



GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

APRIL 25, 2021

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

**Prelude**

**The Welcome**

**Announcements**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Call to Worship**

*Hymn # 573 "I Love to Tell the Story"*

**Invocation**

*Keith Gamo*

**Selections of Praise & Worship**

*"Mighty to Save"*

**We Pray for Special Needs**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

*Mended*

*"Behold the Lamb"*

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction**

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## Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak  
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



*Sunday Mornings*

*Following*

*The Song Service*

## Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Lily Smith



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**

Today:

**Keith Gamo: 843-986-8745**

Next Week:

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







## **Don't Let Your Heart Be Troubled**

*(John 14:1-18)*

*Intro: I believe that the Lord led us to this very familiar passage of Scripture because it is so relevant to all that we are dealing with at the present time. It is so relevant now because it was so relevant when it was first spoken.*

*So, let me explain what I mean. The preceding verses in the preceding chapter set the tone and direction for our set of verses we are examining. Jesus has just informed His disciples that He is going away and they want to be able to follow Him at this moment where He is going. Also, He's just informed them that one of them will betray Him and one would deny Him.*

*Now, all of this sad news was troubling their hearts. So, Jesus gives them this amazing set of promises to relieve them of their troubled hearts. So it is today, we all have troubled hearts because of what is taking place in the world around us. Therefore, these verses that helped the early disciples, find relief for their troubled hearts will do the same for Jesus' disciples in present times. So, let me say it loud and clear, don't let your heart be troubled.*

**I. First, don't let your heart be troubled because you have someone you can trust in. (vs. 1,7-13).**

*Now, once they received all the bad news that they couldn't at the present go where Jesus was going and that one of them would betray and one of them would deny Him, their hearts were troubled and what they needed was someone whom they could trust to tell them therefore what was going to happen to them once Jesus was gone.*

*Now, they had discovered that they couldn't trust the politicians of their time nor could they trust the religious leaders of their time. For both of these groups had come against Jesus and they themselves. Also, since Jesus is leaving them, could they trust Him?*

*Well, in the first place, Jesus said to His disciples, that they needed to trust in God and trust in Him. So, part of trusting is knowing who we should trust in and Jesus said that it was He and His Father that they needed to trust in.*

*Now, in all honesty, the disciples may have been thinking, why should they trust Him if He is going away? Well, Jesus answers that very question with the purpose of encouraging them to trust Him. Jesus lets them know exactly who He is and once they come to understand who He is then they will know they can trust Him and His Word even if He goes away.*

*So, who does Jesus say He is? Jesus says that He and His Father are one. "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." (vs. 9). "Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me." (vs. 11).*

*Therefore, Jesus is saying to His disciples, you've got nothing to fear because God the Father and I are one. He is God the Father and I am God the Son and a few verses later He speaks of God the Spirit.*

*Therefore, because He and the Father and Spirit are one, then He is so-equal with the Father and the Spirit. This means that anything He says and anything that He promises will happen even if He is not present.*

*So, we too, need someone we can completely trust and rely on, and Jesus says that's Me, the Father and the Spirit. All others will let you down because they are merely men but I am not just a man but I am the God-man. I am God as though I were not man. I am man as though I were not God.*

*As it was back then, so it is today. There are many that we've learned that we can't trust such as politicians, religious leaders and even one another. But how we can trust in God and in Jesus and the Spirit because they make up the Blessed Triune God. Who are you going to trust? Let it be in the One who can't let you down, the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**II. Second, don't let your heart be troubled because you have a permanent place prepared for you. (vs. 2-3).**

*Jesus was saying to His disciples, look this world will break your heart and particularly since I am going away, it is going to get tough. However, don't let it get you down, don't let it trouble your heart because I am going away to prepare a specific place specifically for you. This place will be special because I am the one preparing it, and I am preparing it for my bride. It will be the permanent place where you will never be separated from me. So, cheer up for what you are facing right now is only temporary.*

*Well, Jesus is saying the same thing to His disciples today. He is saying you live in a world that will trouble your heart but don't let it. For I am preparing a permanent place for you where you will spend eternity with me.*

*Now, because we are His bride, we can't even imagine just how beautiful and perfect this place is going to be. To get an amazing glimpse of the place just read the last couple of chapters of the Book of Revelation.*

*So, let us rejoice that our present home full of sin, trouble, hardships, pain, hurt and imperfection is only a temporary home until that time we depart.*

*Now, let me ask you a question, will this be your permanent home? I pray so. It can be if you will only surrender your life to Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**III. Third, don't let your heart be troubled because the One preparing you a place is coming back to get you. (vs. 3).**

*It would not soothe the hearts of the disciples if they only knew that a place had been prepared for them, but didn't have the means to get there. As a matter of fact, that might trouble your heart more.*

