



# Palm Sunday

*Hosanna:  
Blessed is the King...  
that cometh in  
the name of the Lord.*

JOHN 12:13

*Great Swamp Baptist Church  
April 10, 2022*

# Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

## Announcements

## Call To Worship

Hymn #213 "We Will Glorify"

## Invocation

*Bjo Mills*

## Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn #135 "Nothing But the Blood"  
"In Christ Alone"

## We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

*Bro. Kenny Hay*

Worship by Giving  
Offertory Special

*Mended*

*"Blessed Redeemer"*

## Message

## 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/Mason Losgar/Amelia Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



### DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

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

Next Week:

**Fred Stanley: 843-226-1963**



*From  
Pastor*



## Reasons For Daniel's Prayer

*(Daniel 9:1-23)*

*Intro: Three Sundays ago as we began looking at this chapter, the first thing that came to our attention was the fact that Daniel was a student of the Word of God. For we find him reading and studying the Book of Jeremiah. So we talked about Daniel and his Bible. The last point we noted in that message was that the Word of Gods drove Daniel down on his knees and seeking God with intense praying that lasted through the largest portion of the chapter.*

*Now we already know from previous chapters that Daniel was indeed a prayer warrior. As a matter of fact, it was his praying that got him thrown into the lion's den. We also are told that he prayed three times a day each and everyday. However, even though we discover the fact in previous chapters, that he is a man of prayer. We never actually hear any of his prayers until this chapter, thus this prayer is significant for that reason. So, in this message we are going to take a look at Daniel's prayer, particularly with the thought of the reasons for this particular prayer, and as we do let us pray that it drive us as well to our knees before our gracious God.*

### **I. The first reason for Daniel's prayer was the proclamation of God's Word. (vs. 3).**

*I pointed out in the introduction that the study of God's Word drove Daniel to his knees to pray this prayer we are examining. It is important to note why the Word of God drove him to praying. The answer is because he believed in the message of God's Holy Word.*

*Now the particular message that he discovered was the promise that God had made to the nation of Israel when He was going to send them into captivity because of their blatant sins against Him. That promise was that after 70 years in captivity He would make it possible for the people to return back to Jerusalem.*

*Now, since God made this promise in His Word, Daniel therefore knew that it was true and he totally believed it. However, though Daniel knew that the Bible said in his study, it would be 70 years, and he knew that there had been nearly 70 years gone by since the promise was made so he knew that the time was short for the fulfillment of the promise. But he just didn't know of the exact day or moment it would take place.*

*Because he believed in the message of God's Word, and knew that the time was short according to the prophet Jeremiah for the promise to be fulfilled, then he therefore knew that he needed to get to praying to make sure that everybody and everything will be prepared for that day when the promise is finally realized.*

*Now, more than ever, the Word of God should be driving us to our knees to pray because we too have a promise in God's Word and that promise is that He is coming again and we believe soon.*

*Therefore, we need to be praying that people need to be prepared and ready for that day which we don't know exactly will be. So, let us pray for people to be ready for His coming.*

## **II. The second reason for Daniel's prayer was the problem with God's people.**

*Now, all one has got to do to know what this prayer is mostly about is to read it and you will quickly see that above all, Daniel's prayer is a confessional prayer on behalf of the entire nation of Israel. Daniel wanted to make sure that the sins of the nation, before they were taken into captivity and their sins since in captivity, didn't prevent them from being able to return to Jerusalem.*

*Now as he confesses these sins, there are a couple of things I believe that is really important for us to notice. First, let us notice that throughout this confessional prayer, Daniel constantly uses the pronoun "we." Thus, Daniel is including himself in the confessions of the nation's sins. So, it is with our own lives, we need to remember that we all have sinned and have come short of God's glory and we therefore must not see ourselves as somehow better than everyone else.*

*The second thing that is important to notice is that Daniel reveals what their sins were. He tells us over and over in this prayer that their sins were their failure to keep God's Word; all of His laws and commands found written in His Word.*

*Now, we need to be reminded in our day and age that sin is the same thing today as it was back then. It is disobedience to God's Word.*

*The reason why we need to be reminded of this is because according to what the world teaches anymore is that right according to God's Word is wrong and the wrong is right. Well, we need to remember that we will not be judged by what the World teaches but by what the Word of God teaches. So, if the Word of God says something wrong it is wrong whether we feel like it is or not or whether the world says it is or not. The truth is that more than ever based on this truth, we all need to be down on our knees before God confessing our failure to obey God's Word.*

