

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Call To Worship

Invocation

Selections of Praise & Worship

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer Worship by Giving Offertory Special Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Fred Stanley

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Message

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Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Nursery Workers

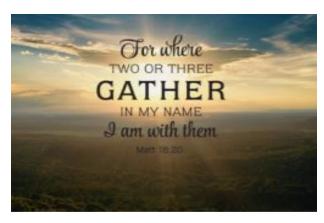
Today: Vanessa Smoak Helpers Needed; See Vanessa





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: Fred Stanley: 843-726-1963 Next Week: Mack Pope: 843-540-6636



From Tastor Ralph's Desk:



Security That Was Shattered

(Daniel 5:1-6,22-31)

Intro: Babylon was an extremely large city, and at the time that King Belshazzar threw this large party for him and a thousand of his nobles, the city was surrounded by his enemies who desired to take control of the kingdom.

Now you would think that if you are surrounded by your enemies you wouldn't have time to be throwing a party for yourself and all of your leaders. So, what this seems to indicate is that the king and his nobles felt secure within the walls of their magnificent city.

However, by the end of their night, all of that security that they were feeling was going to be totally shattered.

In this message, I want us to examine why and how the kings security was shattered. From this I pray we can discover how we ourselves don't allow our security to be shattered.

I. First, let us notice that King Belshazzar's security was shattered because of where he laid his confidence.

Now, the enemy army of the Persians, which surrounded the city, was a large and very capable force to be reckoned with. So, how was it that the king and his nobles could throw such a large and wild party as though nothing was going on outside the city? Where did this sense of security come from?

Well, it may very well be that the cities fortification gave them such a secure feeling. For in places, the city wall was a high as 350 ft. also, it was nearly 90 ft. wide. It was so wide at the top that six chariots could ride abreast of one another. It also had 250 watch towers in strategic places all around the wall. So, the sheer size and strength of the city's wall gave a sense of security.

Next, they probably felt secure as well because the city's food supply had stored enough food that the city could survive for at least 20 years off of what was there. On top of that, the Euphrates River flowed right through the town so they had no water problems.

The next reason they felt great confidence was that they were secure because of their own military might. It had been the greatest force of military power in the known world at that time. Surely, even if the enemy force could break through, they could fight them off. Their confidence also most likely rested in the fact that they were a very wealthy empire and city. They had much gold and other precious metals. Surely, they could buy their way out of anything.

One final area in which their confidence made them feel secure was in their idols of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood and stone. Surely with many such gods they couldn't fail. However, this is exactly why they failed, because their confidence was established in idols that could neither think, hear, talk, deliver rescue or help in anyway.

On the very night in which the king felt as secure as he ever had, he and his nobles felt safe and secure behind fortified walls, ample food and water supplies, a strong military, great wealth and many idols t protect them, he and his nobles watched everything their security they were trusting in, all came crushing in on them instead of protecting them.

The Book of Proverbs reveals that the king's confidence was in all the wrong places, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." (Prov. 14:34). You can have all the things the king and his noble men had and still not be secure and have that security shattered because God only honors righteousness and the king and his noble men were anything but right. It is not might but right. It is not riches but right. The only way to be right is to come to Christ Jesus our Lord and in Him you will find security for eternity. The king did just the opposite. He mocked the only one who could secure him. May God make us right through Jesus.

II. Second, let us notice that King Belshazzar's security was shattered because he lost control.

Now, we have focused upon this point for a couple of weeks, so I want belabor the point but only to remind us once again that the abuse of alcohol and drugs will absolutely cause us to have our security shattered. For when we are under their influences, we make terrible decisions that will blatantly remove anything that could bring us security. For it will impair our ability to do anything properly which can lead to many, many tragedies, often times, death itself.

Let us pray to God to deliver us from the abuse of these substances so that our security doesn't get thrown right out the door.

III. Third, let notice that King Belshazzar's security was shattered because of his lacking counselors.

Again, this is another point that we have discussed in the last couple of messages. However, let us just remind ourselves that those wise men of the king got their knowledge from the world and not from God. Therefore, it was no wonder that they weren't able to help the king understand what the words meant. They were of no absolute value whatsoever to the king.

Now, in many situations, these men would offer up advice byt on most occasions that advice would fall short of truly giving the wisdom needed to deal with the problems and matter of life and eternity. As a matter of fact, their advice usually gave no to little security whatsoever. Oh, my dear friends, however, when Daniel the prophet of God showed up on the scene, his words were the very words of God because he was inspired and led by the Holy Spirit of God. We know this to be true because his words came to fruition.

If we want security, we must go to the Word of God and rest in its' promises and assurances that are found from one end of it to the other. When all else crumbles around us the Word of God will still stand.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that King Belshazzar's security was shattered because of his learning competence.

The main idea I want us to get from this point is that the king had very little learning competence. For Daniel revealed to the king that he should have known better than to trust in idols that aren't gods at all and he should have known better not to mock God with such arrogance as he had demonstrated for all to see. For he knew what had happened to King Nebuchadnezzar his father when he displayed pride before God.

If he had only learned from that, he could have avoided the disasters that came upon him that very night and remained secure. May the Lord help us to learn from the past and move forward with the knowledge of not making the mistakes of those before us failing to humble themselves before God on many occasions.

