



*He calms
the storm,
so that its waves are still.*

*Then they are glad
because they are quiet;
so He guides them
to their desired haven.*

Psalm 107:29,30.

Great Swamp Baptist Church

July 11, 2021

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

*Operation Christmas Child
Christmas in July*

Call to Worship

“Joy to the World”

Invocation

Freddie Malphrus

Selections of Praise & Worship

“Oh, Happy Day”

“Jesus, Only Jesus”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

“Joy to the World with OCC”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

“Come Just as You Are”

Benediction Prayer

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



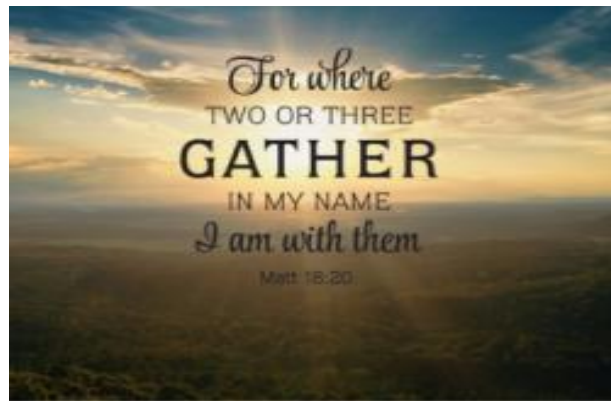
Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Emily Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

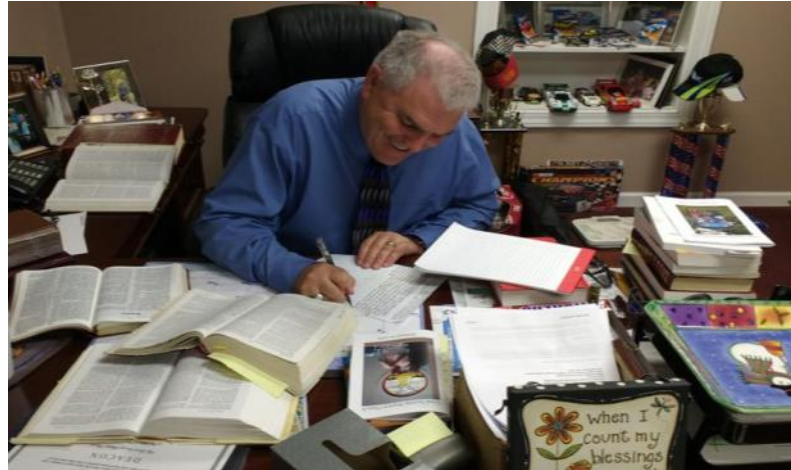
Freddie Malphrus: 843-816-3206

Next Week:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8745



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Finding Freedom

(John 8:31-59)

Intro: For the time being, our nation is still the freest nation on earth. Our Founding Fathers made sure that the individual has the rights afforded to each one that God our Creator meant for us to have.

We have the right to freely worship our God to express our views and beliefs. We have the right to own property and a gun to defend it. We have the right to live where we choose, seek the employment we desire and the list goes on and on.

Now it is because of these freedoms that very few want to leave our country while hundreds of thousands are seeking to get into our country to enjoy the freedoms and protections that we offer though sadly being challenged by the progressives.

However, though we have all of these great freedoms, yet we hear the words of Jesus saying to us that the freedoms afforded to us in our great country are not that kind of freedom that truly sets us free. No, there is freedom that only Jesus can offer us that will eternally make us free.

Therefore it greatly behooves us to discover this freedom that is not offered to us from Washington, D.C., but, rather from heaven's throne. So, let us find freedom.

I. First, we need to recognize that finding freedom involves meeting certain requirements.

The people that Jesus was speaking to in these verses believed that they already were a free set of people.

However, Jesus quickly dispelled their myths by revealing that there were certain things that had failed to meet in order to truly be free. So, let us look at those requirements that they were not meeting up to.

