



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*July 17, 2022*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship**

**Invocation**

*Freddie Malphrus*

**Pray for Our Nation**

**Selections of Praise & Worship**

**We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer  
Worship by Giving  
Offertory Special

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr*

**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/Mason Losgar/Lily Smith



*Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am*



**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**

Today:

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

Next Week:

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



*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **Called to Freedom**

*(Galatians 5:1-26)*

*Intro: Of course, it is no news to anyone reading this article that on July 4th, 1776, our Founding Fathers accepted, adopted and signed the Declaration of Independence. Thus declaring our nation a free and independent nation.*

*This began our experiment in the annals of human history that has lasted longer than any other nation in the history of mankind. The experiment I am referring to is the individual freedoms and rights that the Declaration of Independence afforded to each and every citizen in our land. Those rights as our Founding Fathers asserted were the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as granted to us by God our Creator.*

*For 246 years as a nation, we have been experiencing those benefits mentioned in the Declaration of Independence. However, as we speak these individual rights and freedoms are under serious attack from those who prefer a more socialistic form of government. So it is quite possible that we could lose what our Founding Fathers accepted, adopted and signed their very names to.*

*However, regardless of what we may or may not lose based upon our Declaration of Independence rights afforded to us, there is a freedom that cannot be lost. It is a freedom that is far older than the freedoms afforded to us by this nation and by our Founding Fathers. Over 2,000 years ago, our Heavenly Father offered to us a call to individual freedom that will last for eternity regardless of what happens with our American and it is this freedom that the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ must promote above all other types of freedom because it is the one time freedom. So let us examine our call to freedom.*

**I. First, let us notice that we are called to a life of freedom. (vs. 1, 13).**

*When the Apostle Paul opens up the Book of Galatians, he has nothing positive to say about the church. As a matter of fact, it is just the opposite. For right after his short greeting, he immediately begins condemning the church there at Galatia for so quickly turning their backs upon the message of the grace of God that he preached to them when he first came into their midst.*

*After Paul left the church, some fake teachers slipped into their midst and began preaching a gospel which was totally different than the Gospel message that Paul had preached among them.*

*Let us look at what Paul declared that message of the Gospel was and is that he had preached to them. "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing." (Gal. 2:19-21). So, Paul is saying that the life of freedom that God offers us does not come by keeping the law which we are unable to do anyway. Rather, our freedom comes through the grace of God expressed in the finished work of Christ Jesus our Lord on our behalf at Calvary and in His glorious Resurrection.*

*"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.' He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit." (Gal. 3:13-14).*

*"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. There is neither Jew, nor Greek, nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:26-28).*

*So, all of these Scriptures show us that the call to freedom, a life in freedom, is totally and completely possible because Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord has done everything necessary to give us full and free Salvation. He lived the perfect life we couldn't. He kept every law demanded by our Heavenly Father. He then went to the cross and took the curse that we deserved for us. He took our place and became cursed on our behalf. On the cross and in His Resurrection, He fought every enemy that has enslaved us, sin, Satan, death, hell and the grave. And all that is required for us to obtain the life of freedom is to repent of our sins and place our total faith in the work Jesus did on our behalf at Calvary. As Jesus said, you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jesus is that truth.*

**II. Second, let us notice that we are called to live in freedom. (vs. 1,13).**

*Now as we've already noted in the first point, fake teachers crept in among them and began perverting the Gospel message by basically declaring that Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior alone wasn't sufficient enough to give us full and free Salvation.*

*Rather, they taught that you need Jesus plus keep the law if you were going to be saved. Thus what they were saying is that you maintain your own Salvation by keeping the law and doing good works.*

*So, what was happening is that instead of living a life of freedom they were once again enslaving themselves to the constant fear of have I don enough or kept enough of the law that God will be pleased with me and accept me.*

*There are a few thing you are doing when you choose not to live the life of freedom that God has called you to. First and the worst thing you are doing is declaring that Jesus is not sufficient. That all that He came to do and did fall short of providing all that is necessary to provide for us complete Salvation.*

*We need to understand that if the Holy, perfect Son of God can't fully save us then certainly we can't save or maintain our Salvation.*

*The next thing we are doing is using up energy trying to keep ourselves saved that could be used in serving the cause of Jesus Christ in the world. In other words, when we know that through Jesus we are totally and completely saved in God's sight and don't have to use up energy to stay saved, we will then be free of anxiety and emboldened to carry out the work and will of God in the world.*

