



Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 2, 2022

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Call To Worship

Hymn #521 "I am Bound for the Promised Land"

Invocation

Bjo Mills

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Way Maker"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special by Mended

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

*Sunday Mornings
Following
The Song Service*

Nursery
Help Needed



Helpers:
Mason Losgar
Emily Johnson

Prayer Group
Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am
All Welcome



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Today:

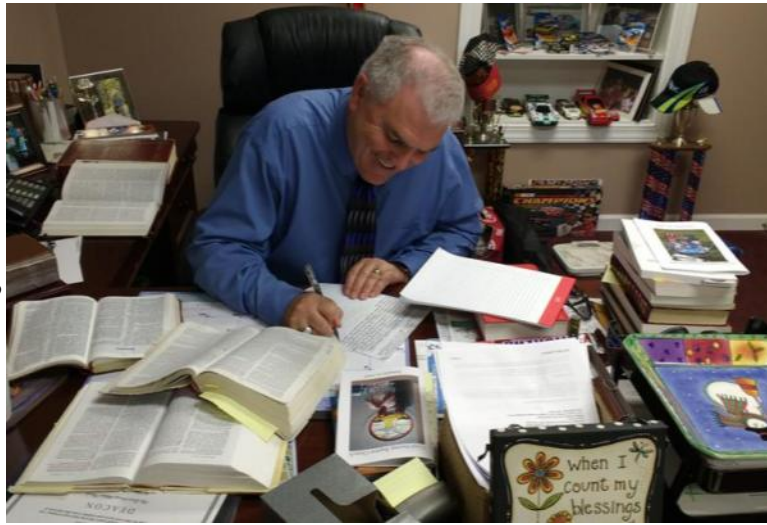
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Next Week:

Fred Stanley: 843-726-1963



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



John's Witness to Jesus

(John 1:19-39)

***Intro:** Those of us in the evangelical community are truly convinced that the Rapture of the Church is going to be taking place soon. Therefore, the church needs to urgently more than ever devote herself to being a faithful witness for Jesus Christ our Lord.*

As our nation gets ready to enter into its mid-term elections our hope and prayer is that we can elect politicians that are far more conservative and Christ like than the present ones that we have. However, man's real hope is not in a free democratic nation, but rather in a powerful saving redeemer and, of course, we have the powerful saving redeemer and His name is Jesus. Thus, as a church we have no greater responsibility than to share the saving message of Jesus Christ to get people ready for the soon return of Jesus.

Now to encourage us in our witnessing we are going to look at the example of John the Baptist and his witnessing of Jesus Christ. Jesus said of John the Baptist that, "... those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist." (Matthew 11:11). So what made John so great? It surely wasn't his clothing, nor was it his place of service and it definitely wasn't his food. Then what was it? Well, Jesus also said of John the Baptist that he did no miracles. So that boils it all down to one thing: He preached Jesus. He gave to Israel a powerful witness of our Lord Jesus Christ. In today's message we will examine one aspect of John's witness. We will focus on his methods of witnessing.

I. First, let's notice the method John used in his witnessing.

There are a number of them, but we will focus primarily on the most obvious ones that jumps right out at us.

A. The first method let's notice is that John witnessed boldly.
(vs 29, 36)

Now we all know that I use the New International Version of the Bible. However, in these two specific verses there is a word used in the King James version which I like very much. It's a very strong word. It's the word "behold." In my translation it's to "look." What John was asking us to look at or to behold was Jesus Christ the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

By using the word behold John was saying to everyone looking and listening to stop everything you are doing and give full attention to no one but Jesus because he alone is the Savior of the World. The early church took their witnessing for Jesus in this same manner and method as John the Baptist did. Listen to what was said of Peter and John in the Book of Acts concerning their bold witnessing. Peter speaking said of Jesus that, "Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Then the next verse tells us what the religious leader in Jerusalem said about Peter and John preaching and witnessing of Jesus.: "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that they had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13) May the Lord encourage us in these last days to be bold and courageous witnesses for Jesus.

B. The second method let's notice is that John witnessed openly.

Now our chapter is full of examples where John was completely open with the message of Jesus to everyone he came in contact with. When the religious leader came to ask him who he was, he told them about Jesus. Whenever he preached, he preached about Jesus. When he spoke to the masses that came to listen to him, he gave them Jesus. When he was talking to his own disciples, he gave them Jesus.

So no matter where John was and to whom he was speaking he always pointed them to Jesus. It, of course, reminds us of the Words of Jesus when He told His disciples, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20).

Therefore it behooves us to be open with the gospel message of Jesus to everyone.