A. First, there is a reality requirement. Now, what exactly is that reality requirement that they had not come to grips with? Well, it was the reality that they weren't free after all, and they weren't free after all because Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin." (vs. 34). Well, that verse reveals the reality that we all are not free because we all have sinned. Therefore until that issue is dealt with in our lives no matter what country you live in, no matter how free you are, you aren't free because you are enslaved to sin.

Our national leaders, in many settings, believe that we are making our country free by pushing our country to grow up and accept all of these sexual preferences as normal and would benefit our nation and make us more free.

However, the reality is that what they are doing is promoting all of these sexual preferences is further enslaving us because all of these sexual preferences outside of marriage between a man and a woman is point blank sin.

So, if we are going to find freedom as Jesus intended that we must first come to the reality that we are enslaved to sin and therefore need to find freedom.

B. Second, there is a designation requirement. Now, what I mean by this is that we must resign from the fact that there is absolutely nothing that we personally can do that will set us free from our enslavement to sin.

Jesus' audience declared that they weren't enslaved because they were Abraham's descendants. However, Jesus acknowledged that although they physically were Abraham's descendants they were far from being anything like Abraham by their actions and words because they were seeking to kill Jesus for His words which the Father had given to Him. Actually, Jesus goes on to say that their real father was the devil.

So, my point is that we can't look to our ancestry or our own works or efforts to be able to free us from this enslavement. No, it is going to take someone greater and beyond our abilities to be able to set us free. Thank God as my next point shows there is someone.

II. Second, we need to understand that finding freedom has a remedy.

Now, up front is this whole conversation Jesus plainly reveals the remedy for our enslavement to sin when He said these words, "then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (vs. 32).

Now, we have to ask ourselves if it is the truth that sets us free then what truth is it that Jesus is referring to? To answer this question, you have to look at the whole context of these verses. In the previous verses to our set of verses, Jesus has been revealing to the people who He was and what the Heavenly Father had sent Him to do. This is the truth He's talking about. In other words, He is the truth.

Therefore, Jesus is saying yes you are enslaved to sin and there is nothing you yourself can do to undo that enslavement but there is a truth that can and that truth is Me. I can set you free. He plainly said it when He said, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (vs. 36).

So, the remedy is to totally surrender yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ as the only truth, way and life that can free you from sin.

As our soldiers fought and sacrificed their lives to give us the kind of freedom we have in this country, Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice on Calvary's cross taking all the wrath of God poured out upon our sins placed upon Him so that by His death we could have life free of enslavement to sin. Have you surrendered your life to Him? He alone can free you.

III. Third, we need to understand that finding freedom has results.

- A. **The first result is relational.** *This means that with the freedom Jesus is offering will bring you into a personal relationship with Him and you will be a Child of God. He told them that a slave has no permanent place in the family. However, through Christ, they become sons and daughters in God's family. So, do you have that personal relationship with Jesus" It is all that matters.*
- B. **The second result is eternal.** *As I just said in my previous point, "a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever." (vs. 35). If you want to spend eternity in heaven with Jesus, then you need to be a child of God and that will be forever.*
- C. **The third result is devotional.** *In the beginning of our verses Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples." (vs. 31.).*

You see, Jesus was saying to those who supposedly had come to believe in Him, they would prove that by their faithfulness to His teachings, the point when you truly come to Christ, it will result in you loving and seeking to follow the teachings of Christ. You will devote yourself to His Word.

Tragically, many in this setting who claimed to have believed in Him, just a short time later were calling for Him to be crucified. Their faith was never real. So ask yourself, has your belief resulted in your devotion to Christ and His teaching? If not then maybe you need to ask God to help you to believe in a way that will lead to a life of commitment and devotion to Christ and His teachings.

*D. **The fourth result is joyful.** This is the simple one to show and you are free. It will bring joy unspeakable and full of glory. For you will know that with God you are forgiven because of Christ and therefore are accepted. You can't get any more joyful than that.*

Concl: in conclusion, find Jesus and you find freedom!

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Grandmother's Group

Monday, July 12th

11:30 am

MPB

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

WORSHIP SERVICE *Multi-Purpose Building*
Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

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



Movie Night July 25th
Concessions: 6:30 pm
Movie: 7:00 pm

Popcorn & Tea provided
Bring finger foods to share



Christmas in July Kick Off

Sunday, July 11th

It is that time of the year again. Time to start collecting for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. There are three ways to give.