*Finally, you will be sending a mixed message to the world which will not result in helping people to truly be able to experience true Salvation.*

*So, we need to understand that we have not just been called to a life of freedom but we have also been called to live in freedom, and let the freedom motivate us to live for Jesus boldly and openly.*

*My dad served part of his time in the Seabees with the occupational forces in Japan at the end of WWII. One of the difficult jobs that he had there was to go up into the mountains where Japanese soldiers were hiding out and did not know the war had ended. They were trying to get these men to come out and enjoy the freedom that they could now enjoy. These soldiers, many of them remained hiding for years living in either fear or preparing to fight because they did not know the war was over.*

*Well, my friends, the war is over. Jesus Christ has defeated the enemy and through Him we can live a life of freedom.*

**III. Third, let us notice that we are called to love in our freedom. (vs. 13-15).**

*Our freedom in Christ was never meant to be freedom to do just whatever we want to do. Particularly our freedom was, nor is, meant to be used to carry out the desires of our sinful nature.*

*Rather, our freedom was meant to free us from our sinful and selfish desires and lead us to be free to do the things that are pleasing to God and beneficial to others.*

*Paul then goes on to tell us that the one thing above all others is that Christ has freed us to do which will cause us to what is pleasing to God and beneficial to others is to love others and love one another.*

*The freedom that we have in Christ is because, “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...” (John 3:16). We will never more experience freedom than when we are loving one another as Christ has done toward us.*

*We used to sing that chorus we were young all the time which says they will know we are Christians by our over by our love. Besides it is not just in the song but in God’s Word as well. So, use your freedom not to stir up things among the brethren; or to gossiping about the brethren; or to fight with them but rather to love them. You are free to do so.*

**IV. Fourth, let us notice that we are called to be led in our freedom. (vs. 16-26).**

*As we discovered in our last point, that our freedom in Christ does not mean freedom to do anything we desire to do whether good or bad. Rather our freedom in Christ means that we are free to do the things that are pleasing to God.*

*But what the Apostle Paul wants us to know is that those things that He has freed us to do, as we saw in the last point particularly to love one another, we will need the guidance and strength to do those things. Paul goes on to reveal that there is a person who has been given to us to give us the wisdom and strength to love in our freedom as God wants us to. Of course, that person is the Holy Spirit, and when we allow Him to control then the things of the flesh will become dimmer while the fruits of the Spirit become brighter. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its’ passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.” (Gal. 5:22-26).*

*So, let us seek the Spirit’s guidance that we will use our freedom for the glory and honor of God.*

*Concl. Our Founding Fathers gave us a document declaring our freedom and then fighting a war to make it effective. So our Heavenly Father in His Word has declared His people a free people in Christ Jesus our Lord. Through whom He won all the battles and the war to set us free. So, go now and live the life of freedom that you have been called to and use it to honor the One who has freed you.*

*Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*





<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Kea Dennen</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Robert O'Dell</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Silas Carter</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Richard Roberts</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Katie Mock</i>
		<i>Bobby Smith</i>



