

*Let them praise  
Your great and  
awesome name ~*

*He  
is  
holy.*

*Psalm 99:3*

*Great Swamp Baptist Church  
April 24, 2022*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*10:30 AM*

## **Announcements**

## **Call To Worship**

*Scripture Reading*

*Hymn # 4 "To God Bet the Glory"*

## **Invocation**

*Mack Pope*

## **Selections of Praise & Worship**

*"Happy Day"*

*"Beulah Land"*

*Worship Choir*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Worship by Giving  
Offertory Special

*Courtney Williams*

*"The One I'm Dying For"*

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invitation**

## **Benediction Prayer**

## Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak  
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



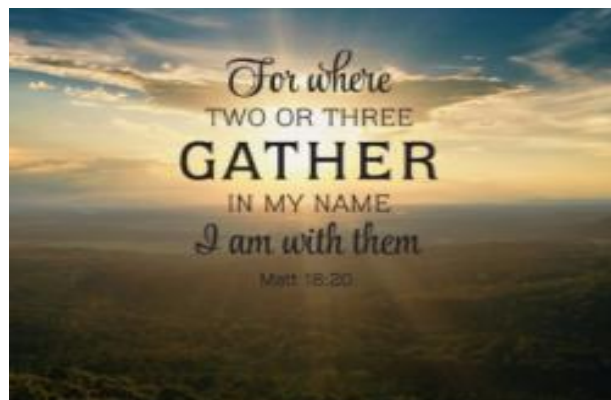
*Sunday Mornings*

*Following*

*The Song Service*

## Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Mason Losgar/Lily Smith



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



### DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

**Mack Pope: 843-540-6636**

Next Week:

**Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525**



*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **Here's Your Sign** (Matt. 12:38-42)

*Intro: Not too many years back, a couple of men made mega bucks from a three word statement which they made famous and popular. The two men were Jeff Foxworthy and Bill Engvall. Those three words were "Here's your sign." it was all about people they considered stupid. They used the statement to point to signs that made someone to appear to be stupid.*

*In the set of verses that I am using for this message, Jesus, in so many words, basically said those three words made famous from the above persons mentioned. He used them in answer to a question asked of Him by the religious leaders of His day. That question was would He provide for them a miraculous sign to prove to them that He was who He claimed to be.*

*Now, Jesus didn't answer their question the way in which they were seeking for Him to do. However, He did tell them that there was a sign for them and on this Easter in which I preached this message, we noted that the sign was all about His coming Resurrection. To them and to us He is saying, "Here's your sign," and then He gives an explanation about it. So, in this message we will examine this sign and its' explanation.*

**I. First, let us notice that Jesus said here's your sign and it will be revealed in God's timing and God's way.**

*Now, we all know that prior to the question from the religious leaders Jesus had already performed many miracles. As a matter of fact, in this same chapter we discover Jesus performing two great miracles.*

*He heals a man's shriveled hand and cast a demon out of a deaf and mute man and heals him as well.*

*Now, these religious leaders actually believed that at least Jesus cast out the demon from the deaf and mute man and healed him. However, they believed that He did it in the power of the devil not in God's power.*

*So, they are asking Jesus for an even greater sign and miracle. They wanted one that basically came right down out of Heaven and done in a spectacular manner and done immediately at their request.*

*They weren't satisfied with the fact that He healed the rich; changed the water into wine; walked on the water; calmed the storm; cast out demons and raised the dead. No, they wanted a sign that didn't require faith, wouldn't benefit anyone and would only require sight.*

*Well, Jesus' answer to them was that there was a sign alright but this sign will take place when God decided and the way God decided.*

*Now, I think that this point is extremely important for today as well because sadly many people who call themselves Christians go from one meeting to another looking for a miracle which is spectacular in nature and based more upon sight than faith. Besides God has already given the sign that matters and really in spectacular and was observed by many. It was the sign that Jesus was talking about here, the sign we are celebrating this glorious Resurrection of our blessed Savior Jesus Christ.*

*So, if God didn't provide some miracle you prayed for or didn't do something visual you had hoped to see, don't quit living your life for Him because He's already given us a sign and the Bible teaches that the just shall live by faith not by sight. As a matter of fact, Jesus said, "...blessed are those who have not seen yet have believed." (John 20:29). My prayer is that you are believing.*

**II. Second, let us notice that Jesus said, here's your sign and it is rooted in God's Word.**

*Now, what I am referring to is the fact that Jesus said that the sign of His resurrection was like what the Word of God says took place with the prophet Jonah in the past as Jonah wound up in the belly of a giant fish for three days and nights, the Son of man, of course meaning Jesus, would be in the heart of the earth for three days and nights and then come up out of the grave as Jonah came up out of the belly of the fish.*

