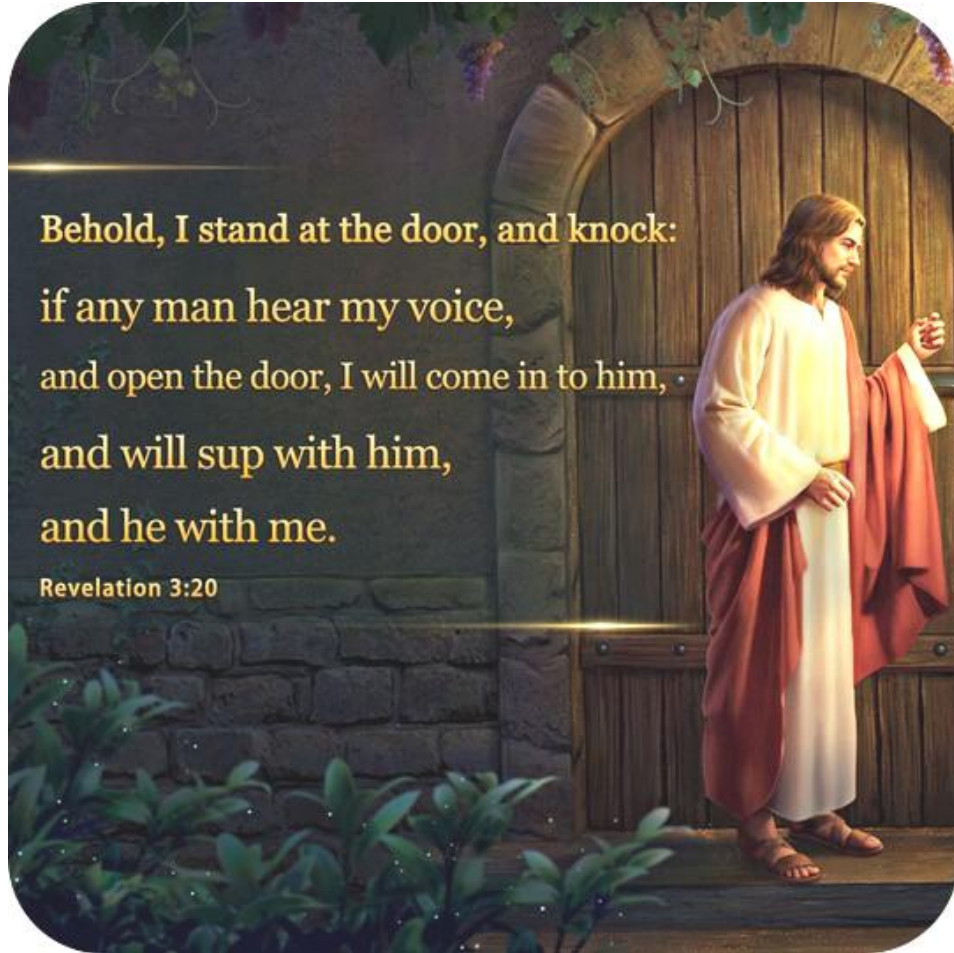


Behold, I stand at the door, and knock:
if any man hear my voice,
and open the door, I will come in to him,
and will sup with him,
and he with me.

Revelation 3:20



Great Swamp Baptist Church

July 31, 2022

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM



Announcements

Call To Worship

Invocation

Fred Stanley

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/Mason Losgar/Emily Johnson



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:*



Pep Rally For Soul Winning

(II Cor. 5:1-21)

Intro: March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry motivated the Virginia Militia to take up arms against England with these famous words, "I know not what course other may take but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

General Sam Houston on April 21, 1836, led an army of around 900 men against a Mexican force that was much bigger than his. Within 18 minutes after the battle began, General Sam Houston and his men overwhelmingly defeated the Mexican army using three words to motivate his men on to victory. Those three words were, "Remember the Alamo."

May 13, 1940, Winston Churchill gave his first speech to his cabinet three days after he became Prime Minister. With a couple of statements in this speech he motivated his cabinet and his nation on to victory over Nazi Germany. First, he said, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat." the next statement was, "Victory at all cost."

Now, I have shared these three historical examples to point out that the words of these three leaders motivated their particular groups or nations on to great victories. So, it is in our present chapter that we are examining. In this chapter the Apostle Paul creates what I am calling a pep rally kind of atmosphere that should motivate us to be diligent soul winners for Christ. Thus my message is, A Pep Rally For Soul Winning.

I. First, let us notice that at this pep rally for soul winning, there is a motivation of concern. (vs. 10-11).

Now, Paul mentions in these two verses, "fear of the Lord." (vs. 11). So, the question is, what is he referring to when he mentioned this phrase? Well, it is concerning the fact that one day all Believers in Christ

will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to give an answer to God for the things we have done in our bodies, both good and bad.

