

Great Swamp Baptist Church July 4, 2021

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Mack Pope

Patriotic Celebration

Hymn # 635 "The Star Spangled Banner"

Pledge of Allegiance

Hymn # 634 "My Country Tis of Thee"

Hymn # 630 "America the Beautiful"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offering Prayer

Offertory Special

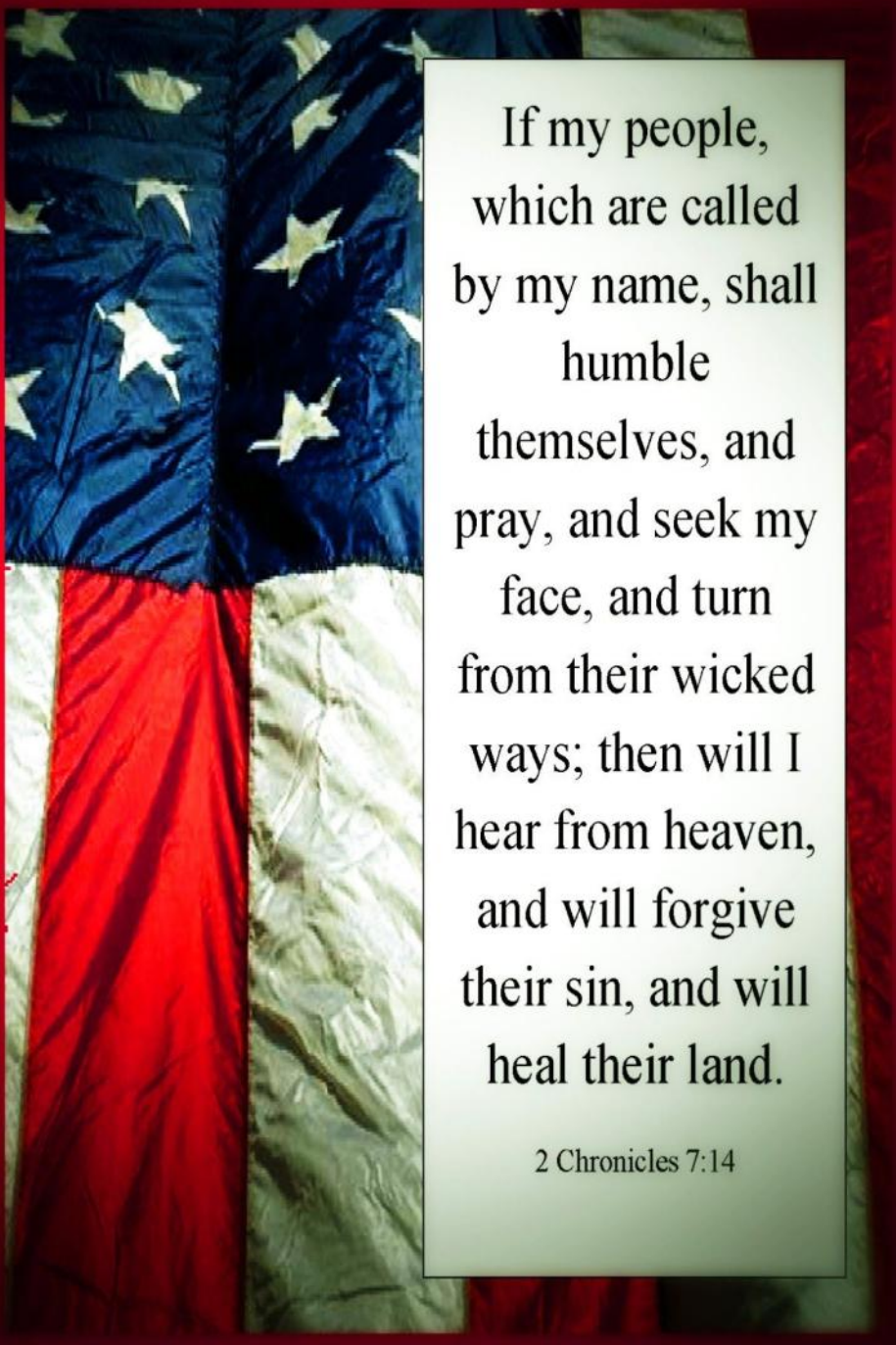
Mended

"If My People"

Message

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

A close-up photograph of the American flag, showing the blue field with white stars and the red and white stripes. The flag is slightly wrinkled and appears to be draped over something. The image is framed by a dark red border.