*Now, it is important that when we make the comparison between Jonah's experience in the belly of the fish and Jesus' resurrection that these commonalities only go so far. For what they have in common is the fact that they both were in their situation for three days and nights. The other commonality is that they both, praise the Lord, resurrected out of their circumstances.*

*However, there are some very important things to point out that was not the same between Jonah's experience and Jesus' resurrection. First, Jonah ended up in the fish's belly because of his disobedience but Jesus wound up in the grave because of our disobedience not His for He had none. Second, Jonah never died when he went into the fish's belly. Jesus went into the grave because He really died in our place to pay for our punishment. Praise the Lord Jesus. Third, since Jonah didn't die his coming up out of the fish's belly was not a true resurrection but it indeed was a great miracle. However, when Jesus came up out of the grave, it was indeed a true and real resurrection. Our faith is the only true and real one because our founder and leader is the only one who, hallelujah, came up out of the grave and lives to give us life. Fourth, Jonah came out of the fish's belly with his same body but Jesus came out of the grave with a new glorified body, and when our old bodies resurrect out of the grave, Jesus is going to also give us new glorified bodies like what His is after He came out of the grave. (I Cor. 15:35-57). Amen.*

*Now it is important that we learn from this that the signs God has for us to see are all found in the pages of God's Holy Word. So, if you say to me, I am waiting for God to give me a sign before I choose to follow Him or choose to move forward in my Christian life, then I will say wait no longer and then I would say dive into God's Holy Word and you will see one miraculous sign after another. We don't need to see one happen right in front of us. Rather we need to believe in God's Word when it tells us that they have already taken place and the most important one was the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So, stop doubting and start believing and when you do you will see many miracles around all the time.*

**III. Third, let us notice that Jesus said here's your sign and it will be out ranked by God's Son.**

*Jesus reminded His audience that after Jonah was spit out of the giant fish on to dry ground, he finally obeyed the Lord and went on into the city of Nineveh and preached the doom of the city as God told him to. And the people of the city believed his message and repented of their evil ways and God spared the city for some time.*

*Jesus then told them about the Queen of Sheba coming to listen to the wisdom God had given to King Solomon. Once she got there and heard him, she was truly convinced that indeed his wisdom came from God and went back home telling all about what he showed her and how she believed in it.*

*However, Jesus said one greater than both Jonah and Solomon had come into their midst and they refused to believe in Him even though He out ranks them all. As a matter of fact, many of them listening to Him wouldn't believe in Him even when He does what so one else has or could, and that is resurrect from the dead, and sadly that was most of His listeners.*

*So, if you refuse to believe in Christ then you have no where else to turn to, to reach the top, so to speak, because Jesus is at the top. He and He alone out ranks them all and the resurrection proves it beyond a shadow of a doubt.*

*Concl. Going back to my introduction, I pointed out that Jeff Foxworthy and Bill Engvall would point out a sign that made someone appear to be stupid and would say well, "Here's your sign," that proves them stupid.*

*So it is with Jesus that what He is saying is that if you refuse to believe in His sign, the sign of the resurrection and as far as that goes, all of His miracles, then it proves that you are faithless and because of it with out hope.*

*So, today, let it be said of us and of you that with all that there is within us that we believe in the resurrection of our Lord and all of His miracles that He performed and therefore we look forward to our own resurrection which our risen Savior and Lord will make happen.*

*Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



## April

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*



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|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Tuesday</i>  | <i>26th</i> | <i>Nicole Mauricourt</i> |
| <i>Thursday</i> | <i>28th</i> | <i>April Malphrus</i>    |



