



Great Swamp Baptist Church

August 22, 2021

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship

Hymn # 133 "The Blood Will Never Lose Its' Power"

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Days of Elijah"

Hymn # 550 "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Mended

"The Love of God"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

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:

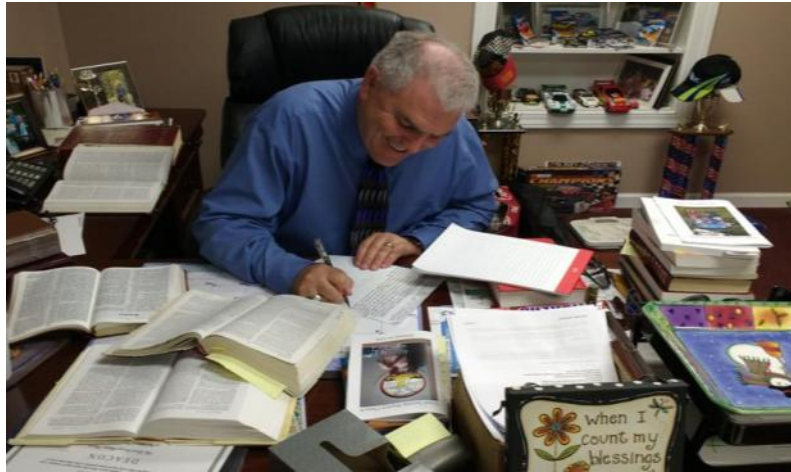
Keith Gamo: 843-986-8745

Next Week:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-816-3206



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Examining the Big Statue

(Daniel 2:24-47)

Intro: When we first examined this chapter, we took a look at how the impossible became possible. That happened when God enabled the Prophet Daniel to be able to know what King Nebuchadnezzar's dream was and what it meant.

However, our message focused merely on how this miracle took place not what was the content of the dream and its meaning. So, in this message I want us to focus upon what the dream was and what it meant and this will be of great importance to us because it will be the first place where we begin encountering some of the future events to take place even for us.

Now, the dream was all about a giant statue of a man. There is significant meaning in this statue with all of its' many and varied details. So, my message is simply entitled, "Examining the Big Statue."

I. First, we will examine the description of the big statue.

We already know that the big statue is that of a man. However, Daniel gives us a very detailed description of this man that will help with the interpretation of the statue. So, we will dive into these descriptions.

A. First, Daniel describes the overwhelming appearance of the statue.

There are three ways he describes the statue's overwhelming appearance. First he describes it as large and enormous. Second, he describes it as dazzling and third he describes the overwhelming appearance as awesome. Now, in my next point we will see what these mean.

B. Second, Daniel describes the various body sections of the statue.

Daniel reveals four body sections and section is made up of a different kind of metal and soil.

The head of the body was made of gold. The next section consisted of the chest and arms and it was made of silver. The third section was the belly and thighs and it was made of bronze. The final section mentioned was the legs, feet and toes and this section was made up of iron and clay.

Now, the reason why each section is made up of different metals and materials is to show that each section is distinctive from the others. So, the question must be, what do each of those sections represent and as we see each one is different from the others? We will answer that in the next point.

II. Second, we will examine the definition of the big statue.

So, what we are looking at in this point is what is the meaning of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream? Or if you would, what is the interpretation of it? Well, praise God that He gives us the definitions of this statue.

A, First, let us look at the definition of the overwhelming appearance.

So, we remember that the overwhelming appearance was described as large, enormous, dazzling and awesome.

Now what this is telling us is that this statue grabs our attention because of its' sheer size, its' accomplishments and its' power. The sheer appearance is one of both what I am simply calling Wow, but also one of sheer terror because of the power this statue has. As we look further at the definition we will understand why the statue has this kind of appearance.

B. Second, let us look at the definition of the varying body sections.

What we discover is that each body section represents a kingdom of the world that has or will rule over the nation of Israel specifically but also over most of the known world. Now each of these kingdoms were or will be large, dazzling and awesome. When people saw these kingdoms they went or will go wow. They said or will say that the kingdom was big, accomplished much and was or will be powerful. Also call but one of the kingdom followed one right after the other. However, the last kingdom is yet to come.

The first kingdom was the head of gold. Daniel leaves no doubt as to who that was. It was the kingdom of Babylon under the leadership of King Nebuchadnezzar. God actually used this kingdom to come to Israel and destroy the nation and take the Israelites into captivity to Babylon. God did this because Israel had turned her back upon Him.

The second body section is the chest and arms of silver. This was the kingdom of the Medes and Persians. They conquered Babylon in 539 BC and ruled for two hundred years. God used this kingdom to allow the Jewish people the opportunity to return back to Jerusalem.

