

*Great Swamp Baptist Church  
January 23, 2022*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*10:30 AM*

**The Welcome**

**Announcements**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Call To Worship**

*Hymn # 438 "Heaven Came Down"*

**Invocation**

*Freddie Malphrus*

**Selections of Praise & Worship**

*Hymn # 62 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"*

*Hymn # 516 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"*

**We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction Prayer**

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## Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak  
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



*Sunday Mornings*

*Following*

*The Song Service*

## Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Emily Johnson



*Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am*



**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**

*Today:*

**Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905**

**Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344**



*From  
Pastor*



## Who Rescued Daniel?

*(Dan. 6:10-28)*

*Intro: the first message we looked at while examining this chapter was to look at the reason why Daniel was sentenced to the lion's den. Our conclusion was that we, too, should be carrying out the same activities that got Daniel cast into the lion's den. For ultimately, we will answer to God not to earthly kings.*

*Now, the good news that we all know is that Daniel was rescued from any harm while in the lion's den, and was rescued completely out of the lion's den. And, of course, we already also know who it was that rescued him and that being God Almighty. But, I want us to take a look at who rescued Daniel so that we can once again realize that truly only God can rescue us from places and circumstances resembling a lion's den.*

### **I. First, let us notice that Daniel wasn't rescued by his fellow workmates.**

*In Daniel's situation, it was his workmates that actually got him in trouble because they were jealous of his promotions and they didn't like his faith and dedication to God alone.*

*Praise God for Christian brothers and sisters who often come along and help us in our time of need.*

*However, we all need to be reminded that our world is filled with people that want to do us harm because of our faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself said they hated Him that hate us. They persecuted Him that will persecute us.*

*However none of our family, friends, workmates, school mates can rescue us from Satan whom Peter describes as a hungry lion seeking whom he may destroy. (I. Pet. 5:8). Nor can they rescue you from our sins, death, hell and the grave. But blessed be the name of our Lord that there is one who can.*

### **II. Second, let us notice that Daniel wasn't rescued by the laws of the Medes and Persians.**

*Now, of course, we are using the law of the Medes and Persians because the Medes and Persians are the ones who are those ruling the kingdoms and therefore that is the law that Daniel was having to deal with.*

*Now the most famous aspect of the laws of the Medes and Persians was the fact they were absolutely binary, non-negotiable, and completely unchangeable. Once made not even the king himself was allowed to change it in any form or fashion whatsoever.*

*Theses laws were not going to create any harm to anyone as long as they abided by the ruling of the law. As a matter of fact, in many cases abiding by the law often brought benefits with it.*

However, in the case of the particular law passed in our present study wasn't beneficial to Daniel at all. For the law required that Daniel break God's law and he was not about to do that. For Daniel knew that God's laws totally and completely outranked man's laws. Therefore, instead of helping him, the laws of the Medes and Persians on this occasion did exactly the opposite of rescuing him but instead condemned him to be thrown to the lion's den. So, we can't depend upon the laws of men to rescue us from experiences that give us the sense of having been cast into the lion's den and we mentioned what those things were in our first point. As we saw it may be that some of man's laws will condemn us because of our faith.

Now, let us consider God's law. His law, beyond a shadow of doubt, is immutable, unchangeable, binding and non-negotiable. To abide by them brings the greatest benefit but to fail to abide by them brings the most horrific of consequences. They are separators from God, death, the grave and hell itself. So, like the laws of the Medes and Persians, which Daniel refused to keep and was therefore condemned to the lion's den. So it is with God's law, because of mankind's incapability to completely fulfill them, he therefore falls under the condemnation that comes with the failure of abiding by them. The problem is not with God's law but rather with man's ability to keep them because of his inherent sin nature.

Paul gives many Scriptures to point out that abiding by God's law can't rescue us or save us. "Now we know that whatsoever the law says, it says 5to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore, no one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin." (Rom. 3:19-20).

"All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: 'cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law, clearly no one is justified before God by the law because the righteous will live by faith." (Gal. 3:10-11).

So, according to these two set of verses, which I shared by our inability to keep God's law, we are incapable of being righteous in God's sight; we become aware of sin in our lives, and we are placed under a curse. We are not rescued but rather condemned. So, who will rescue us if it can't be done by fulfilling the Law of God? Well, we will answer that in our final point of the message.

