



Great Swamp Baptist Church

July 3, 2022

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Call To Worship

Hymn # 635 *“The Star Spangled Banner”*
The Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Mack Pope

Pray for Our Nation

“If My People” *Mended and the Worship Choir*
Prayer for Our Nation (Altar Prayer)

Selections of Praise & Worship

“We Believe”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr

The Worship Choir

“In God We Still Trust”

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/Amelia Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

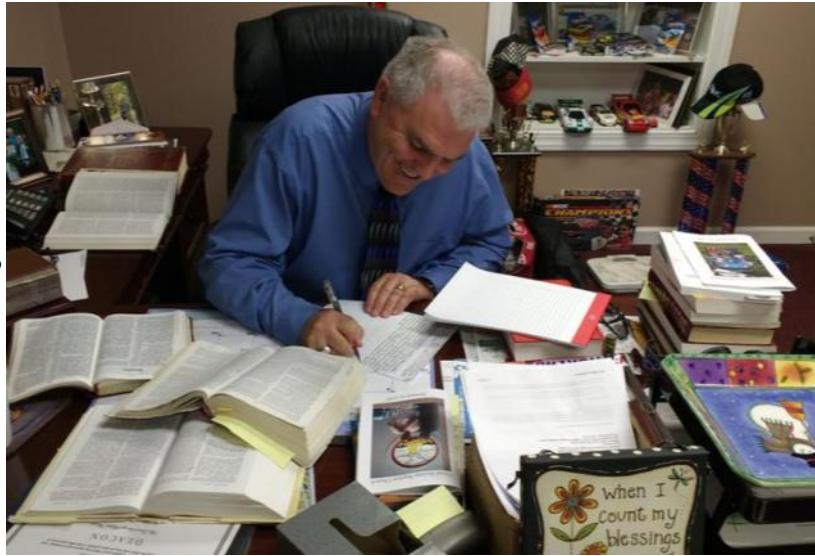
Mack Pope: 843-540-6636

Next Week:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



A Summary of King David's Reign (*I Chron. 29:26-30*)

Intro: this past Wednesday night's message we closed out the study that we've been doing in the Book of I Chronicles by examining the last five verses of the Book. These last five verses give us a summary of King David's reign. In five verses the author of Chronicles covers more than forty years of King David's life.

However, though the summary is short in length, it is powerful, and packed in content, which I believe can be beneficial to our walk in Christ. So let us examine the summary of King David's reign and see how it can benefit our Christian walk.

I. First, let us notice that the author of Chronicles summarizes King David's reign with a positive spin. (vs. 26-28).

In these five verses summarizing King David's reign, the author of Chronicles has absolutely nothing negative to say about it. As a matter of fact, when you read what he says, one would go away saying boy, King David had about as perfect a life as one could have. For he said that King David wasn't just king for a day, but rather for 40 years. He also said, of course, by the standard of his day that King David lived and enjoyed a long life. He also said that during those years as king, he had acquired great wealth, and we know this to be

true from the previous verses of the chapter. He also according to the author had acquired much honor and we know this to be true because throughout the Bible King David is constantly recognized, honored and remembered and remembered above all the other kings of Israel.

However, how is it, that the author of Chronicles only presents such a positive spin on David's reign when he was well aware of the fact that David faced one battle after another throughout his entire life and reign?

David had been belittled by his brothers. He had been pursued by King Saul to capture and kill him up to the time of King Saul's death. He faced on fierce enemy after another. He was challenged by his own sons for control of his throne. He also battled with his own sin nature which brought about some serious consequences for a number of years. So, his reign was not a continuous bed of roses. As one preacher said, "Albeit he swam to the throne through a sea of sorrows; and so must all the saints to the Kingdom of Heaven." (Trapp).

So, once again I ask the question, how could the author put such a positive spin on King David's reign when he knew about all those things I just mentioned?

Well, here is the answer to that question. It is because he knew that through all the battles, struggles, difficulties and sins in his life that he faced, God was always there with him. The author knew that God was there giving David one victory after another. He knew that God was there to give David help, wisdom, guidance, His Spirit, mercy, grace, forgiveness, His promises, His Word and Himself. All of these things turned all of David's battles into victories. They helped to make what would have seemed to have been nothing but a life filled with trouble become a life full of joy. As a matter of fact, it was all of these battles that made it possible for King David to experience the great hand of God to get him through it all.

So, it is in our lives that we, too as Christians, aren't going to live a continuous life filled with nothing but a bed of roses. For we, too, will face one battle and struggle after another.

However, they will be able to put a positive spin on the summary of our lives because they will be able to say that he or she may have had many battles in life but because of their relationship with Jesus Christ, He was there to turn their battles in to victory; their struggles into maturity and their hardships into joy.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, we are enriched like David with many treasures. The treasures of our Lord's grace, mercy, forgiveness, His Spirit, His promises, His Holy Word, His love and His presence that sustains us through it all which fills our lives with unending joy.

We should also remember that there was another King whose life was filled with one battle after another. King Herod tried to kill this King when He was just an infant. Of course, this King was born in a stable. He was misunderstood by most. He was rejected by the people He came to redeem and whom He created. He was despised by the religious leaders of His day and finally He was accused of things He did not do. He then was beaten, crucified on an old rugged cross.

However, the summary of His life was 100% plus positive with a short but powerful statement. "Why do you look for the living among the dead He is not here He has risen!" (Luke 24:5-6). Trust Jesus Christ today and let Him turn your life into one with a summary that will have a positive spin.

II. Second, let us notice that the author of Chronicles summarizes King David's reign with posterity succession. (vs.28).

Now. What I am referring to in this point is the fact that David's reign didn't end with David. His reign continued on in the life of his son, Solomon.