## **III. The third reason for Daniel's prayer was the provisions of God's mercy and grace. (vs. 9,18-19).**

*Now, it is clear from Daniel's prayer that he rightly acknowledges that God was right in His punishment upon the nation. But he also knew God had been long suffering with the nation before He carried out the punishment that He dishes out on them. He sent prophet after prophet to try and sway them back in the right direction but I was al to no avail. They were bent on carrying out their sinful way which finally left God with no choice but to carry out everything He warned them that He would do. For His Holiness requires that sin must be punished.*

*However, because God was long suffering is meting out His judgment and because God had spared the nation by sending them into captivity and had been watching out for them while in captivity and finally because God had promised to bring them back to the Promise Land after 70 years of captivity. Daniel knew that this meant that God was gracious and merciful and forgiving. He also knew how gracious God had been toward the nation in the distant past according to what he had read in the Word of God.*

*Therefore, because of Daniel's awareness of God's grace and mercy, he was down on his knees pleading to God to demonstrate what he knew, God was gracious and forgiving.*

Now, we are even more aware of God's grace and mercy than Daniel was because we live on this side of Calvary. So, let us fall to our knees and cry out to God to show us His grace and forgiveness which He promises to us when we come seeking for Him to do so. "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9).

**IV. The fourth reason for Daniel's prayer was for the promotions of God's honor. (vs. 15-19).**

What you discover in this prayer is the fact that Daniel is not praying for the Lord to bless him with this or that. As a matter of fact, the only thing he is asking for is God's forgiveness for his and the nation's sins when it comes to him and the nation.

However, when we come to the later section of his prayer, he really gets to the crux of the matter. He shows that he is praying for the forgiveness of their sins so that the honor of God's name might be restored.

Ultimately, our prayers should have the focus that whatever answer God gives, it will bring glory and honor to His name.

Concl. Though Daniel was not using this prayer as a means for God to come to him and give him a prophecy, it happened anyway. The point being when we come before God and honestly confess our sins to him, it then opens the door for forgiveness which in turn prepares our hearts and lives to be better prepared to receive a Word from the Lord. So let us get to praying.

Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.



<i>Friday</i>	<i>15<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Max &amp; Nicole Cole</i>

## 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.**  
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**YOUTH GROUP** *Youth Annex*  
**Leader-Michelle Waitt**  
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**R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors)** *Room 417*  
**Leader-Pat Mason**  
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**G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION)** *Room 415*  
**Leader-Carol Davis/Diane Thames**  
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## March

This 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*





*“Uniquely You...  
Created for His Glory!”*

*WMU Spring Event  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
9:00am til 2:00pm*

*Coosawhatchie Baptist Church  
3853 Morgandollar Road  
Coosawhatchie, SC 29912*

*Please RSVP to attend as space is limited  
[Bethie59@protonmail.com](mailto:Bethie59@protonmail.com)  
Call or Text 832-334-2563*



<i>Thursday</i>	<i>14<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Mike Davis</i>
		<i>Trudi Vaigneur</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>15<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Erma Cooler</i>
		<i>Emma Meador</i>

**Sign Up Sheet on Back Wall**

## *Men's Quarterly Meeting/Supper*

*Thursday, April 21st @ 6:30pm*

*Kingdom Touch Ministries*

# GSBC Prayer Page

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

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

**Church Needs**  
*Sunday School  
SFCA-Donna Carter  
Child Development  
Ministries*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry*

**Bereavement**  
*Family of  
Carla Dara  
Dot Tindal*

## Unspoken

## Hospitals

### 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*

### Other Health Needs

*Loony Jones  
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)  
Tracey Lake  
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-Charleston, SC*

## 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 + / -
	\$ 5,226.00	\$ 4,982.47	+ \$ 243.53
<b>Online Offerings</b>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Office Supply</i>	\$ 250.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 778.00	*****	\$ 3,305.72
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$ 57.00	*****	\$ 881.66
<i>Annie Armstrong Offering</i>	\$ 310.00	*****	\$ 356.00
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$ 250.00	*****	\$ 552.20
<i>Cemetery</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 50.00
<i>Stage</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 124.00	*****	\$ 263.00
<i>Harvest Fest</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$50.00
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 1,915.01



**Grandmother's Group**  
*Monday, April 11th*  
*11:00 am*  
*MPB*



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

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