If my people,
which are called
by my name, shall
humble
themselves, and
pray, and seek my
face, and turn
from their wicked
ways; then will I
hear from heaven,
and will forgive
their sin, and will
heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Mason Losgar/Amelia Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

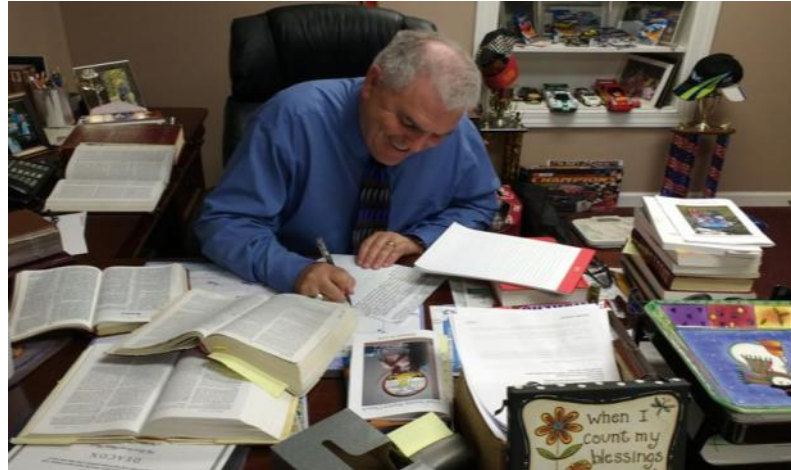
Mack Pope: 843-540-6636

Next Week:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-816-3206



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



The Man Jabez

(I Chronicles 4:9-10)

Intro: Last week on Wednesday, we finally moved out of II Kings and started the Book of I Chronicles. In that first message, we did something very rare for me and that was that we covered in one message nine chapters. Now the reason why we covered nine chapters was because all those nine chapters. Now the reason why we covered nine chapters was because all those nine chapters are genealogy of the people of Israel particularly of their kings. Therefore, it merely read this person was the son of that person and so on.

However, in the midst of all of so and so begat this person, we find some very interesting stories of a few of the names listed in the genealogy. One of those names which we will examine today was a man by the name of Jabez. He turned what most people would consider a boring set of reading into something pleasant to look at. He was a gem in the midst of a bunch of names. Even though there are only two verses given to him, they are jam packed full of valuable lessons for us. So, let us take a look at the man Jabez.

I. First, let us notice that the man Jabez had a problem.

Now, right off the bat these two verses don't come right out and state what his problem is. However, we discover there is a problem from the name he has received from his mother. The name Jabez means Pain, and she named him this because of the pain he caused her giving birth to him.

Now, of course, it is not unusual for a mother to have severe pain in birth. However, in this case the way in which it is stated, it appears that her pain did not go away after giving birth to him.

Her pain seems to have lingered much longer so that each time she saw her son, she was reminded of all the pain he caused her.

Then could you imagine all the suffering he faced when he became a teenager and all the other young people made fun saying such a pain, or he could hear people talking behind his back about how much suffering he caused his mom.

You say I don't see all of that in these two verses. Where do you see that? Well, my conclusion comes from the fact that just as we are told about his name, then the next thing out of his mouth was God I need help and take this pain away. So, I believe that much of his growing up years were full of emotional and mental pain but the good news we discover is that he doesn't seek to have let his pain in that he doesn't seem to have let his pain take him down. For the first tells us that he was more honorable than his brothers and in chapter two of the Book of I Chronicles it appears that they have named a town after him. (I Chronicles 2:55)

So, in our next point, we will see how he rose above his problem to go on and be an honorable man and even have a town named after him. He found a solution. So, if you too are suffering with problems that are causing you pain, whether that be emotional, mental, spiritual or physical, take a careful look at how Jabez dealt with the problem and moved on.

II. Second, let us notice that the man Jabez found a solution.

Now, of course, we have no doubt whatsoever what his solution was because once he mentions his problem being that he was named for the suffering he caused his mother, he immediately begins praying and that is all he does for the rest of the verses and then his story ends with his prayer being answered.

So, if you have problems that cause you and others pain, then you need to follow in the steps of the man Jabez and begin praying.

However, it is important that we take a close look at his prayer and see if we are praying as he did. This is really important because as we discover his prayer was answered, and this too is what we desire, that our prayers be answered.