David certainly wasn't the perfect father. He had many sons and some of them had no respect for him, and even challenged him for his throne.

However, it clearly appears that when it came to his son, Solomon, he divulged more time into the effort of raising him up in a manner that helped to prepare Solomon to be able to take control of the nation's leadership whenever he passed on.

Now, for much of his reign, King Solomon lived by the things that he learned from his father. Particularly the priority of using his roll as king to honor and promote the Glory of God and the Will of God in the life of the nation.

Like King David, we need to work hard as parents and grandparents and as well Churches to instill in our children the things that will help them to carry on the legacy of our Christian faith forward. We need to do everything that we can with our children while we have them that will encourage them to keep on keeping on for Christ long after we are gone. If we don't, we can bank on it that the world will and what the world, the flesh and the devil will instill in them won't be the legacy of the Christian faith.

So, let us pray harder for ourselves to be the kind of parents and churches that greatly influence our children to be the next generation of leaders for Christ.

One more thing on this point. We know that Solomon and the kings that followed him did not perfectly do everything right. As a matter of fact, tragically many of the descendants of David on the throne didn't resemble anything like what King David would have wanted them to be. They didn't fulfill that posterity succession I am referring to. Yet, God had promised to David that he would have a son that would reign on the throne of David forever. So, has that ever taken place?

Well the answer to the question is a great big absolutely yes, and the name of that descendant is Jesus Christ our Lord. Humanly speaking, Jesus was through the virgin Mary, born a descendent of King David, thus a son of David. "A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the Son of David, the son of Abraham." (Matt. 1:1).

Speaking to Mary, the angel said, "You will be with Child and give birth to a Son, and you are to give Him the name of Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end." (Luke 1:31-33).

Jesus is the one son of David in the flesh that perfectly did, in doing, and will ever do everything as King perfectly right thus His Kingdom will never collapse or end. And anyone who so desires to be a part of His Eternal Kingdom may do so through repentance and faith in Him. Thus reign throughout eternity with Him. So, will you be a part of His Kingdom or will you be a part of the Kingdom of Darkness?

III. Third, let us notice that the author of Chronicles summarizes King David's reign with the prophet's scribing. (vs. 29-30)

Of course, scribing is a reference to recording or writing down. In our verses here, we are told that a certain prophet who lived during or part of the reign of King David scribed or recorded in detail the events and happenings of the reign of King David.

Now, this is an extremely important point because first it tells us that what we know about the life and reign of King David is no fairy tale made up story, because what we know of him was recorded by actual eyewitnesses who were there to observe all the things that the Word of God tells us about him.

This is how God created His Word for us. "And we have the Word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining into a dark place, until the day draws and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For the prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (II Peter 1:19-21).

So, like King David you can also trust what the Bible teaches about Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. For the Lord our God used men who were there as witnesses to the actual events and details of our Lord's earthly ministry and under the Holy Spirit's leadership they recorded those events and details for us. Amen and Praise God.

So, let us rejoice that we have the absolute truth recorded in the Bible as given to us by God through the actual witnesses of those that were there and recorded all down for us to have to read, study and live by.

Concl: Let us pray and live in such a manner that the summary of our lives will be presented in such a positive manner as we find with King David, and that be possible if like King David, we have a personal relationship and walk with the Lord.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Vandy Amason</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Truett Vaigneur</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Jane Hodges</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>David Sauls</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>David Meador</i>



<i>Thursday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Paul & Diane Malphrus</i>

Announcement

Position Available

The personnel committee of GSBC is now taking applications for the position of Administrative Assistant. Applicant must be knowledgeable in Bookkeeping and Microsoft Office. Please give resume to Mack Pope, Sam Mock or Wallace Malphrus or turn into or e-mail to greatswampbc@gmail.com.



Christmas in July

This month is the official kick-off for Operation Christmas Child.

Three ways to give:

- **From list below**
- **Monetary donations**
- **From the Angel Tree**

Take an angel from the tree on the back is an item needed with the amount.

Bring the angel back with your donation.

School supplies needed for July:

Crayons

Pencils

Pencil Sharpeners

Erasers (Long and pencil top type)

Scissors

Colored Pencils

Ink Pens

Notebook Paper

Glue Sticks

Construction Paper

Pencil Pouches

*We need donation of T-Shirts
to make jump ropes for the shoeboxes.*

Clean with no holes or stains.

Put them in the donation box.

Thank You

GSBC Prayer Page

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

Leadership

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

Hospitals

Angie Smith-Greenville Hosp.

Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Barbara Solley*

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

Cancer / Treatments

*Gail Sims
Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Denita Linton
David Linton*

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of
Nadine Thomas
(Jason Smoak's Granny)
Kenneth Cleland*

Other Health Needs

*Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Pinky Rushing
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Karen Phillipi
Marie Malphrus
Mary Kay
Ellen Nettles
Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key
Wallace Malphrus
Tim Roberts
Myra Malphrus
Chris Blanchard
Mel Toland
Iola Daring
Ron Davis
Lloyd Freeman*

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
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 + / -
	\$ 1,961.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 2,921.47
Online Offerings	\$ 100.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 125.00	*****	\$ 5,55.64
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$ 1,747.50	*****	\$ 1,907.63
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 92.00	*****	\$ 255.56
<i>Bathroom Renovation</i>	\$ 1,000.00	*****	\$ 5,875.43
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 123.89
<i>SFCA Exterminator</i>	\$ 197.50	*****	\$ 197.50
<i>SFCA Liability</i>	\$ 1,217.25	*****	\$ 1,217.25
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 2,222.63	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 50.00



*The Church office will be closed on
 July 4th in Observance of
 Independence Day*



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

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