



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*June 26, 2022*

# Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

## Announcements

### Call To Worship

Hymn # 600 "More About Jesus"

### Invocation

Fred Stanley

### Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn # 450 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Hymn # 438 "Heaven Came Down"

### We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Mended

### Message

Dr. Tim Searcy

### Invitation

### Benediction Prayer

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Welcome

New Members

Mary Kay Cade

## Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak  
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



*Sunday Mornings*

*Following*

*The Song Service*

## Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Lily Smith



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



### DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

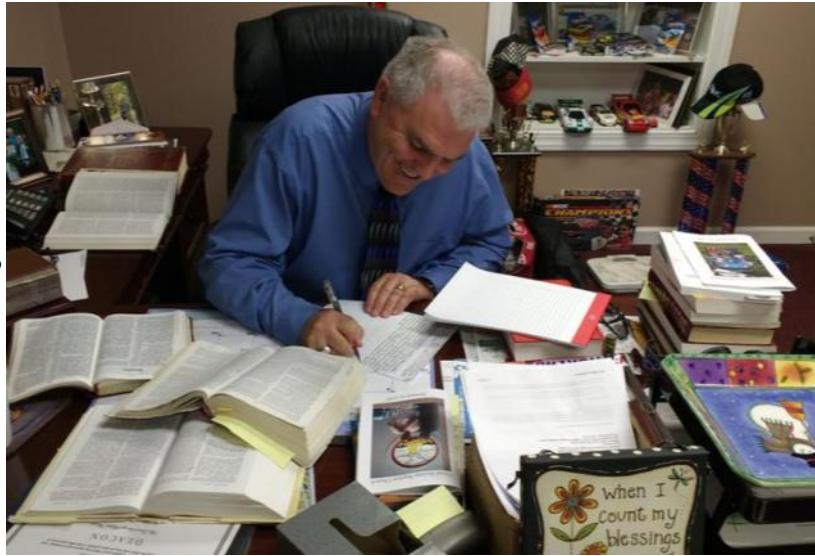
**Fred Stanley: 843-726-1963**

Next Week:

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



*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **A Father Who Chose to Do the Right Thing** (Acts 16:16-34)

*Intro: As we saw in our last Sunday morning, and Wednesday night messages, we noted that our media, our politicians, our public education and sadly some of our churches have been and are promoting the lifestyles of the LGBTQ community as normal and should be promoted and encouraged by all to push upon our society and most sadly to push it most aggressively among our children and young.*

*So, because these many entity are promoting these sinful lifestyles, the church must step up and be the beacon of truth. We are actually the last beacon of truth and have always been the ones who have the truth because we have God's Holy Word.*

*Today, because it is Father's Day, we are going to talk about a Father who chose to do the right thing for himself, his family and others. We want to do this because the world has and is trying to downplay the role of a father but God's Word reveals who a father is and what he is to do. Our message covers everything a father should do but it indeed shows that one father did make the right choice that helped him to be everything God expected of him.*

**I. First, let us notice that this father chose to do the right thing for himself. (vs. 25-31).**

*At first the father was about to make the worst decision that he could make for himself, his family and others. The text tells us that he was about to kill himself. The reason he was about to kill himself was because he was the jailer in Philippi where Paul and Silas had been arrested for preaching Jesus Christ.*

*What happened was that God caused an earthquake to take place where the jail was. This earthquake caused the chains and shackles to fall off of all the prisoners. The jailer had awakened and noticed that the earthquake had also opened the prison doors. He assumed that all the prisoners had escaped. This is when he had decided to take his life believing that the government would probably make him give his life in exchange for the escaped prisoners.*

*So, in this jailer's mind all hope was gone. Then however, praise God he heard Paul shout to him not to harm himself because the prisoners were all still there. Suddenly hope was renewed for the jailer.*

*Now, Paul and Silas had been singing, praising God, and sharing the message of Salvation that night in the jail. So when the jailer heard Paul shout to him, he sprang into their presence and asked Paul and Silas what he must do to be saved? Paul and Silas replied quite clearly, boldly and confidently, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-you and your household." (vs. 31).*

*At that moment the jailer chose life over death; heaven over hell; light over darkness; reconciliation over separation; Salvation over sin; and the Savior over Satan by believing in Jesus Christ for his Salvation. He definitely made the right choice for himself which forever changed his life for the better and for eternity.*

