

Great Swamp Baptist Church

STRENGTH

and honor

are her clothing; she is confident about the future.

PROVERBS 31:25



May 9, 2021

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

*“Handful of Weeds”
Olivia Stanley & Emma Meador*

Mother’s Day Recognitions

*“Thank You Momma”
Mel Toland*

Invocation

Mack Pope

Selections of Praise & Worship

“Happy Day”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

*“Even If”
Joyce Gamo*

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



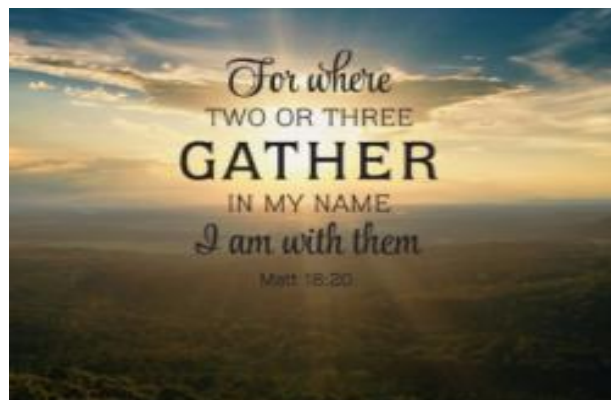
Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Emily Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Mack Pope: 843-540-6636

Next Week:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8745



*From
Pastor Ralph's
Desk:*



Having A Testimony

(John 4: 4-26,39-42)

Intro: When a salesman comes to our home or contacts us in some manner to sell us a product before we would even consider purchasing whatever the product is, we would want to know if the product is effective at doing what they claim it can do. So, if the salesman has actually used the product themselves, they would have a greater chance at convincing us of the effectiveness of the product because of their own experience using the product themselves.

So, what does this have to do with our message today? Well, just before Jesus ascended back to heaven, He told His disciples that they were to be His witnesses in the world. However, to be an effective witness for Christ, you need to be able to talk about what Christ has done in your own life before you can effectively convince someone else of the reality of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Now, it is true that Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone saves us. However, it is our own personal testimony of Christ in our lives that can be the instrument that helps others look to Jesus, and that is exactly what we discover in our story today. The testimony of one person multiplied several times over.

So, I have one question, do you have a testimony that can help convince others of their need for Christ? Today, let us examine what I am simply calling, Having A Testimony.

First, having a testimony requires the makings of a testimony. (vs. 7). *Well, the answer is quite simple and this simple answer is the same answer for us all and we can see the answer right here with the Samaritan woman. For the only reason why she developed a testimony was because she encountered the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Now it all began when she went out to draw water from the well. She, intentionally on that day, was merely there to get the water needed to take care of the things she needed it for. She wasn't going out there to get a testimony. However, because Jesus was there she wound up getting a testimony.

Now to add to that scene, it wasn't the woman who even began the conversation that ultimately gave her a testimony. No, it was Jesus Himself who asked the woman for a drink of water and that request got it all going. If Jesus had not asked for a drink then this woman would have missed out on a testimony because she had no intentions of talking to Jesus. No, true testimony can be separated from the fact that apart from Jesus there is no testimony. He both begins them and concludes them. This is how they are made.

When you read the Book of Acts, you will discover that the Apostle Paul gave his testimony on a number of occasions, and each of those times he acknowledges that what changed his life and gave him a testimony, was his encounter with the Lord on the Damascus Road. So, does your testimony start and end with Jesus?

II. Second, having a testimony requires knowing the message of a testimony.

Every testimony should include certain aspects that make up the message of a testimony. By the end of our story, the Samaritan woman had a message to share about what happened to her. This message included three particular points that make up her message.

The first part of her message was that the Lord offered her something better than what she had. As a matter of fact, it was something better than anything the world could offer her, living water that would will up into everlasting life.

A true testimony will always begin with the fact that God has something better to offer, eternal life, His love, a personal relationship, a home in heaven and so much more. Oh thank God that there is something better.

The second part of her message was that she had a sin problem and it was this sin problem that kept her from having the better life that the Lord offered her. This occurred when the Lord confronted her about her marital status. He then basically pointed out what appears to be an extremely immoral lifestyle.