*However, for the disciple this wasn't going to be an issue because Jesus not only promised to prepare them a permanent dwelling place but He also promised to come and get them and bring them to the place He has prepared. Amen and Praise the Lord.*

*The promise of Jesus' return for His people is repeated over and over in the Word of God. Our present text is one. A couple of other places we can examine is found in Paul's writings in 1st Corinthians 15:50-58. Also, in the writings of Apostle Paul, we find another assurance of His coming to get His people, His bride, is 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.*

*Therefore, let us rejoice because we know and understand that Jesus is coming back to get us so He can take us back to the place He has prepared for us and there He will pick us up and carry us over the threshold of our new permanent dwelling place where we will dwell with our eternal Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Will you be among those He comes to get?*

**IV. Fourth, don't let your heart be troubled because you know the way to that prepared place. (vs. 4-6).**

*Now, Jesus has just promised and assured His disciples that He was coming back to get them. However, He next lets them know that they already knew the way to get to that prepared, permanent place.*

*Now, these disciples did know the way they just didn't know that they knew the way and Jesus was going to make sure that they actually did know the way.*

*The way this took place was that Thomas said that they didn't know where He was going and they certainly didn't know the way. Well, Jesus answered Thomas in a direct manner. He said to Thomas and all of us, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (vs. 6). So, see Thomas and all I am that to that place I am prepared where my Father dwells. Trust in me and you will get there.*

*Now, this is very specific information that Jesus gives His disciples. He didn't say there are many ways. He said there is only one way, Him.*

*If I invited you to come to my home for a meal and you had never been there before, you would need specific instructions on how to get there. Or you would put the specific address in the GPS and it would give you specific instructions on how to find my house. And I know that you wouldn't fuss or complain to either my instructions or the GPS's instructions on how to get to my house because that is just how it is. Well, Jesus is just how it is if you want to get to glory where Jesus is and our Heavenly Father is. So, get on the glory road which is the road of redemption which Jesus provided for us through His death, burial and resurrection. Are you trusting in Him alone? He is the only way and thank our God He is the Way.*

**V. Fifth, don't let your heart be troubled because you will never be left alone. (vs. 15-18).**

*Finally, Jesus said don't let your heart be troubled because even though I am going away, I am still going to be with you. Now, maybe the disciples were thinking, hold on a minute, how can you go away and still be here?*

*Well, the answer is I can do this because I am going to send My Spirit to you and He will permanently indwell you and therefore through Him I will never forsake you. For in Christ we are brought to the Holy Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, because they make up the one true God, you have one you have them all. Amen and Amen.*

*So, don't let your heart be troubled. You will never be alone. You will always, through Christ be connected to the Holy Trinity.*

*Concl. Just one question as I conclude this message. The question is, are you troubled in your heart? Then go to Jesus. His promises will relieve your troubled hearts.*

*Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Sunday School Classes

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**9:15am**

**CAMO CLASS** *Room 406* **Leader- Bobby Smith**  
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**GLEANERS CLASS** *Room 401* **Leader-Audrey Roberts**  
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**VISIONARIES CLASS** *Building 3, Old Social Hall*  
**Leader-Wilbur Daley**  
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**SOJOURNERS CLASS** *Room 417* **Leader-Mack Pope**  
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**YOUTH** *Youth Annex* **Leader-Faye Lowther**

## Wednesday Night Services

@ 7pm

**PASTOR'S PRAYER SERVICE** *Building 3, Old Social Hall*  
**Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.**  
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**ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**  
*Multi-Purpose Building* **Leader-Wilbur Daley**  
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**YOUTH GROUP** *Youth Annex*  
**Leader-Michelle Waitt**  
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**R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors)** *Room 417*  
**Leader-Pat Mason**  
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**G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION)** *Room 415*  
**Leader-Carol Davis/Diane Thames**  
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**TONIGHT**

*Sunday, April 25th*

**Concessions 6:00 pm**

**Movie 6:30 pm**

*Popcorn & Drinks provided*

*Please bring finger foods to share*





**Operation  
Christmas  
Child**

## **April 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.)*  
Thank You

# 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  
Kaiaa Alston  
Wesley Ethridge  
Angela Proctor  
Jay Dalton  
Reggie Malphrus  
Raj's Mother*

## 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  
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  
Karen Phillipi  
JW Jarrell*

## Please Continue To Remember

*Shirley Malphrus  
Rose Boyles  
Judy Smith  
Redden Tuten  
Vera Floyd  
Barbara Mills*

*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*

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

*Sunday School Director: Mike Davis*.....

*ABIDE Contemporary Service: Wilbur Daley*.....

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

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



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>28th</i>	<i>April Malphrus</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Connie Benton</i>

## 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.*





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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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