**II. Second, let us notice that this father chose to do the right thing for his family. (vs. 31-32).**

*When this jailer chose to do the right thing for himself, of course, based upon God directing him, he was driven by his new found faith to share it immediately with his family. So, let us notice how he did this.*

*First, he chose to do what I am calling was to take his family to church where they could hear the men of God preach God's Holy Word. For it says that the jailer brought his entire household before Paul and Silas to hear them speak the Word of the Lord. So, he chose for them to hear the preacher and to hear God's Holy Word which contains the message of Salvation.*

*Now let me challenge fathers out there to understand that if you are going to do the right thing for your family, then you need to take your family to church and you need to make the Word of the Lord a priority in your family. For the Word of the Lord contains the Gospel message of Jesus Christ our Lord, and Redeemer. It also contains all the knowledge that we need to grow in the grace of our Lord and mature spiritually.*

*Now, because this father took these steps for his family, it resulted in his whole household coming to receiving faith in Christ. Therefore, dads if you want your household to come to the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, then you will best make that possible by taking your children to church and place them under a Christ anointed preachers who boldly and unashameably preach God's Holy Word and exalts Jesus Christ our Blessed Lord and Savior as the only way to Salvation.*

*Another thing this father did for his family that was the right thing to do was to choose to be the right example for them to be able to follow. How did he do that? First, by setting the example of placing saving faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. He was able to challenge them to believe as he had come to. It is much easier to convince people to do what you have done than what you merely say.*

*The second example that he set for his family was an example in obedience. The first act of obedience that the Lord asks of His people is that they get baptize in order to demonstrate that they have chosen to follow Christ. Well, that is exactly what this father did. He led his family to the baptismal waters and then led the way by first being baptized. Thus he was teaching the family of the importance of obeying Christ. As the result of setting that example, his entire household followed him into the pool of water in which he had been baptized and now them. May the Lord lead us to be the kind of example that will influence our families to obey Christ.*

**III. Third, let us notice that this father chose to do the right thing for others. (vs. 33-34).**

*Of course, most of us know what the two great commandments are. First to love the Lord and second to love one another. This father has shown that he is doing both. Under God's leadership, he placed his faith in Christ thus beginning his journey of loving God.*

*Now, however, this father is showing his family and us as well that with God's leadership he is going to practice loving others. He did this when he chose to clean and bind up the wounds of Paul and Silas who had been beaten up before being placed under arrest. Then he chose to feed them a meal in his own house. Thus he was showing what it means to love one another. These actions were a clear demonstration that his new found faith in Christ was real.*

*Dads, we need to demonstrate to our families and friends the importance of what it means to love one another. They need to see us showing care and compassion to others. They need to see us meeting the needs of those around us.*

*I grew up with the most caring, giving, compassionate parents anyone could have ever known. They instilled in me the importance of helping others not because you want something in return but rather because it is the right thing to do. It is what Christ wants us to do. I praise God for such amazing parents.*

*Concl. When a father does the right thing for himself, his family and others by listening to the call of God upon his life and placing his trust in Jesus Christ our Lord, and when he works hard to also get his family to do the same by leading them to the place where they too could hear the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Savior and believe for themselves, and when he uses his new found faith to minister to the needs of others, thus fulfilling the command to love one another. Then it will result in a home and a family where joy resides because of what God does in their hearts and lives. For we are told that he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God.*

*So, Dads, if you want joy in your life and in your home then under God's leadership do the right thing for yourself, your family and others first like this father did.*

*Jesus Loves You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Dennis Holland</i>
		<i>Natalie Amason</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>27th</i>	<i>Olivia Stanley</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>28th</i>	<i>Mack Pope</i>
		<i>Kistler Malphrus</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Dot Nettles</i>
		<i>Pat Bryan</i>



<i>Saturday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Freddie &amp; Myra Malphrus</i>

