

Great Swamp Baptist Church March 27, 2022

## Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship Hymn # 217 "Oh, How I Love Jesus"

#### Invocation

Keith Gamo

Selections of Praise & Worship "We Believe" "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

#### We Pray for Special Needs

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

Mended

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/Mason Losgar/Emily Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today: **Keith Gamo**: 843-986-8525 Next Week: **Freddie Malphrus**: 843-726-3905





### **Peace and Rest**

(I Chronicles 22:5-19)

Intro: On Wednesday nights, we have been in I Chronicles 22 for a few weeks. The main discussion that we have examined has been the fact that David has been rejected as the builder for the temple but instead his son, Solomon, has been chosen in his place to do the work.

However, there is another topic that plays a key role in the chapter and that topic is important to getting the temple built for without it, it would be impossible to build the temple. So, what is it? Well, the answer is peace and rest. It was required to get the temple under way and by God's grace it came.

So, it is today in such a world of unrest as we see it today the message of peace and rest is so desperately needed. For you not only have the war taking place in Ukraine, but in our own country you have man wars taking place in the inert cites, or on social media, or between political parties or different people groups. Never in my life time have I seen so much unrest and lack of peace. So, let us examine closely the example of how it happened in this chapter and pray that it has an influence on our lives today.

## **I.** First, let us notice that the chapter reveals the promise of peace and rest. (vs. 9,18).

According to these verses, the reason why Solomon was going to have peace and rest in the land making it possible for him to build the temple is because God promised to give it to him. For He specifically said to David that his son Solomon was to be a man of peace and rest and the reason why is because He (God) would give him that peace and rest from all of his enemies around him.

So, Solomon could go ahead and start building the temple because he had the absolute assurance from God that He would give him that peace and rest.

Now, the point I want to make of this for us is the fact that our peace and rest is not based upon our circumstances or our feelings and emotions or the times we live in. Rather, our peace and rest is based upon God's promise to give it to us.

Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33). Jesus doesn't sugar coat anything here. He says that we will have trouble in this world. However, in spite of the trouble we face and go through in this life, in Him we are promised peace, the peace that passes all understanding. Amen.

### **II.** Second, let us notice that the chapter reveals the person of peace and rest. (vs. 9).

Now in this verse, God explicitly told David that his son Solomon would be a man of peace and rest. So in this chapter Solomon is the person of peace and rest, and God gave Solomon the wisdom to effectively carry out this period of peace and rest. As a matter of fact, Solomon's name itself literally means peace.

As we move into the New Testament, we discover that there is another man or person of peace and rest and His name is Jesus Christ our Lord. As a matter of fact, He is the true, eternal and everlasting man of peace. We are told this even in the Old Testament.

"For unto to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, <u>Prince of Peace</u>." (Is. 9:6).

If you want to experience peace and rest then you must come to Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace and place your trust in Him alone.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:28-30).

### **III.** Third, let us notice that the chapter reveals the people of peace and rest. (vs. 9).

God told David that both Solomon and the nation of Israel were chosen by Him to be the people of peace and rest. So, much like my last point, the people who get to be the people of peace and test are the ones that God chooses to experience peace and rest. God chose that all who come to Jesus Christ for Salvation would be the ones who would have peace with Him throughout eternity.

We find in Isaiah these beautiful words, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim Salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'" (Is. 52:7).

That verse tells us that those who preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ is offering to whosoever will listen and respond in repentance and faith will find peace and Salvation and this will make them a part of the chosen ones God has determined will be the people of peace and rest. I pray that you are one of those who belong to the family of peace and rest. If not cry out to the Prince of Peace and let Him bring you into that particular family of peace and rest.

### IV. Fourth, let us notice that his chapter reveals the plan for peace and rest. (vs. 6-8).

As long as the nation's enemies were at war with them, there couldn't be peace and rest. These enemies had to be stopped and that couldn't be done without the shedding of blood.

Now that had been King David's responsibility. God chose David to be the one who would fight and subdue their enemies all around them and this required that he shed much blood which the chapter tells us that he did.

However, because he was willing to fight those battles and shed much blood, he indeed, of course, under God's leadership, defeated all of their enemies and subdued them and brought peace to the land. Now, before we could have peace with God and one another, our enemies had to be subdued as well, and this too required for the shedding of blood to make it happen. Of course, our enemies are sin, Satan, death, hell and the grave. They have been our enemies ever since Adam and Eve carried out the first sin against God.

