

As for me and my
HOUSE
we will
Serve
the
LORD
JOSHUA 24:15

Great Swamp Baptist Church

July 24, 2022

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Call To Worship

Invocation

Bjo Mills

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

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:

Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344

Next Week:

Fred Stanley: 843-726-1963



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Preach Nothing But the Gospel of Christ

(I cor. 1:10-2:5)

Intro: For weeks we have examined the prophecies of Daniel, particularly the time schedule of end-time events. Very clearly these prophecies help to convince us that we are living in the last days. However, even if we weren't living in the last days, we would still need to focus upon preaching the message that the Apostle Paul said he came to preach every time he went anywhere that he went. But if we are in the last days, there needs to be an urgency to preaching the message that Paul specifically told the church at Corinth that he came to preach to them and it was the same message he preached everywhere he went.

So, what was that message? "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." so, his message was the Gospel of Christ.

This message meant everything to the Apostle Paul to the point that he told the church at Galatia that "...if we or our angel from Heaven should preach a Gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned." (Gal. 14:8).

So, the question needs to be asked why did Paul determine to preach nothing but the Gospel of Christ?

We will answer that question by looking here in our text and look at the reasons that Paul stated why he preached nothing but the Gospel of Christ. Those same reasons are still relevant for today as well as anytime till Jesus comes back.

I. First, let us notice that Paul preached nothing but the Gospel of Christ because nothing but it is a message of unity. (vs. 10-17).

The church at Corinth had divided into four groups. These four groups, it appears, were divided over the preachers or pastors who baptized them, or had some kind of influence in their lives. Tragically, they allowed these differences to separate them from one another and seemingly boost as though their particular group was better than the other three.

Sadly, one group even claimed that their group was the group that belonged to Christ. Now, that certainly sounds good but Paul doesn't seem to be congratulating them anymore than he does the others. It appears as though they had an arrogant attitude themselves like the others.

Paul goes on to say that he is really glad that he himself only baptized a few of them and on top of that the few he baptized and all the others who were baptized by others did not baptize them in their own manner. Rather all who were baptized regardless of who baptized them were baptized in one name only the name of Jesus.

So, the focus of them all should not be those who baptized them but rather on the one in whose name they were baptized. As a matter of fact, the reason why they were baptized to begin with was because Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior had saved them and then they were baptized to demonstrate that point.

Listen pastors, teachers, and preachers are only an instrument used by God to present the message of the only one who actually died for our sins arose from the dead to give us eternal Salvation, Jesus Christ our Lord. To Him belongs all the glory.

So, while many pastors, preachers, teachers and others have influenced us to look to Christ, He is the only one who has redeemed in all, and placed us in the family of God, thus uniting us together as one family. So, let's focus on the one who has been the Redeemer of us all for all time while the ones who are the instruments come and go, He will always be there.

II. Second, let us notice that Paul preached nothing but the Gospel of Christ because it was a message of power. (vs. 17-18; 2:4).

Mankind has all manner of power which he attempts to use for his advantage. He has power to light up his home, to keep him warm and cool. Power to run his factories and build things. Power to travel far and wide, even to outer space. Power to blow up things, enormous things.

Yet, with all that power available to him, he still does not have enough even combined together that can give any spiritual advantage. Not even the force of all nuclear power combined can save one soul from sin, death, hell and the grave.

Now, the reason why all the power available to mankind is inefficient to save his soul and restore his relationship with God is because his sins have made him spiritually dead. "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins." (Eph. 2:1). You can put power to every dead person out there and it will not bring them back to life. The same is true of our dead spirits. There is

only one power powerful enough to wake up our dead souls and that is the power of the Gospel of Christ.

These verses in our text says it plainly. “For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel—not with words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its’ power. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” (I Cor. 1:17-18).