## June

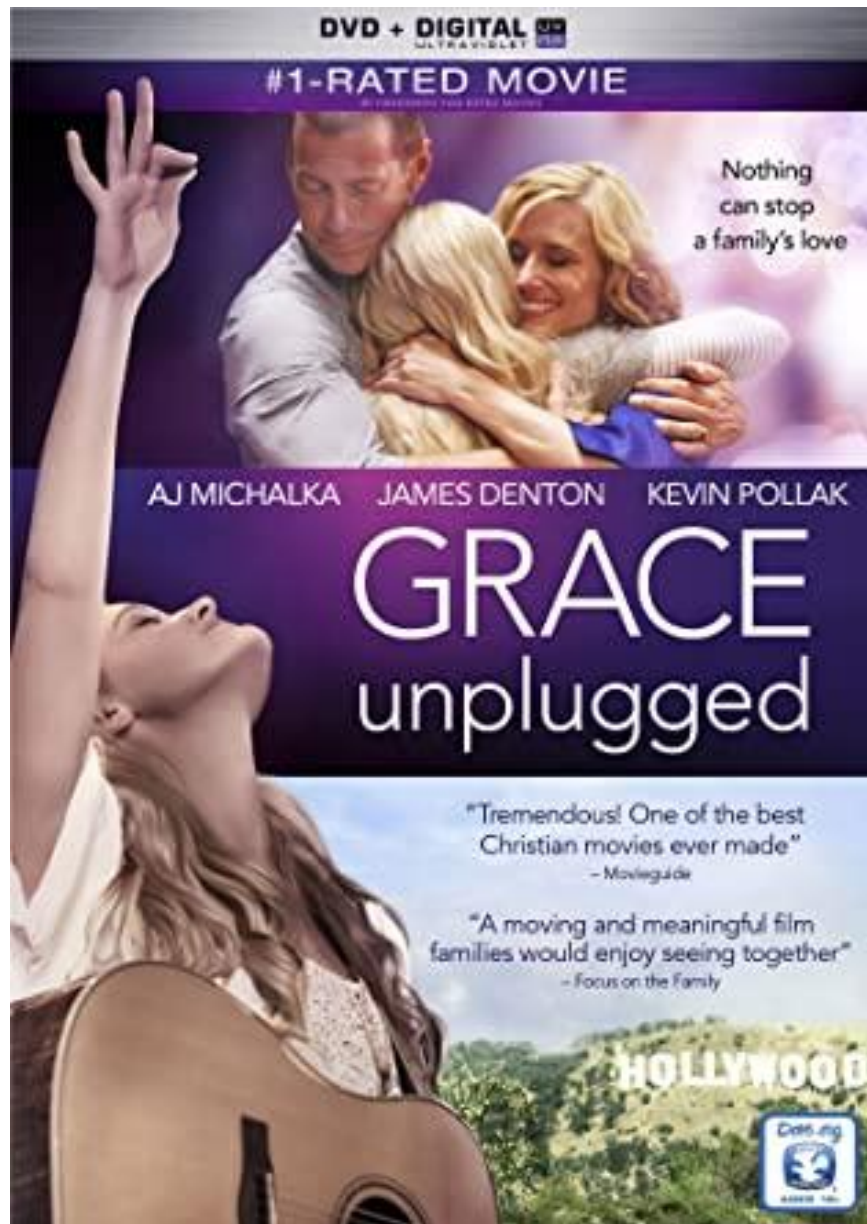
This month we are asking for donations of the items below.

You can also give a monetary donation if you didn't want to shop. Thank you.



*Tooth Brushes / Jump Ropes*  
*Small Misc. Toys*  
*(NO Military or war related items)*  
*Quart Size Ziploc Bags*  
*Headbands / Hair Clips / Pony Tail Holders*





## Movie Night

**TONIGHT,  
June 26th**

Concessions: 6:00 pm      Movie: 6:30 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  
Mack Lowther*

## **Unspoken**

## **Hospitals**

*Angie Smith-Greenville Hosp.*

## **Surgery / Recovery**

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

## **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  
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  
BoBe Garbade*

## **Nursing Centers**

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

## **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

*Pastor: Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr*.....*jehu27@gmail.com*

*Music Director: Richard Waitt*.....*waittfamily83@gmail.com*

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

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*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 + / -
	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 307.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Office</i>	\$ 500.00	*****	\$ 556.74
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 5,420.64
<i>Children's Ministry</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 1,561.86
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 93.00	*****	\$ 163.56
<i>Bathroom Renovation</i>	\$ 528.00	*****	\$ 6,130.65
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 2,025.01

## 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 the church office.*



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

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