Therefore, the concern that Paul has is that when he stands before our Blessed and Holy Lord in judgment that he wants to hear from our Lord those words, thou good and faithful servant. He believes that the best way for that to happen is to use his time here on earth trying to persuade people to place their total faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for their Eternal Salvation.

Now, our judgment before Christ is not to determine our Eternal destiny. For that is determined now by our faith in Christ who has promised Eternal Life to all who believe in Him. The purpose for the Judgment Seat of Christ for Believers is to determine the rewards that we will receive from the Lord, which I believe we will then cast them at Jesus' feet to give Him all the glory.

So, if we like Paul want our judgment before Christ to be where we, too, will hear those blessed words, thou good and faithful servant, then we must follow the example set down by the Apostle Paul and seek to persuade men to look to Jesus.

Charles Luther in 1877, wrote a hymn that puts this concern we are referring to into a song,

“Must I Go, and Empty Handed.”

*“Must I go, and empty-handed,”
Thus my dear Redeemer meet?
Not one day of service give Him,
Lay no trophy at His feet?*

*“Must I go, and empty handed?”
Must I meet my Savior so?
Not one soul with which to greet Him,
Must I empty handed go?*

*Not at death I shrink or falter,
For my Savior saves me now;
But to meet Him empty handed,
Thought of that now clouds my brow.*

*O the years in sinning wasted,
Could I but recall them now,
I would give them to my Savior,
To His will I'd gladly bow.*

*O ye saints, arouse, be earnest,
Up and work while yet 'tis day;
Ere the night of death o'er take thee,
Strived for souls while still you may.*

II. Second, let us notice that at this pep rally for soul winning, there is a motivation of charity. (vs. 14-15)

Now, in our last point, we were motivated by the fear of the Lord with whom we will give an account. With this new point we are looking at the flipside of the coin and, of course, that has to do with the love of God.

So, out of our fear of the Lord, we want to persuade people but also out of the love of the Lord for us and for sinners, we also should be deeply motivated to win souls for Christ.

Of course, the way that we know that he loves us is clearly stated in the verse, and is what completes us to try and convince others to become followers of Christ for Paul said, "...we are convinced that one died for all and therefore all died. And he died for all that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again." (vs. 14-15).

So, His love compels us because He gave His life to save us. in another verse found in another one of Paul's letters, he said this way, "But God demonstrated His love for us in this: While we were sinners Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8).

So, His love was revealed by the fact that He tasted death for us all and in order for the Holy, perfect, pure, sinless Son of God to taste death for us, He had to take our sins upon Him in order to pay the price that we should have paid. "But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crown with glory and honor that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." (Heb. 2:9).

Oh, praise God, however death could not hold Him in the grave. As Paul said in our present verses, "...Him who died for them and was raised again." (vs.15). Love put Him in the grave and love brought Him up out of the grave. So, His death ended in victory, and all who come in repentance and faith will, too, experience God's love of forgiveness and victory over death, hell, and the grave.

So, because God's love was and is more than words, but was literally displayed for the world to see at Calvary and in the garden of Resurrection, we must let that demonstration of love push to this lost and dying world to share this love of God with them.

III. Third, let us notice that at this pep rally for soul winning, there is the motivation of conversion. (vs. 15-17)

In these verses, Paul is talking about the radical experience that takes place when someone experiences a Salvation conversion through Christ Jesus our Lord. He begins by telling us that that conversion experience will make you brand spanking new. He calls it a new creation.

Now, that is not talking about a new body but rather a new spirit, inwardly a new person because your sins are forgiven and Christ has entered your heart and brought about a new way of living. Although one day it will result in a new body which we will refer to later.

The new experience will also give you a new purpose for living. Paul tells us that you will no longer live for yourselves but for Jesus Christ who died for us.

Paul also tells us that this conversion experience will give us a new way of thinking, a new mind so to speak. For he said that because of his conversion, he no longer thought about Christ the way he used to. Paul used to think of Christ as a mere human being. But his Salvation caused him to realize that Jesus Christ was not merely a man but He was God in the flesh. So, through our conversion experience we began to see things the way god sees them.

There is no doubt whatsoever that we all know people who need radical changes in their lives. Sadly, we usually tried to figure out by some worldly way to fix their problems. However, only Jesus Christ can truly radically change them from the inside out. He alone can make them new. So, let us be motivated by what conversion will do to a person to get out there and be a soul winner.