### **III. Third, let us notice that Daniel wasn't rescued by the King of the Medes and Persians.**

King Darius was not at first aware of the motivation behind the men who encouraged him to produce the law of the Medes and Persians which caused Daniel to be thrown into the lion's den. Had he known what they were up to, he probably wouldn't have signed the law into existence. Although, he should have not done it regardless because he was equating himself to God Himself.

*Now, once he realized that his new law condemned the very man that he had the most respect for, he sought a way to rescue Daniel. For he couldn't change the law because it was binding. He wasn't willing to take his place and he wasn't powerful enough to shut the lion's mouths. So, he had to finally concede that he lacked the authority to rescue Daniel and therefore Daniel was cast into the lion's den.*

*When it comes to the consequences of death, the grave, and hell there is no human authority that has the power or means to rescue us from these things. Yet, sadly, that is so often where we run to when we need to be rescued. We must all remember that no matter how much human influence, power and position someone may hold in this life, they along with the rest of us are all in the same boat, and that boat is sinking in the sea of sinfulness and requires that someone other than mere men come to all of our rescues. On, thank God that there is such a one who has and will which my next point will reveal.*

#### **IV. Fourth, let us notice that Daniel was rescued by God.**

*After King Darius ran out of options to rescue Daniel from the lion's den, he ordered that Daniel be put in the lion's den. However, just before he had Daniel put in, he uttered these words to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you." (vs. 16).*

*So, Daniel's fellow workers couldn't nor wanted to save him. The law of the Medes and Persians couldn't rescue him. Nor could King Darius rescue him. So, the king was acknowledging that there was no one left to rescue Daniel but God and if He couldn't then all hope was gone.*

*Oh, but praise be to our God through the love, grace, mercy and power of our God, Daniel was rescued from the mouths and claws of the hungry lions. They became mere kittens for the hours that Daniel was in their den. He was spared from death and brought back unto the Land of the living, by Almighty God.*

*Now, because we are condemned for our inability to keep God's law and because all men are sinners, therefore, incapable of rescuing one another. God did for us what we couldn't so that He could remove our condemnation which would lead to our rescue. What He did was out of His love sent His only begotten Son into the world to do on our behalf what we couldn't ourselves. Taking upon human flesh through the virgin Mary, He lived the sinless life for us that we couldn't. Because He was sinless, He alone could be the perfect sacrifice required by the law to take our place and pay the penalty for our sins which is what condemns us before our Holy God.*

*In my second point, I pointed out that Paul said that because we couldn't keep God's law that we are cursed in God's presence. But now, let me mention the next following the two I mentioned in my second point. "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is living on a tree.'" (Gal. 3:13). Because Jesus did all of this on our behalf when we come to Him in repentance and faith trusting only Him, He will absolutely rescue us from sin, death, the grave and hell.*

*He will shut the hungry mouths of condemnation and raise us up to a new life in Him, and every lion that raises his hungry mouth toward us, our God will give us victory.*

*Concl. So, let me conclude by saying that the chapter ended by King Darius no longer hoping that Daniel's God would rescue him to the absolute declaration that Daniel's God indeed is the God who rescues and saves. So, let me ask you a question, are you trusting in men or their laws or are you trustin in the One who alone can rescue you and save you? Flee to Jesus Christ our Lord alone. He is our great rescuer.*

*Jesus Loves You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## January & February

We are starting to collect for the shoeboxes.

This month is hygiene items.



*Soap  
Wash Cloths  
Toothbrushes  
Comb/Brushes (Boys & Girls)  
Pony tail holders  
Head bands  
Hair Barrettes*



## Grandmother's Group

*Monday, February 14th*

*11:00 am*

*Bring  
Valentine Cards  
Tea Cup & Saucer w/ Bible Verse in it  
Red & White Foods*



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>January 23rd</i>	<i>Tex Lowther</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 24th</i>	<i>Bernice Malphrus</i>
		<i>Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>January 28th</i>	<i>Ben Mills</i>
		<i>Burnette Pinckney</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>January 29th</i>	<i>Rodney Malphrus, Jr.</i>
		<i>Keith Gamo</i>



***Wednesday Night Supper***

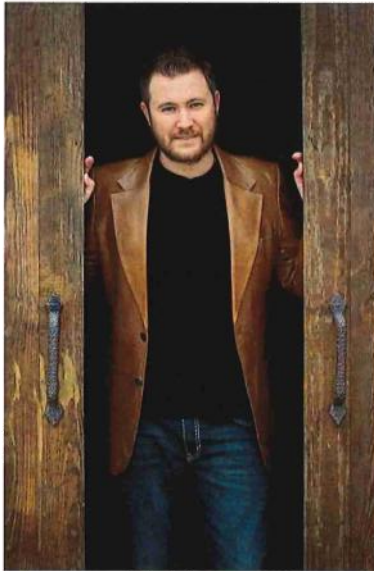
***Menu***

***To Be Announced***

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



Coming Tonight  
**January 23rd**



**Shellem Cline**

[www.shellemcline.com](http://www.shellemcline.com)

