



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*August 28, 2022*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship**

*“You Are God Medley”*

**Invocation**

*Bjo Mills*

**Selections of Praise & Worship**

*“Savior’s Love Medley”*

*“I Exalt Thee”*

**We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

*“Jesus, Messiah” by Mended*

**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/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:*



## **We Don't Lose Heart**

*(2 Cor. 4:1—18)*

**Intro:** *Paul closes out the Book of Romans with a full chapter of Greetings. These greetings reveal much about the lives of the early Christians. So with their message I want us to examine these greetings to see how they can benefit our church as we soon begin the start of our new church year.*

### **I. First, let's notice in Paul's personal greetings that he greets a certain group of people.**

*Now, of course, the people he's greeting are Christians who live in Rome., but Paul uses several different terms to describe who they were to him. They were his friend, sister, relative, whom he loved, chosen in the land, and so forth. However, the term Paul used the most describing them was either fellow workers or those who work hard in the Lord. Thus, the people that were the focus of his greetings were those, who like himself, were dedicating themselves to the work and service of the Lord. Now what this tells us is that from the Apostle Paul's point of view, the people who are faithfully carrying on the work of the Lord were the ones that he greeted because they were the ones he knew about because of their work.*

*So we need to ask ourselves if Paul were greeting the people in Ridgeland today, would your name or mine be a part of his list of names to greet? Would he know that we were fellow workers in the Lord just like him?*

**II. Second, let's notice in Paul's personal greetings that he greets with a great amount of praise.**

*Now, of course, Paul's greatest amount of praise is directed in one direction and that is toward the Lord Jesus Christ. However, in all of these greetings Paul gives a lot of recognition, honor, and praise to the great work the people are doing for Jesus. Again, the praise goes to Jesus because these people are servicing Jesus by doing the work of salvation that Jesus brought to their lives. Let's take a look at some of the terms Paul uses to honor these saints. He says that they were to be commended; they were outstanding; they were tested and approved; and they were risk takers.*

*So what Paul is pointing out is that those who are faithful to the Lord in servicing Him are worthy to be recognized for their service and with that recognition and praise, they will inspire other Christians to get with servicing Jesus as well.*

**III. Third, let's notice in Paul's personal greetings that he greets with a precious plea.**

*It is with the first person that he greets (Phoebe) that Paul reveals this gracious plea and would also apply it to all other people that he greets. So let's notice what it is. It was that all the other saints of God in the churches in Rome would come along side of Phoebe and as well all the other persons Paul greets and stand with them, support them, and help them.*

*So as our new church year gets under way, all of us who are a part of Great Swamp Baptist Church need to come along side of those who are serving so faithfully in our church and stand with them, support them, serve with them, and help them carry out God's work in the world.*

**IV. Fourth, let's notice in Paul's personal greetings that he greets with a grand proclamation (vs 17-19).**

*Now in the midst of these greetings, Paul points out that tragically in the churches there were men and women who were nothing like the person that he was sending greetings to. As we've already noted, the people that Paul was greeting were faithful dedicated servants of Jesus Christ who were serving Him to the point of risk their own lives for the cause of Christ. However the people that Paul was making a grand proclamation about were extremely selfish, self-serving and didn't care how much harm they did to the church.*

*Because of their selfish ambition they were creating division within the church if necessary in order to get their way. They even went a step further by promoting false doctrine and teaching within the church to draw attention to themselves, deceiving many of those who were naïve in the church. Sadly, this type of people is still in the church today and, until Jesus calls the church home in the Rapture, they will continue to remain in our midst.*

*Thus, Paul would encourage us to avoid those people and instead focus on living our lives in the manner of all those people that he greets in this chapter. Those that are the fellow workers in Christ with him doing it all for Christ's glory and not their own.*

**V. Fifth, let's notice in Paul's personal greetings that he greets with a glowing promise (vs 20).**

*This verse follows the warning of the previous point. Paul is using this verse to encourage us to stay the course of being a faithful laborer and servant of Jesus Christ in spite of the fact that the church has people in her midst who are trying to lead it astray, because one day our God will crush Satan under our feet.*

*What Paul is saying is that those he warned us about are under Satan's control, but one day both he and they will be defeated. As Jesus told His disciples while He walked upon the earth, "...I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." (Matt 16:18 KJV) So keep on serving Jesus, because in Christ we have the victory.*

