



FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL  
DESCEND FROM HEAVEN  
WITH A CRY OF COMMAND,  
WITH THE VOICE OF AN  
ARCHANGEL, AND WITH THE  
SOUND OF THE TRUMPET OF  
GOD. AND THE DEAD IN  
CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST.  
1 THESSALONIANS 4:16

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*  
*May 1, 2022*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship**

**Invocation**

*Keith Gamo*

**Selections of Praise & Worship**

**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/Amelia Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**

Today:

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

Next Week:

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



*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **Grand and Glorious Entrances of our Great King (Psalm 24:7-10)**

*Intro: History is filled with many examples of triumphant returns of kings and their armies after they have won a great victory over their enemies. On their return a triumphant celebration was carried out with enormous fanfare, particularly with the Romans. Sometimes their celebrations may last up to two or three days.*

*They would begin with the conquered enemies leading the way into the city usually in chains and much humiliation, followed by the king or general who often was the same person, riding either a white horse or on a chariot pulled by four horses. He would be wearing a special crown for the occasion. His army would be in procession behind him and citizens would line the streets cheering the king and his army on. Also, instruments would be playing particularly the trumpet to signify that the triumphant king and his army had returned. Finally, the king would ascend back to his throne for all to see, both friend and foe, that he still reigned as the victorious king.*

*Our present set of verses for this message present such an occasion much like what was just mentioned but only on a scale unlike any ever seen before. The reason being is because these are a prophecy that points to the grand and glorious entrance of our great King Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior after He has conquered over His foes and our foes. Oh, what a celebration it was and oh, what a celebration it will be.*

*So, let us examine what I am calling the grand and glorious entrances of our great King.*

**I. First, I want us to notice that our great King had an entrance that was not grand and glorious.**

*Now, this point is not a part of the verses that this message is examining. However, it ultimately plays a big role in the grand and glorious entrance that our next point takes a look at.*

*Now, for this present point what I am referring to is our Blessed Lord's entrance into our world which, of course, we celebrate every Christmas. His entrance into the world was anything but grand and glorious. Rather it involved much humiliation for our Blessed Lord. Philippians tells us that when He stepped into our world that, "...He made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." (Phil. 2:7). John tells us that, "He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him." (John 1:10-11).*

*So, there was no big fanfare celebration here on earth for Jesus when He came. For He was from the two persons, Mary and Joseph, who appeared to be very poor and of no great standing in the world, and of course when they went to the small village of Bethlehem, the only place for them was a stable. So, Jesus was not born in a mansion, or a castle but rather a barn and his bed was an animal feeding trough and His only visitors that night was a group of despised shepherds.*

*Now, the rest of His life beyond His entrance continued to be one of humiliation, by the world's standards for a great King. For when He launched out His ministry, He chose twelve men who were either very ordinary by the world's standard or men despised by the world's standard. He didn't even own a home of His own nor even had an office space.*

*Now, though He gained some renown because of His miracles, He never ascended to an earthly throne and eventually He was arrested, tried and nailed to a cross where He died for our sins.*

*However, thank god it didn't end there because three days later our glorious and great King arose from the dead. Praise His name. but even with His resurrection, He still on earth didn't receive that great and glorious triumphant celebration that He deserved. But praise be to our Heavenly Father, He was going to make sure that His precious and only begotten Son received one like never seen on earth before on His return to Heaven.*

What we need to remember, however, it was this not so grand and glorious entrance into this world that made the one in Heaven grand and glorious.

**II. Second, let us notice that our great King had and will have again the great and glorious Heavenly entrance that He deserved and deserves.**

A. The first grand and glorious Heavenly entrance was His ascension. So, when we read our verses chosen for this message, we can easily see these things taking place in glory upon Jesus' return back to Heaven after He has completed His task and completely defeating His foes. He left in complete humiliation but He ascended and returned back in total and complete exaltation, Amen. You can count on it that the streets of Heaven were not quite as our Savior ascended back through the gates of glory.

Now, as already said, the reason why there had to have been a great and glorious triumphant celebration upon His return was because as our verses repeat that our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ is the King of glory who is, "the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle." (vs. 8,10). And mighty in battle He was because He defeated every enemy He faced on our behalf, praise His name. Those enemies were many: sin, Satan, the flesh, the world, death, hell and the grave.

So, on His triumphant return, the gates of Glory opened wide for Him. He first gave a parting blessing to His disciples and then in the clouds of glory His triumphant procession marched right through His enemies territory, Satan's domain, which is our atmosphere and openly showing his enemies his utter defeat and his absolute inability of preventing Him from marching right through His territory on His way to glory. I also believe that He led a procession with Him unseen by His disciples. For the Believing Old Testament saints had not yet entered into Heaven. Their domain was called Abraham's bosom, and I believe on Jesus' return He released those saints from Abraham's bosom and carried them back into glory with Him.