First, notice the passion in his prayer. Jabez didn't just kind of say a little quiet prayer and there is nothing wrong with a quiet little prayer, however, when you are in the midst of pain some times you just need to cry out to God. You need to show Him the hurt you feel. Show Him that you know that with the pain you are feeling, only He can help you deal with the hurt you are feeling. As he poured out his heart to God, may we do the same.

Next, notice the person to whom he prayed. The verse says that he prayed to, "the god of Israel." No wonder he put so much passion on his prayer because of whom he was praying to.

Practically every religion I the world has some kind of prayer system. Many spend hours upon end before a statue of some kind or another crying out their concerns and this was taking place when Jabez was walking on earth and tragically many Israelites were doing this very thing. But, oh, how foolish to pray to something that man has made with his own hands that can't see, hear or speak. When Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to see whose God was truly god, the prophets of Baal prayed hours upon hours pleading with their so called god and nothing happened but when Elijah prayed, God moved. If we want help with our pains and our problems, then we must cry out to the only one who can hear us, see us, speak to us and have the power to answer us. And that is the God of Israel, the God of the Bible. He alone is our Creator. He alone is the One who knows us, loves us, and can help us. But more importantly He knows what we need for ourselves than we do. So child of God, cry out to the God of Israel.

Next, notice the petitions of his prayer. First notice that it was a personal request. He prayed to god to "Bless me." We often feel like we should only pray for others and not for ourselves. However, that is very arrogant of us to think that others need His help but not us. We, too, need His help, His strength, His guidance, His love just as much as others that we are praying for. So, let us not be afraid to cry out for help for ourselves and declare our need for God's help.

Second, notice that his petition not only was a personal request but it also was a petition for plenty. He said to God, "enlarge my territory." Now, the point I want to make out of this part of the petition was that he had a big view of God. He saw no limit to what God could and can do. Now, of course, the territory he was referring to was land or territory in the land God had promised to Israel so Jabez was praying for something God would have wanted him to do.

We, too, need to see that God is not limited and wants to do great and mighty things for us that will be according to His will. God enlarge our territory.

Next, in his petition, he prayed for the power and presence of God. He said, "let your hand be with me." if we are going to have to deal with pain in this life, and of course we are, there is no better way to face and move forward than by the very power and presence of our Blessed Lord. Of course, the Lord has promised to never leave or forsake His people. But some times we need that strong sense of His power and presence. So, let us cry out acknowledging what we need more than anything else, God himself, His presence and His power. Oh, what a God we serve and how precious to know He is available for His people night or day.

Next, part of his petition was a petition to be freed of having pain. I believe that we need to pray for God to deliver us from harm and pain. There are many things that can harm us and cause us pain. As we've already noted for Jabez, it was apparently an emotional pain. However, what I believe is that Jabez is praying, god don't let anything get in my way of doing what you have called me to do. So, let us pray for God to deliver us from pain however He chooses to and move on forward serving Him.

Concl. In conclusion, I sometimes wonder why Jabez didn't change his name to something more pleasant and I think maybe it was because it reminded him that it was his pain that drove him to the Lord and the Lord gave him all he needed to move beyond the pain, and He will do the same for You.

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

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

June

2021 HANSHEW OFFERING

START & STRENGTHEN

Churches

Impacting the Lowcountry with the Gospel

The Clarence and Christine Hanshaw Offering for Associational Missions memorializes the couple who served this association as Director of Missions for more than 20 years. **The proceeds from this year's Hanshaw Offering will help support planting new churches and providing support for our current churches in the Low Country.**

*"And I also say to you
that you are Peter, and
upon this rock I will
BUILD MY CHURCH;
& the gates of Hades will
not over-power it."*

Matthew 16:18 (NASB)

**JUNE-AUGUST
GOAL:
\$15,000**

Savannah River
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**Sign Up Sheet
On
Bulletin Board**

July
Savannah River
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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. The final list will be published in the bulletin next week.



Christmas in July Kick Off

Sunday, July 11th

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 Cleland</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
Ravernel DeLoache
Edith Nettles
Pete Hilderbrand*

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
Isaac Martin Malphrus
Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard
Matthew Mills-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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Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus.....*Josie6@embarqmail.com*

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



<i>Monday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Vandy Amason</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Truett Vaigneur</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Jane Hodges</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>David Meador</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Kea Dennen</i>



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Paul & Diane Malphrus</i>
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Sunday School.....9:15AM
Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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