

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Count Your Blessings

Name Them

One by One

Count Your Many

Blessings

See What God Has

Done!

November 21, 2021

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship

Hymn # 644 "Count Your Blessings"

Invocation

Bjo Mills

Selections of Praise & Worship

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

Scripture Reading

Hymn # 425 "He Keeps Me Singing"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Mended

"Jesus Messiah"

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/Gideon Mobley/Lily Smith



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344

Next Week:

Fred Stanley: 843-726-1963



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



The Usage of Hands

(Daniel 5:1-9,17-31)

Intro: Last time we examined this chapter, we looked at the things that King Belshazzar didn't learn from the mistakes, experiences and victories of his father King Nebuchadnezzar. He knew all of those things Daniel said, but he did not allow them to move him in the right direction.

In this message, I want us to focus upon the use of hands in this same chapter. It is clearly one of the major aspects of the chapter. Of course, the hands that are directly discussed are the hands of God. However, in an indirect manner the hand of many of the other persons in the chapter are clearly implied. So, let us look at the usage of hands as discovered in this chapter.

I. First, let us notice how King Belshazzar used his hands. (vs.1-6).

Now, I want belabor my last message on this chapter in which I discuss that the king didn't learn a thing about the dangers of the abuse of alcoholic beverages.

However, let us take a moment to point out that the king used his hands to keep raising alcoholic beverages to his mouth until the point at which it led him to make some ungodly and evil choices.

Some of those evil choices were to use his hands to encourage others to follow him in using their hands to raise alcoholic beverages to their mouths.

The most evil choice he made with his hands was to use the goblets that his father had taken from the temple that were used in worship to god Almighty and instead raised them in praise to the gods of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood and stone. So, he was using his hands to make mockery of God.

Now, sadly, all we know of King Belshazzar is that the only uses of his hands were for evil. Now, the question we must ask ourselves is, will our hands be known for only doing evil?

II. Second, let us notice how the king's wise men used their hands. (vs. 5-9).

The king called all of his wise men to come to his banquet hall to try and figure out what was written on the wall. He used his hands to point to the writing, and after studying the words the only thing they could do with their hands was to raise them up above their head in the manner that indicated they didn't know what the words said.

So, they virtually did nothing with their hands. They came, looked, lifted up their hands in ignorance and then left. Their hands did nothing to benefit, encourage, confront or challenge the king.

Now, this clearly is a picture of a lot of people with their hands to benefit others. Many people go to church regularly and listen to the message but they walk away without ever lifting their hands to do anything. They don't reach into their pocket to get money to give to the church. They don;t lift their hands in worship to our Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They don't use their hands to help do the necessary things that need to be done around the church. This list could go on and on. But my prayer is that you and I are not one of those who simply show up but never lift our hand to glorify our Lord and benefit our people.

III. Third, let us notice how Daniel used his hands. (vs. 17, 22-28).

The Prophet Daniel was unlike the other wise men who had come to the party before he was brought in. Unlike them, he had faith and trust only in the God of Israel, the God of the Bible, the One and only true God. As the result of this, God gave Daniel the meaning of the writing on the wall.

Now, the way in which we can see Daniel using his hands is when he must share to the king what the words mean. At this point his hands become active because the meaning of the words are tied directly to the king himself.

This means that Daniel must address the king with the personal pronoun you. Therefore, I am absolutely sure that he lifted his hands and pointed his fingers directly to the king as he revealed to the king of his impending judgment because of his mockery of God.

Daniel is a great picture of how we need to use our hands. He used them to share the message of God. So, we too, need to use our hands to open up the pages of God's Holy Word and then take the message and in a very personal manner point to the people and say this message is for you. We must tell them of the love of God for them through Jesus Christ our Lord but then we must also tell them of the judgment of God for those who refuse to submit their lives to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are God's hands to take the message of Salvation to this lost and dying world. Are your hands opening God's Word, and then pointing to the sinners on a personal level and sharing that Word with them?

IV. Fourth, let us notice how God used His hands. (vs. 5,22-28).

Of course, the One whose hands were directly mentioned were God's. So, we can easily discuss the ways in which God used His hands.

First, we see that God used His hands to write His message on the wall. That message became part of God's Holy word. So, God used His hands to give us the Bible. Praise His Holy name that He didn't leave us clueless or in the dark. He gave a message to the king and a messenger to interpret the message so that the king knew exactly what was going to take place in his life.

God's hands weren't always visible when He gave us His words but they were obvious. Clearly the Bible teaches us that God used prophets, priests, preachers, and others to preach, teach and then write down what was said all under the direction of the powerful Holy Spirit of God. Therefore, His Word is all the work of His hands.

