



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*September 11, 2022*

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship**

**Invocation**

*Mack Pope*

**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**

*“Call on Jesus”*

*Joyce Gamo*

**Benediction Prayer**

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## Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak



*Sunday Mornings*

*Following*

*The Song Service*

## Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Emily Johnson



*Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am*



### DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Today:

**Mack Pope: 843-540-6636**

Next Week:

**Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525**



*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **What Do Good Works Reveal?**

*(James 2:14-26)*

***Intro:** More than 500 years ago a Catholic Monk by the name of Martin Luther became discouraged with the Catholic version of salvation. This version claimed that you gain salvation by doing all the things that the Catholic Church required of you to do.*

*However, Martin Luther never felt like all the things he did, which the church required of him as a monk, made him clean and pure in the sight of God. Thus, he concluded that he was not saved and accepted by God or one of His children. That all changed, however, while studying the Book of Romans in God's Holy Word. As James was studying the Book of Romans, he discovered that great verse which contains these words, "For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed — a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

*The aforementioned verse changed everything for him. He concluded that salvation was not by doing good works, but rather by having faith in Christ alone. This began what we call the protestant reformation. Since that time most of the Bible believing churches of the world have emphasized salvation to be not by doing good works, but rather by faith alone in Christ Jesus our Lord. This, of course, is what I totally agree with.*

*So because the Apostle Paul wrote so much about salvation by faith in Christ alone, many have concluded that he de-emphasized the importance of good works. However, nothing is further from the truth. For when Paul told us that salvation was by faith through grace and not by works, he at that point went on to tell us these words, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Eph. 2:8-10) So Paul is showing us that when a person comes to faith in Jesus Christ it will result in the person doing good works. So faith leads to good works and not the other way around.*

*Similarly Paul said these words in the Book of Philippians, "Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose." (Phil. 2:12, 13). From these two verses we discover that Paul tells us to work out our salvation as God works in our lives, meaning we do good works because through faith God is working in us.*

*Now I bring all of this up because our present set of verses for this message focus upon the importance of doing good works. James doesn't believe that good works will save you, but he definitely believes that they are a sign of our faith. So in this message, I want us to look at what doing good works reveals about our faith.*

**I. First, let's notice that good works reveal a saving faith (vs 14-16).**

*Now James does not mention a specific person, rather generically saying, "What good is it, my brother, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such a faith save him?" (vs. 14) So what James is asking is can we really say that someone has saving faith if we don't see any kind of good works resulting from their faith? And James' answer to that is, absolutely not. For he says, "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by actions, is dead" (vs 17).*

*Now, again, it's important to understand that James believed that salvation through faith in Christ Jesus alone is how a person comes to salvation, but he also believed that if that person's faith in Jesus Christ was real and genuine it would be accompanied by or would result in good works.*

*Jesus tells us that we can know them by their fruits. Like an apple tree is known for producing apples and a pear tree for producing pears, so a person having saving faith in Christ will be known by their fruit of good works and service for Jesus. So we should ask ourselves: Can people tell whether or not we have saving faith because they are able to see our lives producing fruits of goodness and service for Jesus? Let's pray that our faith in Christ Jesus is real and that it will be accompanied by good works.*

**II. Second, let's notice that good works reveal a sympathetic faith. (vs 15, 16).**

*James provides an illustration that goes along with the first point we just covered. "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, go, I wish you well, keep warm and well fed, but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? James is telling us that anyone who claims to have faith but doesn't have sympathy for their fellow brothers and sisters in need and does nothing to help alleviate their need doesn't really have faith at all. For Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, was and is extremely compassionate and with His compassion He reached out all the time ministering to the needy. So if we have real faith in Jesus Christ, then His compassion in us and through us should motivate us in to do good deeds that will result in helping others in their times of need, giving all the glory to Jesus.*

**III. Third, let's notice that good works reveal a sustaining faith (vs 17, 18).**

*So in these versus James tells us, as we've already mentioned several times, that faith that does not result in good works is dead. So another way to say that is that faith that does result in good deeds is living. Thus, it's an ongoing continuous faith that never ceases to keep on doing good works, because it's a living sustaining faith.*

*Another way that James demonstrates that good works reveal sustaining faith is with the argument that he brings up where someone might say, "well, I have faith while you may have deeds." James answers the argument by insisting that the way he's going to show you his faith is by the good deeds that he's doing.*

*So James is saying that by the good deeds that you see him doing in the present will reveal that he has sustaining faith, because his good deeds are not just a past event, but are continually going on and can be observed in the present. Thus, real sustaining faith will keep on doing good works right up to the time that Jesus takes us home.*