Now, Jesus brought the matter up following the offer of living water. Because you can't have the living water until your sin problem has been acknowledged, confessed and dealt with. The Samaritan indeed acknowledged, confessed and had her sin problem dealt with.

The Bible is very clear that no one can come to Christ without a recognition that they are a sinner in need of a Savior, and of course, we all are.

The third part of her testimony was that there was a Messiah who fixed her sin problem so she could have the living water Jesus offered her. She said that a Messiah was coming who would tell them everything they need to know, and that would include fixing our sin problem. Of course, Jesus spoke up and said that He was the Messiah.

So, the same person who offered her living water but who also pointed out her sin problem is also the same person who could fix her problem because He, too, is the Messiah who was sent into the world to deal with the sin problem on the cross of Calvary. Oh, thank God that she met Jesus on that day who gave her everything she needed to have a testimony to share.

So, every testimony must have a similar message that we were offered a better life but our sins kept us from experiencing it until we met Jesus who fixed the sin problem for us.

III. Third, having a testimony requires carrying out the mandate of a testimony. (vs. 28,30,39).

The mandate of a testimony is to share it and that is exactly what the Samaritan woman did. She was so excited about her new found faith that she left her water pots at the well because her life had a whole new purpose to share with others what Jesus had done in her life.

So, when a person has a true testimony, they will want to share it with others in a most aggressive way. However, even if you are reluctant, you need to be aware that God has demanded that we tell others of all the wonderful things that He has done for us. So let me ask you a question, are you sharing your testimony, if not, why?

IV. Fourth, having a testimony will result in the multiplication of your testimony.

Because the Samaritan woman shared her testimony, it resulted in many coming to Christ.

Now, many of the ones who came to Christ did so because of the words of Jesus Himself but it was the testimony of the Samaritan woman which enticed them to come to Jesus and hear His words. Let us keep on sharing our testimony because somewhere along the line, it will help others seek the only One who can save them, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Concl. So, let me ask you a question, do you have a testimony to share? Then, if not, let today be the day that you let Jesus give you that living water by repenting of your sins and trusting Him as the only Way. Then go and share.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Sunday School Classes

@

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-
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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.

ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
Multi-Purpose Building **Leader-**

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

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Step of Faith Christian Academy

*The Faculty & Senior Class
of
Step Of Faith Christian Academy
announce*

*Commencement Exercises
Saturday afternoon, May twenty-two
Two Thousand Twenty- One
Four O'clock
Charger Gymnasium*

*Graduate Recognition Service
Sunday, May sixteenth
Ten Thirty AM
Multi-Purpose Building*

*Baccalaureate
Wednesday, May nineteenth
Seven O'clock PM
Great Swamp Baptist
Church Sanctuary*

SFCA UPCOMING EVENTS

Graduation Recognition

Sunday, May 16th @ 10:30am / MPB

Baccalaureate

Wednesday, May 19th @ 7:00pm / Sanctuary

SFCA Sports Banquet

Thursday, May 20th @ 6:00pm / MPB

SFCA K-5 Graduation

Friday, May 21st @ 7:00pm / Gymnasium

SFCA Senior Graduation

Saturday, May 22nd @ 4:00pm / Gymnasium

SFCA 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony Last Chapel

Thursday, May 27th @ 8:30am

Awards Day / Last Day of School

*Friday, May 28th @ 8:15am / MPB
(Dismiss following)*



May Collections

Combs, Brushes & Matchbox Cars

Thank You

Graduation Recognition

Forms are on the Lobby table.

Please remember to submit a graduation photo.

*Photos may be submitted online to
greatswampbc@gmail.com*

*Actual photographs will be scanned and returned.
Forms & photos **must** be in church office by May 13th.*



Wednesday, May 19, 2021 @ 7:00pm

A meal will follow the service.

Sign Up sheet is on bulletin board

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
Kaiaya 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
Eddie Kinard*

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

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>Monday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Amy O'Connor</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Ken Cleland</i>



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Drew & Cathryn Jeffries</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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