Praise be unto our Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who was willing to shed His own blood to subdue our enemies and give us peace with God.

Once again we turn to the prophet Isaiah to see this truth of peace through Jesus' shedding His blood on the cross for our behalf. "But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; <u>the punishment</u> <u>that brought us peace was upon Him</u>, and by His wounds we are healed."

In the Book of Ephesians, Paul said it this way, "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the Blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law with its' commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in Himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were near. For through Him (Jesus Christ) we both have access to the Father by one Spirit." (Eph. 2:13-18). Oh, Praise be unto our Blessed God for creating the plan and fulfilling the plan through the life, death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Concl. Let me conclude with the words of Jesus our Savior, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27).

Jesus Loves You Ralph Lee, Jr.

### Sign Up Sheet on Back Wall

## Men's Quarterly Meeting/Supper

Thursday, April 21st @ 6:30pm

Kingdom Touch Ministries

### March



his month we are collecting the items below and monetary donations are welcome. The number of boxes this year is 1,200.

> Please donate. Stuffed Animals Barbies Match Box Cars Jump Ropes Miscellaneous Small Toys

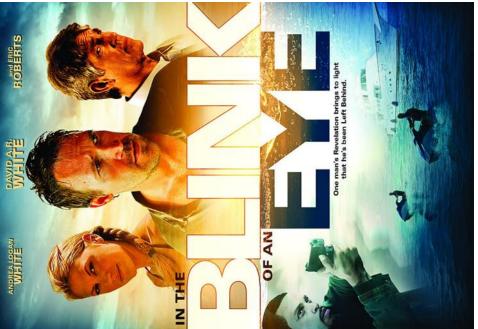


Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Today thru Easter Sunday

Mark # 011 on Envelopes for Donations

Prayer Guides on Bulletin Board Wall







## Wednesday Night Supper

Menu

To Be Announced

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



Tuesday	29th	Barbara Mílls
Thursday	31st	Donníe Pínckney
Fríday	ıst	Rylee Holmes
		Chad Duncan

### **GSBC Prayer Page**

#### **Church Needs**

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

#### Leadership

President / Vice President of the United States of America Sunday School SFCA-Donna Carter Child Development Ministries

#### Unspoken

#### Ministries Outreach Ministry In reach Ministry

#### Bereavement

Family of Kesha Leonard Jason Dessasure

Other Health Needs Loony Jones (Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather) Tracey Lake

### Hospitals

Lynn Glasser-BMH

#### Surgery / Recovery

Skylar Saygen Michelle Rooks Judy Rogers Louise McAlhaney Chance Tracey Ralph Lee, Jr. Barbara Solley

#### **Nursing Centers**

Elaine Degler-RNC Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI Byron Vaigneur-Assist. Dot Nettles-RNC Shelby Green-Sprenger

### **Cancer / Treatments**

Becky Goretzka Gail Sims Skip Brooks Regina Bouye Kaiaya Alston Wesley Ethridge Ralph Lee, Jr. Denita Linton David Linton

Pinky Rushing Sara Davis Bob Cramer Karen Phillipi Bertha Kinard Marie Malphrus Kenny Hay Mary Kay Ellen Nettles Donna Roberts Jennifer Pitts Key Ernest Blount Stephen Roberts **Richard Roberts** Wallace Malphrus Rudy Smith

#### **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 Lucille & Ron Degler Red & Helen Malphrus Dot Smart

#### **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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# Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 4,897.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 195.21
Online Offerings	\$		
<b>Designated Funds</b>	This Week	******	Acct. Balances
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 125.00	******	\$ 170.00
Sunday Morning Breakfast	\$ 91.00	*******	\$ 390.93
Wednesday Night Supper	\$ 169.00	*******	\$ 358.59
Office	\$ 689.20	******	\$ 789.20
Senior Trip (2022)	\$ 125.00	*******	\$ 2,252.72
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	\$ 20.00	*******	\$ 20.00
Church Repairs	\$ 118.97	*******	\$ 458.97
SFCA Security	\$ 123.89	*******	\$ 123.89
SFCA Trash Pick UP	\$ 240.00	******	\$ 240.00
SFCA Electric	\$ 1,625.45	******	\$ 0.00
SFCA Exterminator	\$ 197.50	******	\$ 197.50
SFCA Insurance	\$ 1,217.25	******	\$ 1,217.25



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