The third body section was the belly and thighs of bronze. This was the kingdom of Greece ruled by Philip of Macedon and his son Alexander the Great. Point of interest all the weapons and armor of a Greek soldier was

made of bronze. Now, the good that out of this empire was that Greek became a common language all over, which later on made it easier for the spreading of the gospel through the then known world.

The fourth body section was the legs, feet and toes of iron and clay. The kingdom that rose to power after Greece was the Romans. So, this fourth kingdom is Rome, and Daniel in our verses mentions that this fourth kingdom of iron would break, smash and crush everything before it. In other words, it would be ruthless as was Rome. Rome was often referred to as ruling with an iron fist and it had an iron legion.

However, and this is a big however, the feet and toes differ from the legs themselves. The legs were pure iron. The feet and toes are iron mixed with clay. So, there is a connection to the legs yet there is a distinction.

Now the prophet Daniel shows that the distinction is in material and in time. The feet and toes, as already stated, are mixed materials, iron and clay. The second distinction is time. Daniel shows us that the feet and toes have to do with end times. (vs. 43-47).

So, the legs represent the Roman empire of the past, but the feet and toes represent the rise of another Roman empire that will reign in the future.

This future kingdom will have ten different kings or rulers to begin with and each toe is representative of those ten kings. However, some of those kings will be weak which the clay represents. They will be overtaken by the stronger ones.

Daniel later on in the book has a vision of a ram that had ten horns and they are also described in like manner. We, too, find these horns in the Book of Revelation which tells us that they are ten kings. However, eventually, they will be run by one main king. He is an evil one and we call him the anti-Christ. (Rev. 17:12ff).

This revised Roman empire will make a peace treaty with Israel and will promise to protect Israel from their enemies. However, their leader, the anti-Christ will himself turn on Israel and declare himself the Messiah.

All of these kingdoms of the big statue were used by God to accomplish certain tasks. However, they were evil nations who never truly turned from their wicked ways and follow Him. Rather, they became even more perverse and evil till the point that God must destroy them. Well He has and will for only one Kingdom will remain standing forever, and that leads to my next point.

III. Third, we will examine the doom and destructions of the big statue. *As I ended my last point I said that only one Kingdom will remain standing in the end, and it won't be any of the kingdoms that make up the statue. No, those are the kingdoms of this world, but the Kingdom that will remain forever will come down from, as Daniel says, "the God of Heaven." Now the kingdoms of the statue are going to crash and be crumbled so bad that they will become nothing but dust and the earth and the wind*

will blow it away so that there will be no evidence left. It will be as though they never existed.

The way this will take place is because of the Rock that God will use to crush and destroy the big statue with is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. The Word of God is filled with references to Jesus as the Rock or Stone. Some of those references are Psalm 18:2; Matthew 16:18; I Corinthians 3:11; I Corinthians 10:4; Matthew 21:42. however, I am going to specifically state I Peter 2:4-8, "As you come to Him a living stone—respected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him. You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says; 'see I lay in Zion a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.' Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, the stone the builder s rejected has become the capstone. A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. They stumble because they disobey the message which is also what they were destined for."

So, because these nations completely disobeyed God through Christ the solid rock, they will stumble and crumble to bits, while His eternal kingdom will reign forever.

Concl. In conclusion, the simple question needs to be asked of you, will this precious stone redeem you or will it crush you? Will you be a part of His eternal kingdom or will you be a part of the doomed kingdom? Through Christ and Christ alone can we be a part of the everlasting kingdom.