As He entered through the gates of Heaven, the whole Heavenly host honored our great eternal King with praise and recognition like no other king has or will have. The instruments, the singing, the shouts were heard all over Heaven and they haven't stopped yet nor will they ever. At the end of the procession, He took His seat on the throne of Heaven at the right hand of our Heavenly Father where He reigns and rules forever.

B. The second grand and glorious Heavenly entrance will be the Rapture. (I Thess. 4:13-18). In the Book of Thessalonians, Paul tells us there is coming a day when our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ will come in the air where He will sound the trumpet and with a loud noise call for the dead Believer's bodies to arise out of their graves and come zipping through the air and as they do, they will be changed into glorified bodies like what Jesus got when He arose. Those bodies will then reunite with the souls that are already with Jesus.

*Then we are told that all the Believers at that time , that are alive will follow right behind the first group that resurrects. As they are taken up to meet the Lord their bodies will be transformed as well. At that point, we then will all meet the Lord together in the air and together we will spend eternity with our Lord.*

*Of course, we want spend eternity in the air where we meet Him. Rather He will then escort the body of Christ, His Church back with Him to Heaven. It will be another grand and glorious entrance in which the King of Glory, strong and mighty in battle, will display to all of Heaven all the lost souls that His mighty victories redeemed out of the clutches of the many enemies that He overwhelmingly defeated and has now delivered them to their eternal home where forever the enemies will not be able to influence them ever again. Oh, what a day that will be and oh, what praise will be given to Jesus Christ our Lord for the victories that He gained in the battles He fought in order to gain our redemption. Heaven will forever exalt our Lord Savior for who He is and what He has done.*

**III. Third, let us notice that our great King will have a grand and glorious earthly entrance. (Rev. 19:11-22:21).**

*Now, I am not going to spend a lot of time on this point because to most of us, we already know how grand and glorious of an entrance that it will be. For John, in the Book of Revelation, spells it out for us how it will be and my what an awesome event it will be.*

*Jesus comes riding on a white horse. He will be called faithful and true. His eyes are like blazing fire. On His head He will be wearing many crowns and the list goes on and on.*

*He then will totally defeat the wicked armies of the world all by Himself and set up His glorious millennium reign here on earth that will be nothing like our world has ever seen before, and once again all the glory will go to our great King Jesus.*

*Concl. Now, the question is what entrance will you be a part of? Will you enter glory with Jesus or will you enter the lake of fire with Satan? The only way to make sure that you are a part of our great and mighty King's grand and glorious entrances is to allow Him to enter into the throne of your heart and let Him take control.*

*Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with Me." (Rev. 3:20). So, allow Jesus to have that grand and glorious entrance into your heart and life today. Cry out to Him with repentance and faith and He will come in.*

*Jesus Loves You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## May

This month we are asking for donations of the items below. You can also give a monetary donation if you didn't want to shop.

Thank you.



Wash Cloths  
Soap  
Combs: Boys/Girls  
Stuffed Animals  
Match Box Cars



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Connie Benton</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Dorthie Armstrong</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Josh Ford</i>



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Calvin &amp; Pat Bryan</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Mack &amp; Bonnie Pope</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Eric &amp; Kellie Chapman</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Gentry &amp; Diane Thames</i>



## Grandmother's Group

*Monday, May 9th*

*11:00 am*

*MPB*





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



Business Conference  
Wednesday, May 11th



## Deacon's Meeting

Monday, May 9th  
7 pm

## LOST & FOUND

*If anyone finds a pair of Polaroid sunglasses  
from last Sunday morning's worship service,  
please contact Juliette Daring.  
She left them in the windowsill in the front foyer.*

# 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  
Brandy Freeman*

## 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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## Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 4,406.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 376.47
<b>Online Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Annie Armstrong Offering</i>	\$ 110.00	*****	\$ 1709.00
<i>Church Repairs (Bathroom)</i>	\$ 3,000.00	*****	\$ 3,000.00
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 35.00	*****	\$ 40.00
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$ 195.00	*****	\$ 303.77
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 103.00	*****	\$ 394.51
<i>SFCA Office Supplies</i>	\$ 273.35	*****	\$ 273.35
<i>SFCA Repairs</i>	\$ 80.89	*****	\$ 80.89
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 123.89
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 240.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 1305.22	*****	\$ 1,305.22

*A gift of \$ 110.00 has been given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
 By The Grandmother's Group.*

*A gift of \$3,000.00 was given to the Church Repairs Fund  
 By Anonymous Donor.*



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

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