Concl. There are yet more ways in our chapter to motivate us to get and win souls for Christ which we will look at in our next message. However, these three ways alone should get us all excited and stirred up to be doing all we can to bring souls to Jesus.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

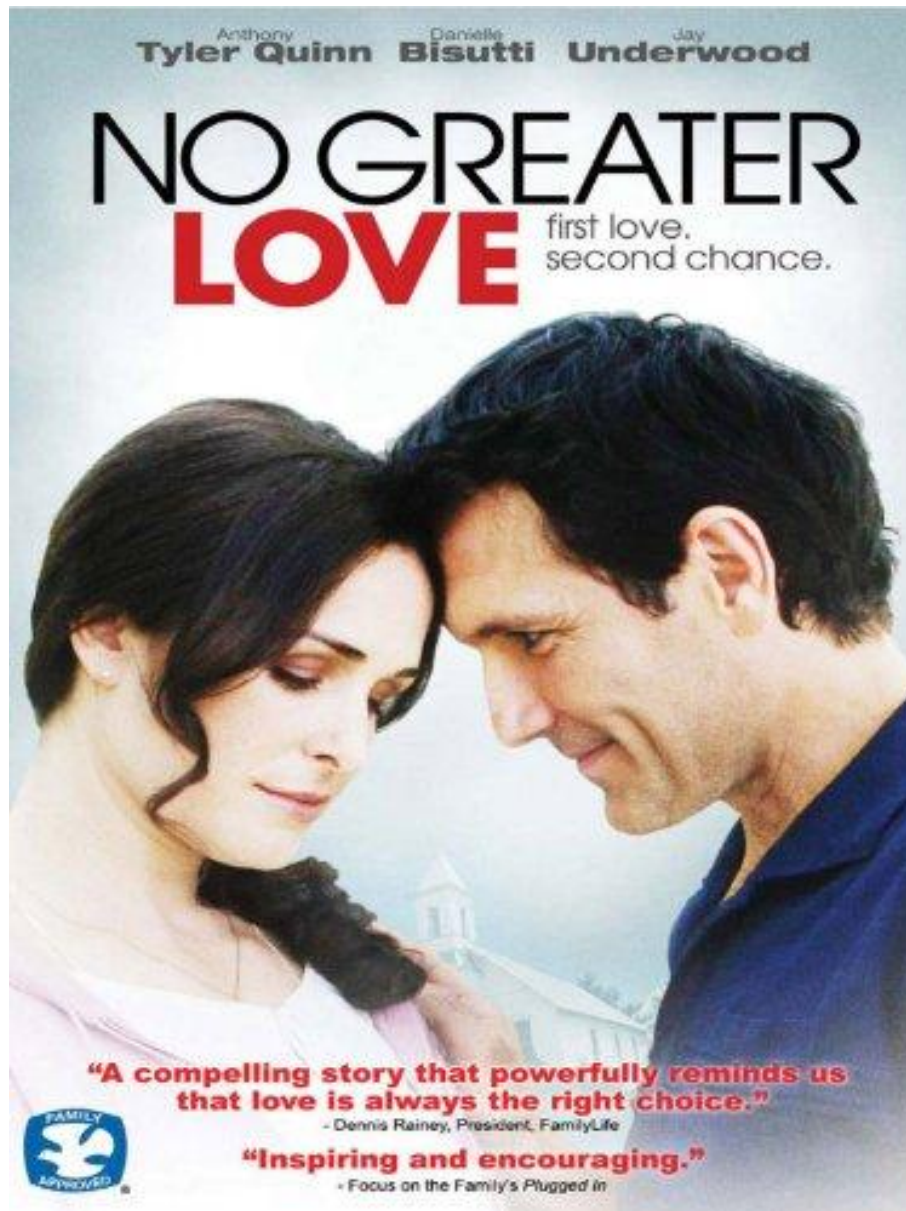


<i>Monday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Gage Duncan</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>David Bradley</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Gideon Mobley</i>
		<i>Saylor Olivas</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Larry Malphrus</i>



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.



Movie Night

Tonight

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.



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 August:

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*

Church Needs
*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement
Family of

Unspoken

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*

Cancer / Treatments

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

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
Lisa Chandler
Jane Himes' Nephew*

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*

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School Administrator: Donna Carter.....*dcarter@hargray.com*
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Finance Director: Timmy Sauls.....*greatswampbc@gmail.com*

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 2,896.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 2,066.97
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 19.50		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 10.22	*****	\$ 5,145.86
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$ 120.00	*****	\$ 120.00
<i>Office Supply</i>	\$ 85.00	*****	-\$ 25.57
<i>Music Fund</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 266.88
<i>Bathroom Renovations</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 897.32
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 123.89
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 2,228.61	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	-\$ 25.76



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Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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