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



Movie Night

Tonight
Concessions: 6:00 pm
Movie: 6:30 pm

Popcorn & Tea provided
Bring finger foods to share

Birthday Celebration

For Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

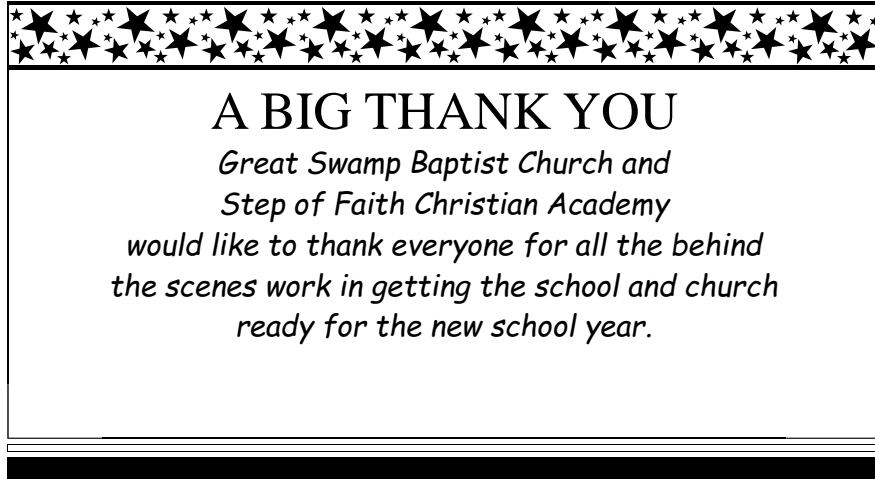
Today
5 :00 PM

Cake and Ice Cream

Church will provide cake

Bring your favorite ice cream &
Finger Foods

Movie Night will follow with concessions
at 6pm and movie at 6:30pm.



A BIG THANK YOU

*Great Swamp Baptist Church and
Step of Faith Christian Academy
would like to thank everyone for all the behind
the scenes work in getting the school and church
ready for the new school year.*

Cancellation

*The Senior Celebration scheduled for
August 26th at Grays Hill Baptist Church
has been cancelled and
will be rescheduled at a later date.*

SFCA

After School Helper

Needed ASAP

*2-6pm Monday thru Friday
See Donna Carter*

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	<i>\$ 3,851.00</i>	<i>\$ 4,982.47</i>	<i>-\$ 1,121.47</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$ 10.00</i>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip</i>	<i>\$ 4,319.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$ 9,547.26</i>
<i>Janitorial Supplies</i>	<i>\$ 3,083.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$ 3,047.76</i>

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Savannah River Baptist Association

Relentless FAITH

The Key to Victory



WMU Fall Meeting

September 18, 2021

Sheldon Baptist Church

15 Sheldon Baptist Church Drive, Sheldon, SC

Registration

9:00—9:30 am

Program

9:30 am—1:00pm



PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 31 TO EHMMA at 843-575-1008



The Lord's Supper
Sunday, August 29th
AM Service



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.

Items Still Needed for August

Scissors

Crayons

Pencil Sharpeners

Pencil Erasers

Large Erasers

Glue Sticks

Colored Pencils

Ink Pens

Notebook Paper

Construction Paper



Additional Help Needed

*For
Wednesday Night's
GA's & RA's*

*We would like to expand to include Mission Friends.
Youth or adults are encouraged to inquire.
See Kim Malphrus or Diane Thames.*

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
*Ernest Blount
Donna Roberts
Nicole Cole
Linda Langford*

Surgery / Recovery
*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Diane Hannah
Louise McAlhaney*

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>Lucille & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Carol Bradham</i>	

Church Needs
*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken
*Jessica Cleland
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz
Randy Bethune
Jason Holt*

Cancer / Treatments

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

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement
*Family of
Barbara Jean Jones
Sharon (Carol Davis' Stepmom)*

Other Health Needs

*Jane Gorman
Andrew Miller
Lloyd Way
Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Annette Mole
Keith Gamo
Telie Ethridge
Pinky Rushing
Chip Sutler
Phyllis Sutler
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Shelby Green
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
Marie Malphrus
Mel Toland
Kenny Hay
Lee Martin
Alexus Busby
Ben Cabiness
Natalyn Mann
Max Cole*

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

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

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

Sunday School Director: Mike Davis.....

Pianist: Michelle Waitt..... *waittfamily83@gmail.com*

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

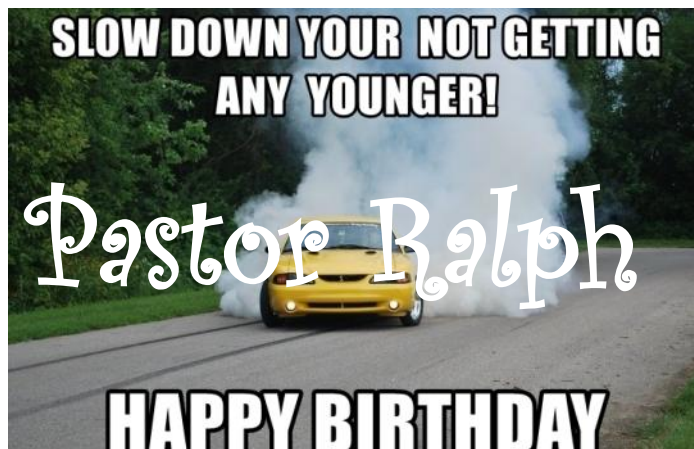
School Administrator: Donna Carter.....*dcarter@hargray.com*

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

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



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Ralph Lee</i>
		<i>Charles Malphrus</i>
		<i>Mike Mingledorff</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Faye Lowther</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>28th</i>	<i>Kate Carter</i>





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

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