



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*September 4, 2022*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

**Announcements**

**Call To Worship**

**Invocation**

*Fred Stanley*

**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**

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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/Gideon Mobley/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:*



## **Characteristics of a Hall of Famer of Faith**

*(Hebrews 1:1-40)*

***Intro:** In you previous message we took a look at the personal greetings that the Apostle Paul sent in his letter to the Romans. The main point we got from those greetings in that the people he was greeting were his fellow laborers and workers. So I asked the question if the Apostle Paul were alive today and he decided to send a letter to the churches in Jasper County, would he send a personal greeting to me or to any of us in our church because he would consider us to truly be a fellow laborer or worker in the cause of Christ as he was?*

*Well in our present message we are going to look at some of the characteristics of those whose names we find mentioned in the great hall of fame of faith. As we do, we should be praying that our lives should also demonstrate these same characteristics so that we, too, can be counted among those whose names are found there.*

*The purpose for our previous message and for our present one is to inspire us to be faithful servants of Jesus Christ at Great Swamp Baptist Church as we get ready to begin our new church year. So let's take a look at those characteristics.*

**I. The First Characteristics of those Hall of Famers of Faith was that they had faith.**

*So simply put you can't get into the Hall of Faith if you don't have faith. As the writer of Hebrews says, "And without faith it is impossible to please God..." (vs. 6).*

*However, we need to make sure that we understand what we mean by the statement that they had faith. The reason why it's important is because the Bible tells us that even the demons of hell believe there is just one God, but their belief doesn't save them and definitely doesn't get them into the Hall of Fame of Faith. No, the Bible tells us that all their faith does is to cause them to tremble and shudder (James 2:19).*

*So what kind of faith are we referring to? Well, in our chapter the author of Hebrews tells us the kind of faith these hall of famers had. Thus we can know the kind of faith required to have your name in the Hall of Fame of Faith.*

*First, let's notice that their faith led them to unquestionably believe in the presence of God. "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seeks Him." (vs. 6).*

*Without literally seeing God or touching Him or actually verbally hearing Him, these saints of God believed so in the presence of God. It was though, to them, that they were actually seeing, hearing, and touching Him. In reality they were seeing, hearing, and touching God through His creations, His Word, and His people.*

*Next our chapter reveals that their faith was a faith that led them to believe in the power of God. "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. (vs. 1-3).*

*So the author of Hebrews is telling us that our Hall of Famers of Faith squarely believe that God through His Almighty power created everything that exists and made it all out of nothing. These Hall of Famers of Faith didn't question for one moment that the opening chapters of the Book of Genesis are anything but the actual and literal way that God brought everything into existence.*

*Third, the faith of these believers we are examining had faith that totally and completely believed in all the promises of God. “By faith Abraham, even though he was past age and Sarah herself was barren, was enabled to become a father because he considered Him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore” (vs 11, 12).*

*These Hall of Famers of Faith did the things they were called to do without ever seeing the full or final result of their actions because regardless they knew that God would do what he promised He would do even if it didn't happen in their life time. And it has turned out to be true because God has and is fulfilling everything He's ever promised. Much of which we are privileged to be experiencing.*

*The Hall of Famers of Faith also believed in the proclamation and prophecies of God. For them, God's Word was spoken directly to them by the Lord Himself. This is how they knew what they were to do for the glory and honor of Jesus. God told Abraham to leave his house and go to a land where he had never been before and that it become his new home and he did. God also told Noah to build an ark and he did. Thus these Hall of Famers of Faith took God's Word seriously. If God said it, then whatever He said was to be taken as His Word and was to be honored.*

*Often times the Word that God would give them would be a word of prophecy. Something that was a future event in their time or an event far beyond. But it made no difference to them when the prophecy would be fulfilled, they just knew God would fulfill them. This is an important point of their faith because none of them lived during the time in which Jesus walked upon earth. However because they believed in God's prophecies they knew He was coming and so their faith looked forward.*

*So do we have faith that unequivocally believes beyond a shadow of doubt in the presence, power, promise, proclamation, and prophecies of God as presented in His Holy Word the Bible?*

**II. The Second Characteristic of these Hall of Famers of Faith was their Faith was Forthcoming (vs 32-40).**

*Now the point I am making here is that their faith was not hidden but clearly seen. You could see their faith for miles coming so to speak.*

*In other words, real faith is not just something you talk about but also something you literally flesh out.*

*When you read the verses I chose for this point the number of things mentioned that these believers did is incredible and were so obvious that their deeds and accomplishments couldn't be denied.*

*The Book of James makes this point quite clear. That you can't have faith, not real faith, without work. Of course, it's important to remember that we don't do work to find faith or get it. Rather we do work because we have faith. So if you have real faith in Jesus Christ it should result in a life of service for Jesus that's clearly seen by others.*

**III. The Third Characteristic of a Hall of Famer of Faith was that their faith always looked forward (vs 13-9, 39, 40).**

*Their faith led them to do everything God had asked of them even though they may never in their lifetime see the fruits of their labor. They believed eventually it would all come to fruition one day and all of God's people would finally get to experience what we call that ultimate better day. It will come one day better by and by.*

*"All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God for He has prepared a city for them." (vs 13-16).*

*Now this point is extremely important because so many charlatans within the church have spread a vicious lie. That lie is that if you are living a life of faith you will live a life of ease, comfort, wealth and complete health. However, true faith says things may get rough, tough, and hard in our service for Jesus. It won't be easy and what we think God should do for us He certainly may not. However none of these things should hold us back because it will all be better in the great bye and bye. Just look at what many of these Hall of Famers of Faith had to endure but they stayed the course for the ultimate better day. Will you?*

*Concl: So as we get ready to start our new church year, ask yourself do you have the kind of faith of the people in our message because we will need men and women of fait to carry out God's work in our church this year.*

*Jesus Loves You,  
Ralph Lee*



<i>Saturday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Joyce Gamo</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>William Holland</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Bobby Mohn</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Anita Blanton</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Ashley Duncan</i>







*Dear Great Swamp and Step of Faith Families,*

*I would like to thank each and everyone for all of the retirement cards and gifts. You have been very gracious to me over the last 17 years. This is a bittersweet ending. I am sad to leave but at the same time glad that I will get to spend more time with my husband, children, and grandchildren. I will surely miss y'all but have plenty of memories to fall back on.*

*May God bless you,  
Sybil B. Reynolds*



*The Church office will be closed on  
September 5th in Observance of  
Labor Day*

## 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.



## Announcement

*Keith Gamo was voted back in as Deacon  
for the GSBC 2022-2023 church year.*



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

*A gift of \$150.00 has been given to the General Budget  
in Memory of Larry Malphrus  
By Cleland Site Prep.*

# 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*.....  
*Pianist: Michelle Waitt*..... *waittfamily83@gmail.com*  
*Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Meador*.....*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 + / -
	<i>\$ 4,237.00</i>	<i>\$ 4,982.47</i>	<i>-\$ 645.47</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$ 100.00</i>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	<i>\$478.00</i>	*****	<i>\$ 9,868.86</i>
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	<i>\$ 140.00</i>	*****	<i>\$ 321.98</i>
<i>Bathroom Renovations</i>	<i>\$ 60.00</i>	*****	<i>\$ 60.00</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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