**VI. Sixth, let's notice in Paul's personal greetings that he greets with a grand purpose (vs 25-27)**

*Paul concludes the chapter with what is the main purpose and trust of all these people he greets. That purpose is to bring praise, glory, and honor unto Jesus Christ by preaching and promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*So we must pray that God will use our service to Him for the purpose of spreading His message of salvation to a lost and dying world and that will result in praise to His glorious name.*

*Concl.: We must remember that if we strive to honor the name of Jesus Christ our Lord by serving Him in the manner of those Paul greets in this chapter. Then, one day we will hear another greeting and that greeting won't come from Paul, rather it will come from our Lord. He will say, "well, done thou good and faithful servant." (Matt 25:21).*

*Jesus Loves You,  
Ralph Lee*





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| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>28th</i> | <i>Kate Carter</i> |
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**A special called business meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 31st to discuss and vote on leadership for the 2022-2023 church year.**



**We welcome Jennifer Meador as our new office secretary. The office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any information for the bulletin needs to be in the office no later than Thursday 9:00 a.m.**







## **Movie Night**

**Tonight August 28th**

Concessions: 6:00 p.m.

Movie: 6:30 p.m.

Popcorn and Tea Provided

Please Bring Finger Foods to Share!

## Sunday School Classes

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**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/Greg Mariocourt**  
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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.**  
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**YOUTH GROUP** *Youth Annex*  
**Leader-Michelle Waitt**  
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**R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors)** *Room 417*  
**Leader-Pat Mason**  
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**G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION)** *Room 415*  
**Leader-Carol Davis/Diane Thames**  
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**Donations for August Needed:**

*Toothbrushes*

*Wash Clothes*

*Soap*

*Combs - Boys*

*Combs/Hair Brush - Girls*

*Headbands/Hair Ties*

*Stuffed Animals*

*Assorted Toys - Boys & Girls All Ages*

*You can donate these items or give a monetary donation.*

*No war or military items. Also no liquids.*

**Save the date:**

*Saturday, Sept 17th at 10 a.m.—Work day*

*Saturday, September 24th at 10 a.m.—Packing shoeboxes*

*\*\*This will be in the youth annex. \*\**

*Any questions please see Ms. Dorthie.*

*Thank You*

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

Bring the angel back with your donation.

**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 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.*

## **Deacon Selection List**

*Lloyd Freeman*

*Keith Gamo*

*Ronald Malphrus*



*A gift of \$100.00 has been given to the General Budget  
in Memory of Larry Malphrus  
By Bobby Malphrus.*

# 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**

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| <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>Thomas &amp; Erma Cooler</i> |
| <i>Diane Hannah</i>         |                                 |

## **Church Needs**

*Sunday School  
SFCA-Donna Carter  
Child Development  
Ministries*

## **Unspoken**

*Leigh Laycock*

## **Cancer / Treatments**

*Skip Brooks  
Regina Bouye  
Kaiaya Alston  
Lloyd Freeman  
Lisa Chandler  
Ralph Lee, Jr.  
Pat Headley*

## *Ministries*

*Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry*

## **Bereavement**

*Family of:*

## **Other Health Needs**

*Tracey Lake  
Pinky Rushing  
Sara Davis  
Bob Cramer  
Marie Malphrus  
Mary Kay Cade  
Ellen Nettles  
Donna Roberts  
Jennifer Pitts Key  
Tim Roberts  
Chris Blanchard  
Mel Toland  
Iola Daring  
Jane Himes' Nephew  
Keith Gamo  
Doug & Melanie Hamm  
Randy Smoak  
Wendy Gray*

## **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<br>+ / - |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
|                                 | <i>\$ 4,244.00</i> | <i>\$ 4,982.47</i> | <i>-\$ 638.47</i>        |
| <i>Online Offerings</i>         | <i>\$ 100.00</i>   |                    |                          |
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| Designated Funds                | This Week          | *****              | Acct. Balances           |
| <i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>       | <i>\$ 1,710.00</i> | *****              | <i>\$ 9,390.86</i>       |
| <i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i> | <i>\$ 120.00</i>   | *****              | <i>\$ 181.98</i>         |
| <i>Gleaner's Sunday School</i>  | <i>\$ 83.00</i>    | *****              | <i>\$ 632.06</i>         |
| <i>Office</i>                   | <i>\$ 60.00</i>    | *****              | <i>\$ 194.23</i>         |



## Grandmother's Group

*Monday, September 12th*

*11:00 am*

*MPB*



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9009 Tarboro Rd.  
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*Sunday School*.....9:15AM  
*Morning Worship*.....10:30AM  
*Wednesday Night Service*.....7:00PM

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