*In last week's message as we looked at the characteristics of the hall of famers of faith, there was a verse in that chapter that really promotes this point. It said, "All these people were still living by faith when they died..." (Heb. 11:13). So let us pray that our lives show that our faith is a sustaining faith, because we are continuously doing good works by our faith.*

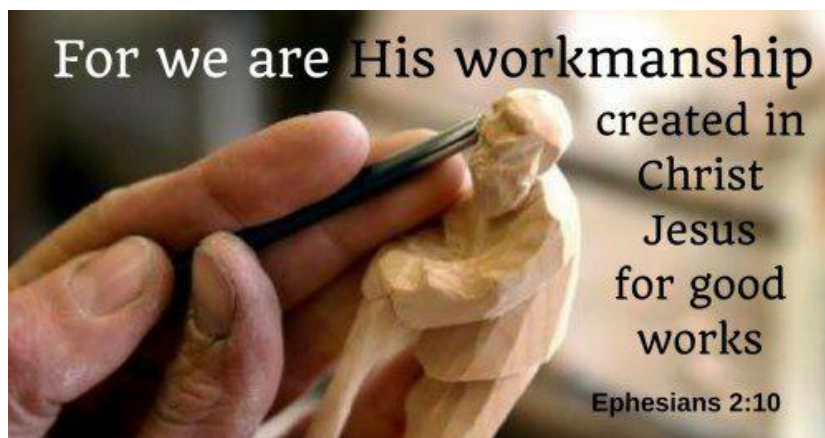
**IV. Fourth, let's notice that good works reveal a scriptural path (vs. 18-26).**

*So in these verses James uses some examples from the scriptures to backup his argument that real genuine saving faith will result in doing good works. The first example is Abraham when he was willing to sacrifice his only son Isaac in obedience to God and the second example is in the story of Rehab when she willingly hid the Israelite spies and helped them to escape.*

*In both of these events, James is showing us that the good deeds of these above mentioned Old Testament saints indeed had real and genuine faith that was saving, sympathetic, sustaining, and scriptural.*

*Concl: As our new church year gets underway, we don't need just your typical church members. Rather, we need men and women of genuine faith that will obviously result in doing good works.*

*Jesus Loves You,  
Ralph Lee*



For we are His workmanship  
created in  
Christ  
Jesus  
for good  
works

Ephesians 2:10



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Emma Grace Mingledorff</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Grace Malphrus</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>Doby Cleland</i>



<i>Monday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Patrick &amp; Kim Malphrus</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>Krey &amp; Faith Lowther</i>







## **\*\*Help Needed\*\***

### Sunday Breakfast and Wednesday Supper

We need cooks! Please let us know if you are able to help with Sunday morning breakfast or Wednesday night supper or both.

### Sunday Morning Nursery

Helpers needed in the nursery. Please see Vanessa Smoak or let the church office know if you are able to help.

*If you cannot physically help, please help by praying for these needs to be met.*



Nursery



## 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 September 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.

SAVANNAH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
WMU FALL 2022 MEETING

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

**Saturday, September 17th, 2022**

**Ridgeland Baptist Church**

**9:00 am until 2:00 pm**

**“FEARLESS”**

Please join us for a day filled with Inspiring Speakers,  
Uplifting Music and Great Food!

Be Strong,  
Be Brave,  
be Fearless,  
you are never  
Alone  
Joshua 19





## Deacon's Meeting

September 12th at 7:00 p.m.



## Grandmother's Group

*Monday, September 12th*

*11:00 am*

*MPB*

# 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:  
:Louise McAlhaney*

## Unspoken

*Leigh Laycock*

## Hospitals

## Surgery / Recovery

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

## Cancer / Treatments

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

## 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*

## Nursing Centers

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

## Please Continue To Remember

### Homebound

*Shirley Malphrus  
Rose Boyles  
Judy Smith  
Vera Floyd  
Barbara Mills  
Alice & Gary Way  
Kenny Smith  
Diane Hannah*

*Tom Hinely  
Ann Blocker  
Doby Cleland  
Lucille & Ron Degler  
Red & Helen Malphrus  
Dot Smart  
Thomas & Erma Cooler*

### 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*.....  
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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

<b>Tithes</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>Surplus/Deficit + / -</b>
	<i>\$ 5,811.00</i>	<i>\$ 4,982.47</i>	<i>+\$ 828.53</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>		
<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>This Week</b>	*****	<b>Acct. Balances</b>
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	<i>\$364.00</i>	*****	<i>\$ 10,232.86</i>
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	<i>\$ 211.00</i>	*****	<i>\$ 532.98</i>
<i>Bathroom Renovations</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	*****	<i>\$ 60.00</i>



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

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