#### **WHO IS SHELLEM CLINE**

Shellem Cline is a national award-winning artist with a desire to share the Love of Christ with the world. Born in North Carolina, Cline grew up singing with his family, The Gilbert Family, traveling locally. When his grandfather was diagnosed with Crones disease, the family left the road but Shellem continued to pursue a solo ministry. Since then, Shellem has seen a major growth within his ministry and has become a household name within the Christian Country genre. Shellem has stated on several occasions that seeing souls saved is his number 1 priority and every time he stands to sing, winning souls is his ultimate goal. Since going full time in ministry, Shellem has seen over 200 souls come to know Jesus Christ!

#### **ABOUT THE MINISTRY**

Shellem is not just another artist, but many have called him a music evangelist. His unique style combines Christian Country music along with comedy and his own personal testimony, to create a service that will inspire and encourage the believer. Every song that Shellem performs has a message and a story and they all come together to form a dynamic time of worship sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ. In every service, Cline shares his own testimony on how at the age of 31, a heart attack, lack of blood and what was thought to be cancer was trying to end his life, but he explains how God healed him of that and how God has worked through his life since these trials. With Shellem Cline in a service, You are not just getting a "Christian Singer" but you are getting music and testimony that has proven time after time to reach the heart of congregations across the country and can lead the unbeliever to Christ. Many times Shellem has stated "I am not an Entertainer, Im just a proclaimer of how good my God is and if one soul is saved and a heart encouraged, then it is worth every mile."

# 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  
Keith Gamo  
Charlee Carter*

## Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI  
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.  
Dot Nettles-RNC*

## 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  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry*

## Bereavement

*Family of*

## Other Health Needs

*Loony Jones  
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)  
Tracey Lake  
Pinky Rushing  
Phyllis Sutler  
Sara Davis  
Bob Cramer  
Karen Phillipi  
Bertha Kinard  
Marie Malphrus  
Kenny Hay  
Natalyn Mann  
Mary Kay  
David Raines  
Ellen Nettles  
Donna Roberts  
Jennifer Pitts Key  
Ernest Blount  
Stephen Roberts*

## 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  
Shelby Green*

### Pray For Our Military

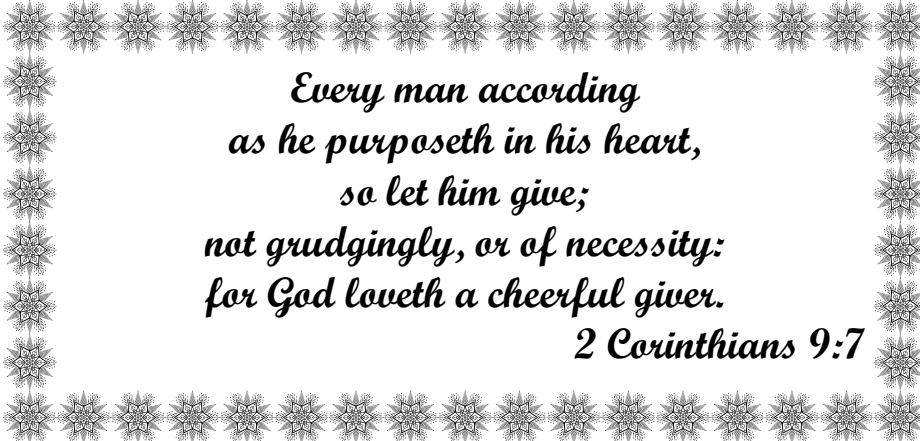
*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed  
Matthew Mills-US Marines  
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force  
Washington, D.C.  
Michael Sottile - Ret.  
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC  
Andrea C. Daring-Petaluma, California*

## Church Staff

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

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 1,817.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 3,065.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 100.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 354.00	*****	\$ 1,802.72
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 93.00	*****	\$ 93.00
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$ 95.00	*****	\$ 95.00



*Every man according  
as he purposeth in his heart,  
so let him give;  
not grudgingly, or of necessity:  
for God loveth a cheerful giver.  
2 Corinthians 9:7*



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

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