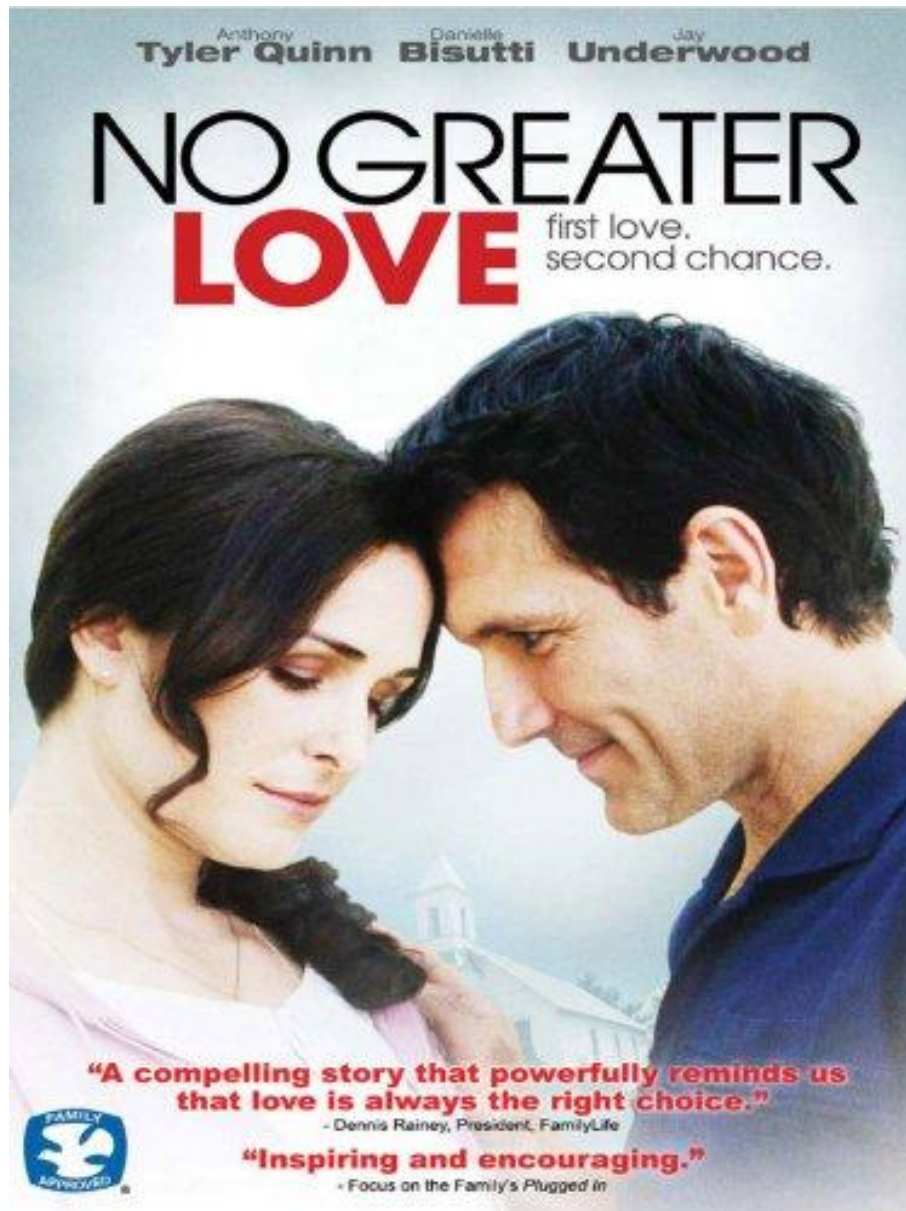
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Mel &amp; Sherry Toland</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Ron &amp; Carol Davis</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>Thomas &amp; Erma Cooler</i>
		<i>Donnie Burnette Pinckney</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>Alex &amp; Sophia Sineath</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>John &amp; Julie Mingledorff</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](mailto:greatswampbc@gmail.com).*





