



Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 23, 2022

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Call To Worship

“In the Presence of Jehovah”

Invocation

Selections of Praise & Worship

“Alive, Forever, Amen!”

“Days of Elijah”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special by Sophie O’Connor

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following
The Song Service:



Nursery
Help Needed



Helpers:
Mason Losgar
Emily Johnson



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Today:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525

Next Week:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



John's Witness of Jesus Part III

(John 1:6-9, 29-51)

Intro: *Once again as we consider the fact that we are living most likely in the last days, we have emphasized the urgent need of God's people to be faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ in order to prepare people for the coming of our blessed Lord.*

In order to help us achieve this goal, and as well command of our Lord to be witnesses in this lost and dying world we have for two Sundays examined the example of John the Baptist witness of Jesus. We have already looked at the method of his witnessing and as well as the message of his witnessing. In this message we will look at the measure of John's witness of Jesus. The measure of his witnessing will be discovered in the outcome of his witnessing. This is vitally important for us to observe to be reminded of the effects of witnessing.

III. Third, Let's Notice the Measure of John's Witness of Jesus

There are three specific results of John's witness of Jesus that will give us the measure of his witness of our Lord. If we as well will be a faithful witness to the gospel message of Jesus Christ our Lord we will also be able to measure our own witnessing for Christ by the same result that John had.

A. The First Measure of John's Witness of Jesus is that Many Persons Heard the Message of the Gospel (vs 6-7, 35-37)

In the first two verses used for this point it tells us that John came to testify about Jesus so that all men might believe. However, they can't believe until they have heard the message. Thus as the verse says he testified first so they could believe. So in John's witnessing many people first heard the message so that eventually they could believe.

In the second set of verses set aside for this point we have a clear picture of what the first two verses we looked at are talking about. In other words these second set of verses demonstrate the first set. For these verses tell us that John saw Jesus and when he did he pointed his finger at Him demanding that those around him listening should observe that Jesus is the Lamb of God. The result was according to the verses was that two of John's own disciples heard him say this and they then followed Jesus.

There's a set of verses in the Book of Romans that clearly and forcefully illustrates and backs up this point. "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How then can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news. But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message heard through the Word of Christ." (Romans 1:13-17).

So witnessing can't be measured merely as we say by living one witness before others. We must also be sharing our faith to others. We must share so they can hear and when they hear they will have a chance to respond.

B. The Second Measure of John's Witness of Jesus is that Some Persons Responded to the Message (vs 6, 7, 35-37).

Now as we discovered in our last point John was sent by God for the purpose that men might hear the gospel message and believe the Gospel message. Our focus of the last point was the hearing so the focus of this point is the believing. In other words because John shared his witness of Jesus many heard and of those who heard some believed and became followers of Jesus.

Our verses for this point makes it clear that hearing can lead to believing. For they tell us that when John saw Jesus he pointed his finger at Jesus and loudly said, "Look, the Lamb of God" (vs 36). This resulted in two of John's own disciples hearing him and based upon what they heard from John they chose to follow Jesus.

If we will be faithful like John to verbally point people to Jesus there will be some who will ultimately respond in faith. However, they want to be able to respond if we aren't sharing our faith, because they must hear to be able to believe. So if you want people to believe then you must be faithful to share the message verbally.

The Bible clearly teaches that we are not responsible for the choices that people make when they hear the message. For it is God who gives the increase. But He has chosen the means of our testifying and witnessing as how He will convict their hearts and draw them to salvation. So let us work in conjunction with our Lord by verbally witnessing which will then be used by God to carry out His work of harvesting souls.

C. The Third Measure of John's Witness of Jesus is that Some became Witnesses like Him. (vs 37-42)

This last point shows the complete progression. In the first point because of John's witnessing many heard the message of salvation. In the second point of those who heard the message some responded in faith in Jesus Christ and became His follower. In this last point they complete the circle by doing the same thing John did to them. They find others to whom they can point to Jesus by verbally sharing Christ with them which results in others coming to Christ.

Andrew was one of those who heard John which resulted in him following Jesus. In turn Andrew goes and find his brother Peter to whom he gives a verbal witness of Christ which results in him following Jesus. We must not only be witnesses of Jesus but we should encourage all of our fellow believers to do the same.

Concl: *It won't be education or elections or regulations or institutions that will fix our country. Rather it will be transformation by salvation. SO get out there and be a witness.*

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph



Deacons' Meeting
Monday, November 14th
at 7:00 p.m.



MOVIE NIGHT!!!!

Soul Surfer

Sunday October 30th

6:00 p.m. food

6:30 p.m. movie begins

COME SEE AN AMAZING MOVIE!!



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

**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>	23	<i>Pearl Malphrus</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	23	<i>Pat Mason</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	27	<i>Fred Stanley</i>
<i>Friday</i>	28	<i>Rayce Dennen</i>



**Tuesday, October 25th
Eddie and Vandy Amason**



**Grandmothers' Group
Monday, November 14th at
11:00 a.m.**



Donations for October Needed:

Girls combs/brushes — need 140

Wash cloths — need 204

Soap — need 274

Assorted girl toys (ages 5-14) — need 294

Assorted boy toys (ages 5-14) — need 100

Stuffed animals/balls for boys — need 88

Stuffed animals/Barbies for girls — need 56

*No war or military items and no liquids.
You can donate these items or give a monetary
donation.*

Any questions please see Ms. Dorthie.

**Step of Faith
Christian Academy Drama
Department presents...**



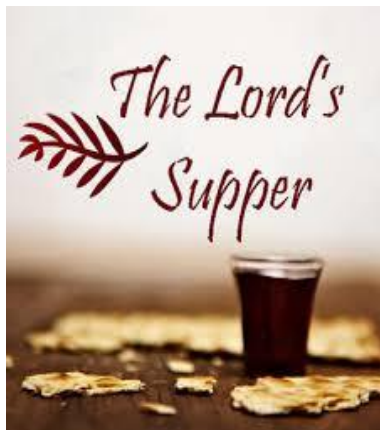
**November 4th and 5th @ 7:00 PM
SFA Gymnasium
9009 Tarboro Rd
Ridgeland, SC 29936**

**Ticket prices:
Student & Senior \$8.00
Adults \$12.00**



**American
Red Cross**

**SFCA Red Cross
Blood Drive
Tuesday, Nov 1st
12:00 to 5:00 p.m.**



**Sunday, October 30th
AM Service**

**Prayer Group
Tuesday Mornings
@ 9:00am
All Are Welcome**





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

Team Timmy 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 - Legacy at South Pointe
Dot Nettles - NHC
Dot Smart - 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>Thomas & Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Mel Toland</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
Pat Headley*

Ministries

*Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

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

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Music Director: Richard Waitt *waittfamily83@gmail.com*
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*A gift of \$100.00 has been given
 in Memory of Kevin E. Malphrus
 by James & Joyce Brabham*

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$4,272.00	\$ 4,982.47	-\$710.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$0.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Office Supply</i>	\$40.00	*****	\$640.64
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$80.00	*****	\$1,696.08
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$150.00	*****	\$90.75
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$20.00



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

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