

Great Swamp Baptist Church



November 28, 2021

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship

Invocation

Fred Stanley

Selections of Praise & Worship

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

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:

Fred Stanley: 843-726-1963

Next Week:

Mack Pope: 843-540-6636



*From
Pastor
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 king's 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 city's fortification gave them such a secure feeling. For in places, the city wall was as 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 to 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 but 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

Ralph Lee, Jr.

LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

*Providing financial support to missionaries
as they share the gospel overseas.*

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.*



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



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



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.



<i>Friday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Stephanie Carter</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Lucille Degler</i>



<i>Saturday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>David & Jennifer Meador</i>
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Annual Thanksgiving/ Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 5th

The church will provide the meat and drinks.

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

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

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

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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