Blessed be the name of our Lord for caring enough to write His Word so that we could know what has, is and will take place according to His good pleasure, which predominately was to make sure that we are able to see what He did to bring us redemption through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Second, God's hands, as recorded in His Word, which His hands gave us are the very hands that as the chapter said, "hold our very life." (vs. 23). Of course, on this occasion, it was referring specifically of the king but would apply to us all. For by His very hands we are the work of His creative power and by His same hands our very lives are sustained by the very breath that He gives us.

Paul, preaching in Athens, so powerfully demonstrated the very forceful picture of God's creative and sustaining power of our lives. "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else...For in Him we live, and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, We are His offspring." (Act 17:24-25,28).

The tragedy is that King Belshazzar failed to recognize this, and as a matter of fact, made complete mockery of God's power over our lives by praising the gods of gold, silver, bronze, wood and stone. Therefore, he also discovered that God who created his life, sustained his life, also had the power to remove his life and that very night God did just that in judgment for his mockery and unbelief.

God's hand of redemption had been available to the king for a long time. For with the knowledge that he had available from his father's own experiences with God were enough to have convinced him of his need to humble himself before God and submit his life to him as his father finally had. But before he refused to do so and openly mocked God before a large crowd, God's hands than became hands of judgment and also, that He has hands of judgment to deal with mockery, unbelief and rebellion toward Him.

Concl. As we consider the usage of hands, no one uses them better for God's purpose, will, and glory and for the good of humanity than Jesus Christ our Lord. In the Gospels, Jesus is constantly using His hands.

We discover that with His hands He healed the rich; touch a leper; raise the dead; pick up children and bless them; multiply a few pieces of bread and fishes; rescue Peter from sinking; turn over the money changer tables; place an ear back on a guard who came to arrest Him; allow His hands to be nailed to the cross for our redemption; after His resurrection with His hands He showed them His scars; He broke the bread and cooked them fishes; and this list could go on and on. But most importantly His hands are opened wide to welcome all whosoever will may come. Come repenting and believing in Christ and with arms of love, grace and mercy He will forgive you and receive you.

How are you using your hands?

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



NO Breakfast

Sunday, November 28th
Sunday, December 5th
Sunday, December 26th

NO Wednesday Supper

Wednesday, November 24th
Wednesday, December 22nd



Wednesday Night Supper

Menu

To Be Announced

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



Sunday School Classes

@

9:15am

CAMO CLASS *Room 406* **Leader- Bobby Smith**
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GLEANERS CLASS *Room 401* **Leader-Darlene Bollack**
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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

