”

III. Third, let us notice that God’s love for His people is unending. (3:1-5). So once again, let us be reminded that God told Hosea to go get his wife back again out of her adulterous affair and love her again and again. So Hosea’s love for Gomer was to never run out. So, God was using this as an example that His love for His people will never run out. His love is an eternal love for His people. It began in eternity past and will continue for eternity future.

“The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: I have love you with an everlasting love: I have drawn you with loving kindness.” (Jer. 31:3).

“But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is with those who fear Him and His righteousness with their children’s children” (Ps. 103:17). So, never think that God stops loving you. It is eternal .

IV. Fourth, let us notice that God’s love for His people is unequalled . (3:2-3). Now, the reason why God’s love is unequalled because God told Hosea to go and get his wife back, but before he could he had to pay an enormous price to make it happen. We’re not exactly sure what the money was for but it was enough to buy a slave at that time. Therefore, to get the woman that was already his wife back again he paid an exorbitant amount to show his love to her again.

Well, we know that like Hosea, God paid an exorbitant amount, more than any other, that He might purchase us and make us His very own so He could lavish His love on us.

“Dear Friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” I John 4:7-12.

Concl. It is so great to be a part of this great love story. You can too if you will only repent and trust Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Easter Sunrise Service

April 4, 2021

8:00 am

Breakfast following the service

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

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/Diane Thames



TONIGHT

Sunday, March 28th

Concessions 6:00 pm

Movie 6:30 pm

Popcorn & Drinks provided

Please bring finger foods to share



March Collections

Soap & Wash Cloths

Toothbrushes

*(When you go to the dentist,
ask them if they will donate toothbrushes for
Operation Christmas Child.
Get as many as you can.)*





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 , April 12th
11:00 am, MPB
Bring food for Easter
brunch.
All invited.*

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
Michelle Rooks
Stephen Roberts
Connie Benton
David Sauls
Bess Parnell
Judy Rogers*

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

*Sidney
Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Gloria Davis
Gary Malphrus
Skip Brooks
Cynthia Box
Regina Bouye
Kataya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Angela Proctor
Jay Dalton*

Expecting / Births

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry
Abide Wednesday Services*

Bereavement

*Family of
Arthur Cramer*

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
Annette Mole
Jerry E. Cooler
Bobby Smith
Keith Gamo
Telie Ethridge
Kenny Smith
Pinky Rushing
Chip Sutler
Arlette Jones
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Iola Daring
Shelby Green*

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

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

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



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>Sherri Fryman</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Jane Himes</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Wayne Cooler</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Myra Malphrus</i>
		<i>Judy Smith</i>
		<i>Sam Mock</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Judy Roberts</i>



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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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