1—Angel Tree: on the back wall is the Angel tree. Take an angel and on the back are items we need. Bring the angel back with your donation.

2—There will be a list in the bulletin weekly

3—Monetary Donations

There will be a box for you to place your items in. Any questions, please see Bernice Malphrus or Dorthie Armstrong.

July School Supplies

Scissors

Crayons

Pencil Sharpeners

Pencil Erasers

Large Erasers

Glue Sticks

Colored Pencils

Ink Pens

Notebook Paper

Pencils

**Sign Up Sheet
On
Bulletin Board**



**MEN'S
Fellowship**



**GROWING
THE KINGDOM**

FOR JESUS CHRIST

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds."
Hebrews 10:23-25

✓ Please call 843-726-3631 with approximate number attending by July 12, 2021.

This will help with the food preparation.



THURSDAY, JULY 15



6:30PM



**GREAT SWAMP
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Meal Provided!

August

SENIOR ADULT CELEBRATION



“FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT”

*FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP,
MUSIC, INSPIRATION, DOOR PRIZES!!*

**Sign Up Sheet on Bulletin Board
No Cost for
GSBC Family**

SPECIAL NOTE

SEATING IS LIMITED THIS YEAR

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY BY CONTACTING THE
ASSOCIATION AT (843)726-8294.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS/TICKETS: AUGUST 10

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Announcements

Any man 18 years and older who has been a member of Great Swamp for a year or more and does NOT want their name on the Deacon Election List, please contact the church office @ 843-726-3631 or one of the current deacons this week.

**** Current Deacons*

Eddie Amason	Paul Malphrus
Travis Amason	Rodney Malphrus, Jr.
Duane Armstrong	Ronald Malphrus
Tom Benton	Wallace Malphrus
Gerald Boyles	Wallace Malphrus
Calvin Bryan	David Meador
Joshua Carter	Mike Mingledorff
Bill Carter	Sam Mock
Max Cole	Ronnie Nettles
Wayne Cooler	Robert O'Dell
Mike Davis	Mack Pope ***
Ron Davis	Timmy Sauls
Lloyd Freeman	Jason Smoak
Keith Gamo ***	Bobby Smith
Krey Lowther	Fred Stanley
Krey Lee Lowther	Chandler Thames
Charles Malphrus	Gentry Thames
Freddie Malphrus ***	Mel Toland
Kevin Malphrus	Truett Vaigneur

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
David Sauls
Judy Rogers
Diane Hannah*

Nursing Centers

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

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Dot Nettles</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Grace Boyles</i>
<i>Redden Tuten</i>	<i>Scott Boyles</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Kenneth & Doby Cle- land</i>
<i>Gary Way</i>	<i>Gloria Tuten</i>
<i>Frankie Malphrus</i>	<i>JW Jarrell</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Lucille & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Carol Bradham</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

*Jessica Cleland
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz
Randy Bethune
Jason Holt
Sonya Tootle Cooler*

Cancer / Treatments

*Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Gary Malphrus
Skip Brooks
Cynthia Williams
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Angela Proctor
Jay Dalton
Reggie Malphrus
Raj's Mother
Margaret Thames*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of
Isaac Martin Malphrus*

Other Health Needs

*Jane Gorman
Bobby Tootle
Andrew Miller
Lloyd Way
Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Annette Mole
Jerry E. Cooler
Keith Gamo
Telie Ethridge
Pinky Rushing
Chip Sutler
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Shelby Green
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
Marie Malphrus
Tom Benton
Connie Benton
Mel Toland
Kenny Hay
Lee Martin*

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Deployed
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC*

Church Staff

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

Finance Director: Timmy Sauls.....*greatswampbc@gmail.com*



<i>Monday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Robert O'Dell</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Silas Carter</i>



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Mel & Sherry Toland</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Ron & Carol Davis</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>Thomas & Erma Cooler</i>
		<i>Donnie & Burnette Pinckney</i>



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

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