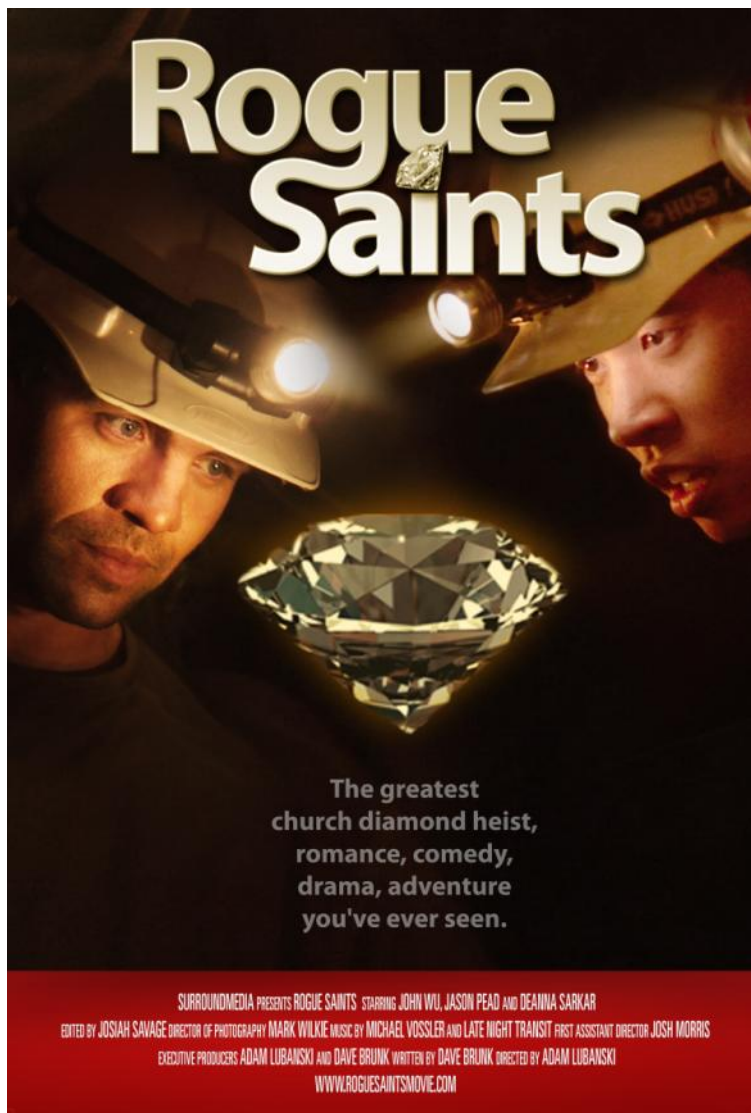
@ 7pm

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

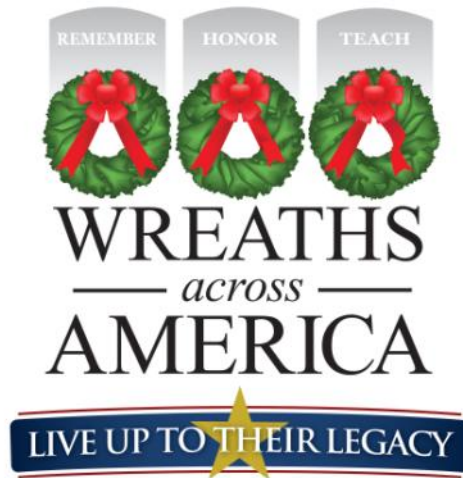
Please Bring finger foods to share

Prisoner Packets Due November 28th

- ONE black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
- ONE writing tablet no larger than 5 1/2" x 8"
(no wire bound books, composition books, or post-it notes)
- ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
- ONE 4 oz to 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)
- ONE 3.2 oz to 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped or unboxed bars)
- TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers
(NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, Tic Tacs)
- THREE first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed Envelopes
(from US Post Office NO regular stamps, no other size envelope)
- ONE gallon size zipper bag no other size bags accepted)

ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE ZIPPER BAG WITH ZIPPER CLOSED SECURELY

DO NOT INCLUDE: washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, combs. Extra approved items may be sent to Shandon Baptist Church on collection day in a bag/box marked "extra items."



Wreaths Across America 2021

Order a wreath for your loved ones.

Cost: \$15.00 each

Cut-off Date: Sunday, November 28th

The list is on the bulletin board on the back wall.



November

Monetary donations for shipping the shoeboxes is \$9.00.

This also includes any teaching materials that

OCC sends with the boxes.

All shoe boxes will be sent regardless
the amount of money that is collected.

Collection Week is Monday, November 15th through Monday, November 22nd.

Sunday, November 21st: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Monday, November 22nd: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM



*The Church office and the
school will be closed on
November 24-26
Thanksgiving Holidays*



<i>Thursday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Sherry Toland</i>
		<i>Kellie Chapman</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Krey Lowther</i>
		<i>Carol Davis</i>
		<i>Carol Hudgens</i>

Quiver Full Foster Closet

TOY DRIVE

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

RIDGELAND:
Simply Carolina Kids
Step of Faith Christian Academy
Great Swamp Baptist
Dunamis Karate


BLUFFTON:
Howell-Chase Heating & Air Conditioning

HAMPTON:
Dunamis Karate

Drop off Dates:
Nov 5th - Dec 17th

Quiver Full Foster Closet is hosting a Christmas gift drive for local foster, adoptive, kinship and reunified families this holiday season. We are accepting new unwrapped toys (ages 6 months and up) as well as gift cards for our teens. Many of these children will enter care during and after the holiday season and after the cutoff dates for other gift registries. It is our mission to help provide these children with a sense of love and excitement this holiday season.

For More Info: (843) 812-3509 or (843) 812-0223
Quiver Full Foster Closet on Facebook



God & Country Fundraiser



\$15,627.21

Annual Thanksgiving/ Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 5th

The church will provide the meat and drinks.

*Everyone is asked to bring
side dishes and desserts.*

GSBC Prayer Page

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership

*President / Vice President of the
United States of America*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Ralph Lee, Jr.
Wanda Davis
Sherri Scott
Emma Scott*

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.
Grace Boyles-RNC
Dot Nettles-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>Alice & 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>
<i>Diane Hannah</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
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Jay Dalton
Raj's Mother*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

Family of

Other Health Needs

*Lloyd Way
Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Keith Gamo
Pinky Rushing
Phyllis Sutler
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Shelby Green
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
Ron & Marie Malphrus
Kenny Hay
Lee Martin
Alexus Busby
Natalyn Mann
Mary Kay
David Raines
Ellen Nettles
Jess & Tabby Arzillo
Charlee Carter
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Ernest Blount
Stephen Roberts
Donna Carter*

Pray For Our Military

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

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

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 3,689.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 1,293.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>			
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Wreaths Across America</i>	\$ 30.00	*****	\$ 911.03
<i>Office Supply</i>	\$ 70.00	*****	\$ 9,817.90
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 170.00	*****	\$ 673.75
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 92.00	*****	\$ 479.19
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$ 170.00	*****	\$ 440.58

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.*



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

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