## Grandmother's Group

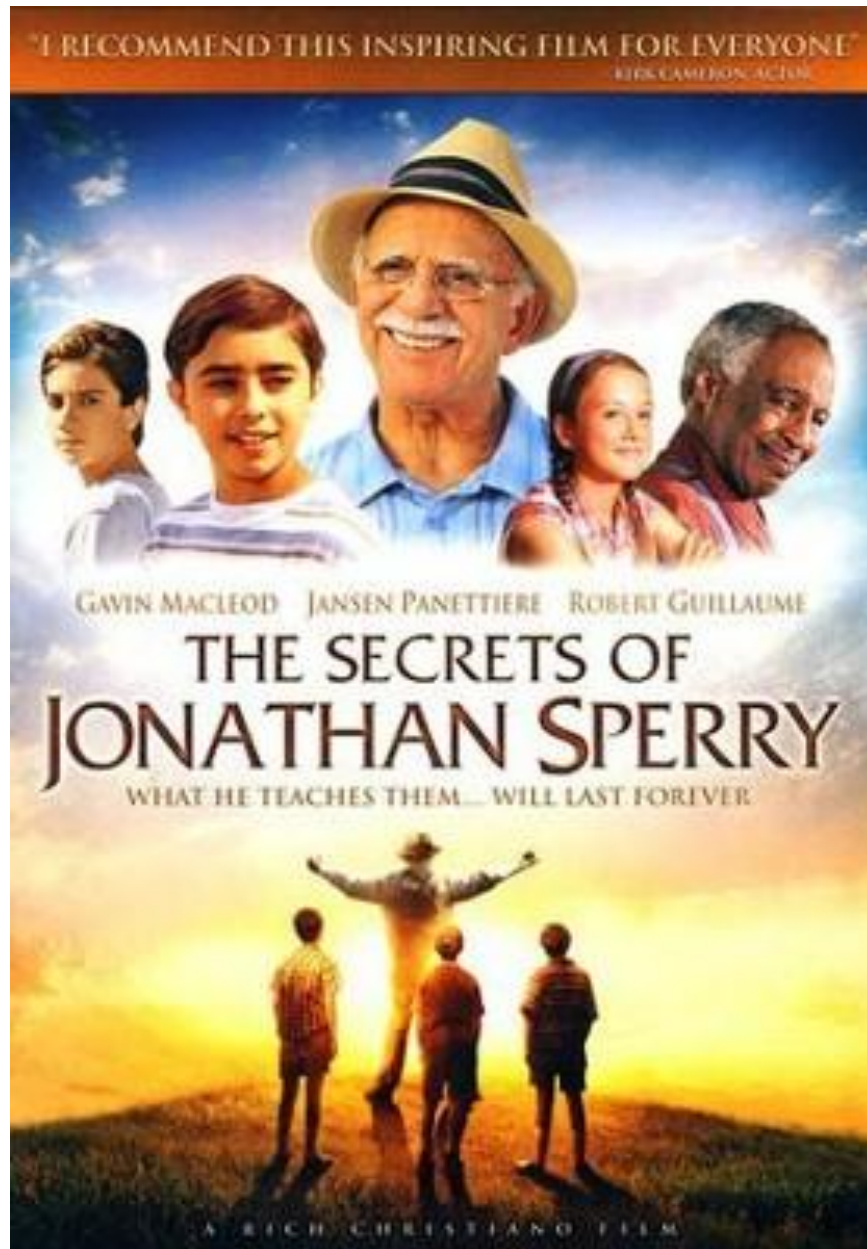
*Monday, May 16th*

*11:00 am*

*MPB*







**Movie Night**  
**Sunday, April 24th**  
Concessions:  
6:00 pm  
Movie: 7:00 pm  
*Popcorn & Tea provided*  
*Please Bring finger foods to share*

# 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*

## Unspoken

## Hospitals

*Kenneth Cleland-*

## Surgery / Recovery

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

## Nursing Centers

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

## Cancer / Treatments

*Gail Sims  
Skip Brooks  
Regina Bouye  
Kaiaya Alston  
Wesley Ethridge  
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  
Mary Kay  
Ellen Nettles  
Donna Roberts  
Jennifer Pitts Key  
Wallace Malphrus  
Tim Roberts  
Myra Malphrus*

## 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  
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

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*Pianist: Michelle Waitt*..... *waittfamily83@gmail.com*

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

*Finance Director: Timmy Sauls*.....*greatswampbc@gmail.com*

## Stewardship

| Tithes                           | This Week   | Weekly Budget | Surplus/Deficit<br>+ / - |
|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|
|                                  | \$ 5,735.00 | \$ 4,982.47   | + \$ 752.53              |
| <b>Online Offerings</b>          | \$          |               |                          |
|                                  |             |               |                          |
| Designated Funds                 | This Week   | *****         | Acct. Balances           |
| <i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>        | \$ 100.00   | *****         | \$ 4,596.77              |
| <i>Amie Armstrong Offering</i>   | \$ 1,033.00 | *****         | \$ 1,599.00              |
| <i>Office</i>                    | \$ 330.00   | *****         | \$ 430.00                |
| <i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>  | \$ 150.00   | *****         | \$ 525.29                |
| <i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>    | \$ 175.00   | *****         | \$387.11                 |
| <i>George Pepper Scholarship</i> | \$ 25.00    | *****         | \$ 160.13                |



There will be NO WNS on  
April 27th, May 18th, May 25th



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

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