

Great Swamp Baptist Church



September 26, 2021

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship

Hymn #

Invocation

Mack Pope

Selections of Praise & Worship

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Baptism This Morning

Matt Scott

Sherri Scott

Emma Scott

Amelia Johnson

Elizabeth Johnson

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Amelia 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:*



Lessons To Be Learned

(Daniel 4:19-33)

Intro: One of Job's so-called friends by the name of Elihu, speaking to Job said, "For God does speak—now one away, now another though man may not perceive it." (Job 33:14). This verse speaks well of what is taking place in the life of King Nebuchadnezzar. God had spoken at least twice in a big way to King Nebuchadnezzar. First, God spoke to him through a dream which Daniel was able to interpret for him. Secondly, God spoke to him without words when he saw God deliver the three Hebrew men from the fiery furnace.

However, it seems as though neither one of those experiences caused the king to perceive what God was saying to him. He neither perceived, comprehended or learned what God intended upon him learning.

Therefore, God chooses to speak to him one more time giving him another chance to perceive, comprehend and learn what God wanted him to learn and the great news is that it clearly appears that on this occasion he learns what it is that God wanted him to learn.

So, today, I want us to examine the lessons that King Nebuchadnezzar had to learn and see how these lessons apply to our own lives. I have simply entitled my message, "Lessons to be Learned."

First, let us notice who needed to learn some lessons.

This is, of course, a very obvious answer. It was King Nebuchadnezzar. Now, I think it is important that we emphasize this because you would think that because of his position he wouldn't have anything more that he would need to learn.

Well, as the old saying is, you're never too high and mighty to learn. As a matter of fact. We more often than not discover that person in these high positions, need to learn the eternal lessons that God wants us to learn more than those who are at the bottom of the totem pole, so to speak.

Listen to the words of the Apostle Paul under the Spirit's leadership. He said, "For it is written; 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.' Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosophers of the age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since is the wisdom of God the world through its' wisdom did not know Him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe." (I Cor. 1:19-21).

So, those who often are in high positions have the wisdom of the world but the wisdom of God which is the only wisdom that is eternal in value.

However, no matter what position we hold in life, it is of utmost importance that we learn the eternal lessons that God has for us to learn. For all the lessons the world has to offer will always fall short.

II. Second, let us notice when he learned the lessons he needed to learn.

Now, this point really ties in with the first point. He learned the lessons that God was teaching him when he was at the top of his game, so to speak. His kingdom was at its' pinnacle. In other words, his empire was as large as it had ever been. His building projects has never been more impressive. His accomplishments by man's standards had never been greater. Yet, God was saying that in spite of all of his achievements he hadn't learned what really mattered in life.

Human achievements, large or small, will never be sufficient enough to produce the knowledge required to learn the lessons that God considers of eternal value. All of our achievements stand before God as imperfect measures in His sight. So, let us open our ears to the lessons that God is attempting to teach us about.

III. Third, let us notice how he learned the lessons he needed to learn.

The how comes in the form of trials, testing and discipline. God causes King Nebuchadnezzar to become something like a wild animal. His behavior was so bad that he was ostracized from the rest of humanity until he learned the eternal lessons that God wanted him to learn.

So it was this time of testing, trials and discipline that brought him to his right mind and to learn all that God wanted him to know. Praise be unto our God that He is willing enough to do what He needs to do to get persons to learn and accept God's eternal lessons.

The Bible verse that we began with in our introduction from the Book of Job, has some verses that follow it to further illustrate what God did to King Nebuchadnezzar. So, let me share those with you. "For God does speak—now one way—now another—though man may not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men as they slumber in their beds, He may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings, to turn man from wrong doings and keep him from pride, to preserve his soul from the pit, his life from perishing by the sword." (Job 33:14-18).

However, my prayer is that you don't be as stubborn as King Nebuchadnezzar and instead learn the eternal lessons before such trials are required. Yet God will put us through testing to build our faith.

IV. Fourth, let us notice how long it took for him to learn the lessons.

So, the king was told that he would be in his wild-like animal condition for 7 times. Well, Bible scholars tell us that, that 7 times means 7 years. So, it took 7 years for the king to get the lessons but God was gracious enough to give him that time.

The Apostle Peter reminds us of how long-suffering God is as He waits and gives mankind time to learn the eternal lessons for our souls. "But do not forget this one thing, dear friend: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years,

and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promises, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (II Peter 3:8-9). God has given you another day so let this be the day you respond to the Lord while He is being long-suffering with us. For one day, however, His long-suffering will come to an end and then it will be too late.

V. Fifth, let us notice what lessons he and we need to learn.

Now, I have finally gotten down to the most important part of the message, what was the lessons that God wanted King Nebuchadnezzar to learn. These also are the same lessons He wants us to learn.

A. **First, he needed to learn that God is in control.** Daniel told the king right out that the interpretation of his dream was for one primary purpose and it is stated very clearly, “...seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the most high is Sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone He wishes.” (vs. 25).