C. The third method let's notice is that John witnessed continuously (vs 29, 35).

In these two verses they both mention the three words, "the next day..." What they are telling us is that one day John is witnessing for Jesus, but then again he's doing it the next day, and next day again. In other words, he is witnessing for Jesus over and over again. It is a continuous thing for John. If we are to fulfill Jesus' commission to take the gospel to every person then we've got to be continuous in our witnessing. We can never be satisfied with every now and then. Like John may it he said of us that we did it the next day and the next day again.

D. The fourth method let's notice is that John witnessed scripturally (vs 22, 23, 29)

In these verses when asked who he was John answered them with the Word of God. Specifically from the Book Isaiah is where his answer came from. As a matter of fact, he answered who he was and who Jesus was. His answer was that he was the voice that was sent to prepare the way for the Lord, but the Lord is Jesus Christ.

So when we are out witnessing and sharing the message of Jesus Christ our source of authority is total and completely the Word of God. For it and it alone tells us everything required to understand the true knowledge of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Without the Word of God, Jesus Christ becomes whoever you chose Him to be, but with the Word of God, Jesus Christ is whom God says that He really is. Plus it gives us absolute assurance that you wouldn't otherwise have because you can bank on what thus saith the Lord, amen.

E. The fifth method let's notice is that John witnessed experimentally (vs 32-34).

In other words John spoke about his own encounters with Jesus. They were experiences that he would never forget and whenever he would tell people about Jesus he would talk of his time with Him.

Now as we share Jesus Christ with others we will be far more effective if we can tell them what Jesus means to us from our own experiences with Him. Of course, our experience must blend in with what the Word of God teaches about Christ, but the Word of God of course is where our experience with Him will come. So let us get out there and tell people how through God's Word Jesus go a hold of us.

Concl: *I've often heard people condemn The way others are sharing their witness of Jesus. However, my response to that is if you aren't witnessing. Don't condemn others whose methods may not meet your standard. Instead, like John, let us be bold, open, continuous, and scriptural as we share the gospel of Jesus and our own personal experience with Him.*

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph





HARVEST FESTIVAL



Saturday, October 29th
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trunk or Treat
Hay Bale Maze
Bounce House
Cake Walk
Bingo
Chili Cook Off
Corn Hole
Pumpkin Decorating
Hot Dogs
Snow Cones
Live Music

**Please see Keith if you are
interested in helping with
Harvest Fest or would like to
have a trunk/booth set up.





<i>Sunday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Timmy Sauls</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Charlie Morton</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Donna Carter</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>Nicole King</i>

HOMECOMING

Sunday, October 16th
Guest Pastor: Eddie Malphrus

Please join us for a special service with a meal following. The church will provide the meat and drink, but asks that everyone brings a side dish or dessert.

*Come and enjoy fellowship,
 friends, and food!*



Donations for October Needed:

Toothbrushes — need 341

Girls combs/brushes — need 280

Wash cloths — need 455

Soap — need 701

Assorted girl toys (ages 5-14) — need 290

Assorted boy toys (ages 5-14) — need 307

Stuffed animals for boys — need 357

Stuffed animals/Barbies — need 254

No war or military items and no liquids.

You can donate these items or give a monetary donation.

Any questions please see Ms. Dorthie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon's Meeting:

This meeting has been canceled for the month of October due to the senior trip coinciding. So please take note that the deacon meeting on October 10th has been cancelled.

Wednesday Night Supper:

Cooks needed! Please see Timmy or the office if you are available to cook Wednesday night or help out in any way.



Grandmother's Group

*Cancelled for October due to
senior trip. Will resume in
November*

Men's Quarterly Meeting/Supper

*Thursday, October 20th @ 7:00pm
Gillisonville Baptist Church*

Savannah River Baptist

Association Meeting

*Sunday, October 23rd
Meal begins at 5:00 p.m.
Service begins at 6:00 p.m.*

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/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.

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



Beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Service to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Team Joyce and Keith will be cooking!

Come out and have dinner
and fellowship with us!

**\$5.00 each or \$15.00
for a family of 4 or more**



Sunday Morning Breakfast

Begins at 8:00 a.m.
\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for
a family of 4
or more

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

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>Thomas & Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	<i>Mel Toland</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
Pat Headley*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of:
Melvin Cooler
D. P. Lowther*

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
Jane Himes' Nephew
Keith Gamo
Doug & Melanie Hamm
Randy Smoak
Dean Daley
Laurie Norman
Rex Norman
Rose Sheehan*

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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Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus *Josie6@embarqmail.com*
Finance Director: Timmy Sauls *greatswampbc@gmail.com*

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$4,041.00	\$ 4,982.47	-\$941.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$0.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$339.00	*****	\$6,015.86
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$90.00	*****	\$417.31
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$150.00	*****	\$1,651.65
<i>Janie Chapman Mission</i>	\$40.00	*****	\$40.00
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$139.00	*****	\$139.00



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

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