In another one of his books, Paul again makes it clear that only the Gospel of Christ is powerful enough to save our souls. “I am obligated both to the Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the sie and foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the Gospel also to you who are at Rome. I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for the Salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jews, then for the Gentiles.” (Rom 1:14-16).

So, we must preach nothing by the Gospel of Christ because it alone has the power of Salvation to everyone who repents of their sins and totally trusts in Christ Jesus our Lord.

III. Third, let us notice that Paul preached nothing but the Gospel of Christ because it is a message of wisdom. (vs. 18-25).

The point that Paul is making in these verses is that man’s wisdom will not give to mankind the knowledge needed to have a relationship with God. As a matter of fact, man’s wisdom does just the exact opposite.

Listen to the words of our text in the new Living Translation. “So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world’s brilliant debaters? God has made them all look foolish and has shown their wisdom to be useless nonsense. Since God in His wisdom saw to it that the world would never find Him through human wisdom. He has used our foolish preaching to save all who believe.” (vs. 20-21).

It always amazes me that so many of us as Christians will be so fooled by man’s wisdom as though it were the Gospel but place doubt upon what God says in His Word. We should always challenge man’s wisdom in the light of God’s Holy, inspired and inerrant Word. For Paul says right here, “For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.” (vs. 25).

As a matter of fact, Paul tells us that man’s wisdom will be brought to an end. “For it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” (vs. 19).

So, if we are going to give the wisdom that will give the knowledge of Salvation, then we must preach nothing but the Gospel of Christ, the Wisdom of God.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that Paul preached nothing but the Gospel of Christ because it is a message of praise. (vs. 26-31).

Paul says that there is no other message that we can lift up praise for and boast of like we can with the Gospel message of Christ. For it was Jesus Christ our Lord who reached down to the most ordinary ones of us in the world. Really, even those of us by the world's standard to be the lowest and through the Gospel message of Christ redeems us and makes us the sons and daughters of God.

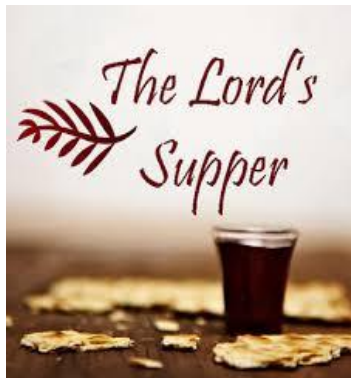
And who is now using us to bring His message of wisdom to the world showing the foolishness of man's wisdom but the power, strength and saving knowledge of God's wisdom.

Oh, how blessed it is that God has chosen to reveal His wisdom to us, the Gospel message of Christ and is using us to share it with others. All because of Christ Jesus our Lord who alone is God's wisdom.

Concl. "So that no one may boast before Him. It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: 'Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.'" (vs. 29-31).

So, let us follow Paul's lead and preach nothing but the Gospel of Christ.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



Sunday, July 31st

AM Service



<i>Monday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Kevin Malphrus</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Red Malphrus</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Nicole Cole</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Josh Carter</i>