God is calling upon us all to come to the place in our lives where we recognize that there is only one God in control and He is the God of the Bible, and He takes second place to absolutely no one.

Therefore, because He is in control, then He alone must be obeyed and His commands followed, and He commands all men everywhere to repent and believe in Jesus Christ alone as our Lord and Savior. He tells us there is no other way. (John 14:6). So, listen and learn this eternal lesson before it is too late.

B. Second, he needed to learn that God deserves the credit.

This had been the problem or I should say the sin of King Nebuchadnezzar. He had refused to humble himself and give all the glory, praise, and honor to God. Rather, he gave all the credit to himself. He said, “is not the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty.” (vs. 30).

Now, just as soon as he gave all the glory to himself, God humbled him and seven years later he gives God all the glory.

We need to learn that God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6). Also, the Apostle Peter said, “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.” (I Peter 5:6).

C. Third, he learned that God is constant.

King Nebuchadnezzar learned that God’s kingdom is not temporary in nature, but rather eternal. Twice in the chapter he said, “How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an Eternal Kingdom; His dominions endures from generation to generation.”

So, why would you want to simply learn the wisdom that is of the world which is only temporal in nature, while God’s is totally and completely eternal.

So, grab on to the eternal lessons of God's Eternal Word while you have the opportunity to do so.

D. Fourth, he learned that God is compassionate.

He learned that God didn't give up on him until he learned God's Eternal message. We, too, have learned that God is compassionate because He gave us His one and only Son to die on Calvary's cross to forgive us and give us Eternal Life. So, let us learn this lesson and to ever more be grateful.

Concl. My prayer is that we won't have to go through so much to learn God's Eternal lessons. However, I am grateful that He didn't give up on me.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Celebrating  **176 years of God's Faithfulness**

Homecoming

Sunday, October 17th

Guest Speaker: Pastor Kenny Hay

*Church will provide Meat & Beverages
Everyone is asked to bring side dishes & desserts*

NO Sunday Morning Breakfast



Movie Night

October 24th

Concessions: 5:00 pm

Movie: 5:30 pm

Popcorn & Tea provided

Bring finger foods to share

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-
.....

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



*A gift of \$50.00 has been given to the Operation Christmas Child Fund
In Memory of Frankie Malphrus By Katrina Stanley*

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In Memory of Frankie Malphrus By Allen & Becky Perry.*

*A gift of \$30.00 has been given to the General Budget
In Memory of Frankie Malphrus By Barbara Blocker.*



Dear Great Swamp Baptist Church Family.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for calls, cards, visits, prayers and food you provided during Frankie's illness and after he passed. All of this confirmed to us how much having a church family means! Frankie loved Great Swamp Baptist Church and made a special effort to make everyone feel loved, welcomed & accepted. We pray his spirit of love and his personal touch he had when encountering people will live on in all of us as we continue God's work!

*God Bless you All,
The Family of
Franklin T. Malphrus*

The Real Christmas Story

*Gillisonville Baptist Church
has invited us to go with them on December 4th to see
"The Real Christmas Story"
Tickets are \$139.00 per person.
Transportation provided by Kelly Tours.
More information to come.*



WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
Suppers

Wednesday Night Supper
Menu

To Be Announced

*\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a
family of 4 or more.*





Step of Faith

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

SFCA

After School Helper

Needed ASAP

2-6pm Monday thru Friday

See Donna Carter

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	<i>\$ 8,907.00</i>	<i>\$ 4,982.47</i>	<i>+ \$ 3,924.53</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$</i>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	<i>\$ 200.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$ 872.46</i>
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	<i>\$ 117.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$ 296.42</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	<i>\$ 169.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$ 324.63</i>
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	<i>\$ 100.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$ 111.00</i>



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 September

Washcloths

Soap

Comb & Brushes for Girls

Combs for Boys

Coming October 3rd

Something interesting, exciting and fun!

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
Jennifer Pitts Key
David Sauls*

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.
Grace Boyles-RNC*

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>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>Redden & Gloria Tuten</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*

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
Ellen Hogsett
(Tex Lowther's Sister)
Mrs. Sandra Skerrett*

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
Phyllis Sutler
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Shelby Green
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
Ron & Marie Malphrus
Mel Toland
Kenny Hay
Lee Martin
Alexus Busby
Natalyn Mann
Max & Nicole Cole
Lynn Glasser
Mary Kay
Paul Sims
David Raines*

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

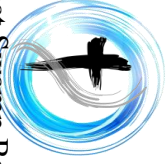
Finance Director: Timmy Sauls.....greatswampbc@gmail.com



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Emily Carter</i>
		<i>Ron Malphrus</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>28th</i>	<i>Tom Benton</i>
		<i>Dalton Chapman</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Patrick Malphrus</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Chris Scherger</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Oct. 2nd</i>	<i>Timmy Sauls</i>

Welcome

New Members
Courtney Williams



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

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