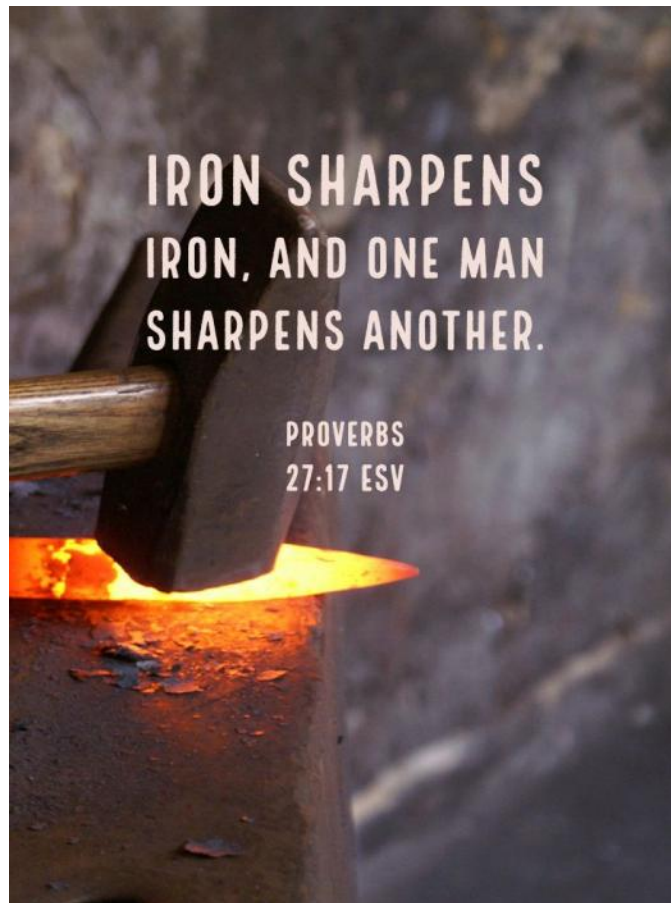
## Movie Night

July 31st

Concessions: 6:00 pm      Movie: 6:30 pm

*Popcorn & Tea provided*

*Please Bring finger foods to share*



**Sign Up Sheet on Back Wall**

***Men's Quarterly Meeting/Supper***

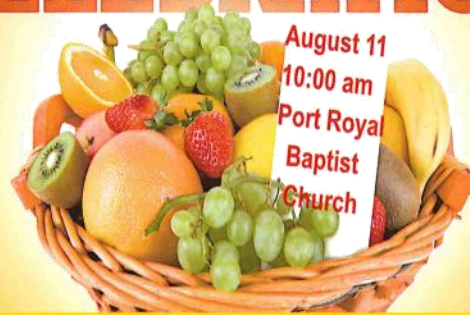
*Thursday, July 21st @ 6:30pm*

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*Guest Speaker: Dr. Tim Searcy*

*7:00 pm*

# SENIOR ADULT CELEBRATION



## *"Fruit of the Spirit"*

**Thursday, August 11, 2022 \* 10:00 am**

**Port Royal Baptist Church**

**FOOD \* FUN \* FELLOWSHIP  
MUSIC \* INSPIRATION \* DOOR PRIZES**

*GSBC will cover the cost of tickets of all members  
who would like to attend.*

*Individuals are responsible for their own transportation.*

*Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, August 3rd.*

**Sponsored by Savannah River Baptist Association**

**This is the covenant that our Deacons adopted for their  
ministry at Great Swamp Baptist Church**  
**Read it, Encourage your Deacons, and stay in prayer for them.**

### **The Deacon Covenant**

**We will be accountable to God and to each other. We will ask the hard questions about faith and ministry to this church and will provide honest answers.**

**We must be men of peace. We will strive to allow the Spirit of Christ to rule in our relationships with our families, with each other, and with the members of our church.**

**We will be shepherds of the Family of God that worships at Great Swamp Baptist Church. We will be servants in the model of Jesus who tenderly watched over his sheep.**

**We will be vigilant in our personal life. We will put on the whole armor of God as a necessity to help guard against the attacks of Satan.**

**We will seek an intimate relationship with God through His Son Jesus. We will try to live a life that is above reproach in speech, love, faith, and purity.**

**We will support the ministries of this church with our finances, our influence and with our prayers.**

**We will partner with the pastor of this good church to meet the spiritual needs of all of our members, our guests and the community as God leads us.**

## **Announcement**

*Any man 18 years and older who has been a member of Great Swamp for a year or more and does not want their name on the Deacon Election List to be published on August 21st, please contact the church office @ 843-726-3631 or a current Deacon and have it removed.*

*Voting by secret ballot will take place on Sunday morning, August 28th following Morning Worship Service.*



## 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

### Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen  
Michelle Rooks  
Judy Rogers  
Louise McAlhaney  
Chance Tracey  
Ed Sheehan*

### Nursing Centers

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

## Please Continue To Remember

### Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Lucille &amp; Ron Degler</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Red &amp; Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Alice &amp; Gary Way</i>	<i>Dot Smart</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	
<i>Carol Bradham</i>	
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	

## Church Needs

*Sunday School  
SFCA-Donna Carter  
Child Development  
Ministries*

## Unspoken

## Cancer / Treatments

*Gail Sims  
Skip Brooks  
Regina Bouye  
Kaiaya Alston  
Denita Linton  
David Linton  
Lloyd Freeman*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry*

## Bereavement

*Family of  
Lee Martin  
Mary Lou Woods*

## Other Health Needs

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

## 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 + / -
	\$ 3,736.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 1,146.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 100.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 5,55.64
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 1,907.63
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 113.00	*****	\$ 255.56
<i>Bathroom Renovation</i>	\$ 400.00	*****	\$ 5,875.43
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 1.00	*****	\$ 123.89







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

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