V. Fifth, let us notice that King Belshazzar's security was shattered because of his Lord and Creator.

It was God who had created him and gave him the very life he had. It was God who had allowed him to become the king. It was God who had also made his father King Nebuchadnezzar great, and had brought him to his knees till he cried out in acknowledgement that God alone was Sovereign over the affairs of men.

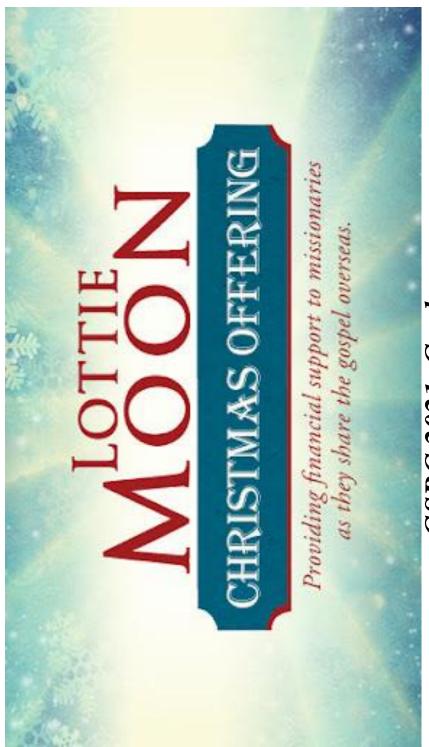
Therefore, the only One who could have given him that, would last no matter what, is the very One he mocked and despised. Therefore, because God alone had the power to give life, He also has the power to remove it, and that its' very might, the One who gave him life, and would have given him security if, like his father, he had humbled himself and submitted himself to God, is the very One who removed him and replaced him. His security was gone forever.

Concl. We must accept that this world is a fallen world thus it can't provide a permanent security. But there is a permanent security to be found though it is not of this world and it is available to us from the One who made this world and whose home is Heaven. His name is Jesus and He has promised that all who come to Him in repentance and faith will find the security that lasts for eternity. He grants us eternal life and promises that we are secure in He and His Father's hand.

So, where are you placing your trust for security and at what end? I pray in the only One who can grant it, Jesus Christ our Lord.

> Jesus Loves You Palph Lee

Ralph Lee, Jr.



GSBC 2021 Goal: \$3,000.00



NO Breakfast

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

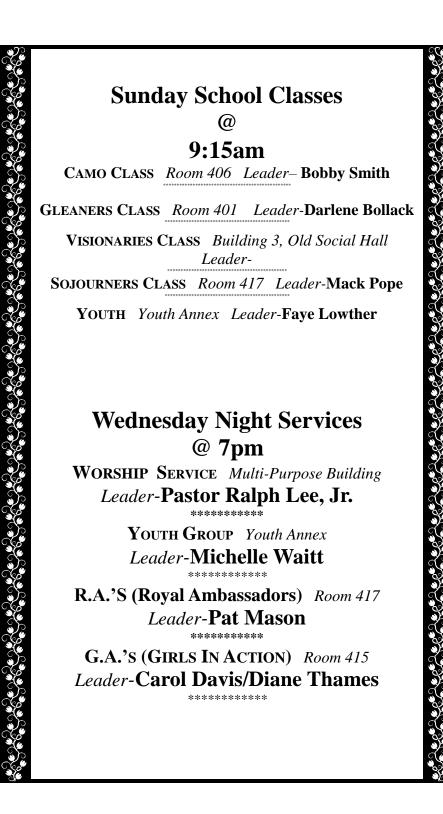
NO Wednesday Supper

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.







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.



Friday	3rd	Stephanie Carter
Saturday	4th	Lucílle Degler



Annual Thanksgiving/ **Christmas** Dinner

Sunday, December 5th

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The church will provide the meat and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

Quiver Full Foster Closet

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:

Quiver Full Foster Closet hosting a Christmas gift drive for local foster, adoptive, kinship and reunuified 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 Nov 5th - Dec 17th of love and excitement this holiday season. For More Info: (843) 812-3509 or (843) 812-0223

Quiver Full Foster Closet on Facebook

GSBC Prayer Page

Church Needs

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

Shirley Malphrus Rose Boyles Judy Smith Vera Floyd Barbara Mills Alice &Gary Way Kenny Smith Carol Bradham Diane Hannah

Tom Hinely Scott Boyles Ann Blocker Kenneth & Doby Cleland Redden & Gloria Tuten Lucille & Ron Degler Red & Helen Malphrus

Dot Nettles

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

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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 Kev 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

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Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 6,626.00	\$ 4,982.47	+\$ 1,643.53
Online Offerings			
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
Wreaths Across America	\$ 125.00	******	\$ 1,036.03
Office Supply	\$ 749.25	******	\$ 10,417.58
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 796.00	******	\$ 1,469.75
Sunday Morning Breakfast	\$ 123.89	******	\$ 89.00
Wednesday Night Supper	\$ 240.00	******	\$ 127.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 25.00	******	\$ 25.00
SFCA Security	\$ 123.89	******	\$ 123.89
SFCA Trash Pick Up	\$ 240.00	******	\$ 240.00
SFCA Electric	\$ 1,347.66	******	\$ 1,347.66

Stewardship

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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