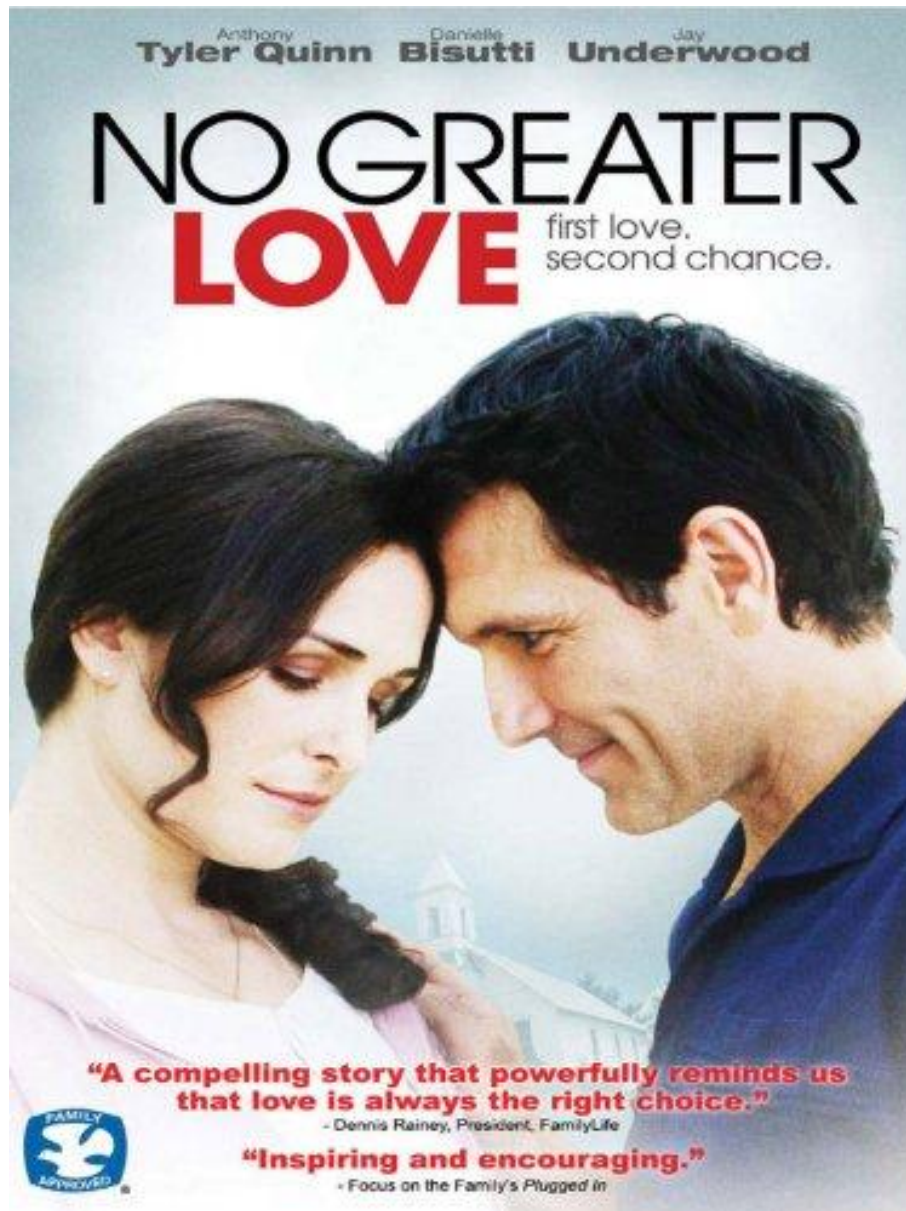


<i>Monday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Duane & Dorthie Armstrong</i>
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Announcement

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.



Movie Night

July 31st

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

Popcorn & Tea provided

Please Bring finger foods to share

Sunday School Classes

@

9:15am

CAMO CLASS *Room 406* **Leader– Bobby Smith**
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GLEANERS CLASS *Room 401* **Leader-Darlene Bollack**
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VISIONARIES CLASS *Building 3, Old Social Hall*
Leader– Diane Thames
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SOJOURNERS CLASS *Room 417* **Leader-Mack Pope**
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YOUTH *Youth Annex* **Leader-Amanda Hodges**

Wednesday Night Services

@ 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICE *Multi-Purpose Building*
Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

YOUTH GROUP *Youth Annex*
Leader-Michelle Waitt

R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors) *Room 417*
Leader-Pat Mason

G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION) *Room 415*
Leader-Carol Davis/Diane Thames

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 & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Alice & 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
Carol Bradham
Verna Cope*

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*
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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 + / -
	\$ 4,217.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 745.97
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 19.50		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 5,135.64
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 98.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 51.00	*****	\$ 2,077.01





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

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