



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*October 30, 2022*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

*10:30 AM*

## **Announcements**

## **Call To Worship**

“Hymn 334: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

## **Invocation**

*Freddie Malphrus*

## **The Lord’s Supper**

## **Selections of Praise & Worship**

“I’ll Fly Away”

“How He Loves”

## **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**

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*Sunday Mornings*  
*Following The Song Service:*



**Nursery**  
**\*Help Needed\***



**Helpers:**  
**Mason Losgar**  
**Emily Johnson**



**DEACON OF THE WEEK:**

Today:

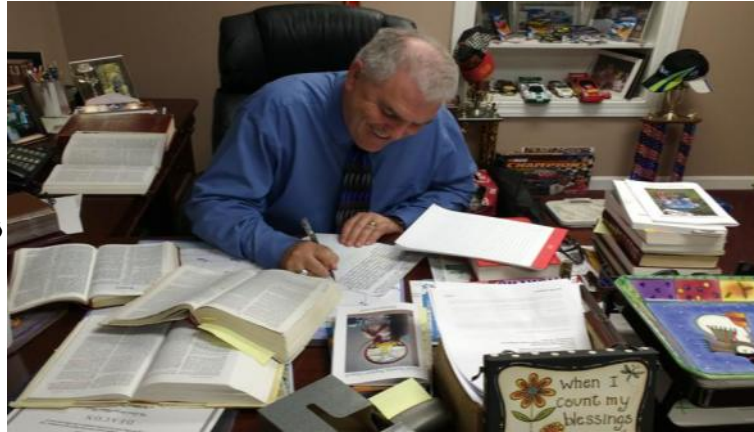
**Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905**

Next Week:

**Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344**



*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **Asa's Great Victory** *(2 Chron. 14:2-15)*

**Intro:** Asa's reign over Judah began on a very high note. For Asa took the nation down the road of high spiritual growth. He caused the nation to seek the Lord and turn away from false idols and false worship, which his dad and grandfather allowed to happen. This resulted in the nation experiencing progress, prosperity, and peace all around.

However, Asa's high road that he was taking the nation down and the great success that God was allowing the nation to experience was challenged in a very significant way. This challenge came from an enemy that desired to fight Asa and the nation of Judah with the desire to utterly defeat them, so Asa and the nation's very existence was completely threatened.

Now this text of verses really jumped out at me for a couple of reasons. First, I needed to see these verses to encourage me with some of the things I've been facing lately. However, more importantly it reminded me of our present day experience as a nation and as the people of God. We are facing a strong threat by a ferocious enemy who wishes more than anything to utterly defeat us and any progress, particularly any spiritual progress, that we've had.

However, the good news is that Asa and the nation defeated this enemy in a most profound way. They won the battle supremely and victoriously. We, too, if we follow Asa's example, can face the battles and threats of our lives in a confident and bold manner knowing that no matter what victory is ultimately ours to have. So let's examine Asa's great victory.

**I. First, let's notice that Asa faced an enemy that was nearly countless (vs. 9)**

Now Asa had a fairly decent size military considering the fact that Judah was not a very large nation. It consisted of only two of the twelve tribes of Israel, yet his military combined consisted of 580,000 men, not too shabby.

However, the enemies military size makes Asa's look like it almost didn't even exist. For his enemy, Zerah, the Cushite, marched out with an army that was basically countless. Some translation of the Bible simply said that the number was vast. One translation that I read said that it consisted of "a million men" (NLT). The newest New International Version that I preach with said it was "thousands upon thousands." Thus, it's safe to say that the numbers were staked against Asa and the nation of Judah.

Now let's bring it to our present day and without any doubt whatsoever from any serious minded believes we are well aware of the fact that we are facing an enemy raised against us that is basically countless. This enemy includes Satan and all of his demonic force. It also includes the world, the flesh, our sin nature, and all who oppose God. Also sometimes the enemies we face are physical in nature. Other times they are mental or emotional or relational, but the greatest enemy we fight is on the spiritual level.

However, regardless of their sheer size we should never become so discouraged that we despair of life. There is victory yet to be gained for the child of God and the overwhelming enemies will not have the end of the story.

**II. Second, let's notice that Asa faced an enemy led the charge (vs 9)**

Here we are told that it was Asa's enemy that first marched out to fight against him. In other words, Asa wasn't out looking to fight, rather the fight was brought to him. As believers we shouldn't be looking for a war to start or battle to fight, but the fact is that we have a vast enemy lined up against us as our first point revealed and this enemy so despises our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and what He stands for that they are not waiting around for anything but rather are leading the charge in full force. They are using every tool and weapon available and are coming with everything they've got.

In the Book of Peter, we discover how Satan works. Peter tells us to, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. Be self controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings." (I Peter 5:6-9)

However, we should not allow the fact that our enemy is coming at us in full charge because it's not who leads out first that we need to be concerned with but rather who will be left standing at the end of the battle. The Word of God leaves us no doubt who will be left standing when the fighting is done and it won't be Satan and his hoard.

**III. Third, let's notice that Asa faced his enemy with full and assuring confidence (vs 10, 11)**

Now I'm sure that many of Asa's military strategists suggested to him that he should just forget about going out to encounter this vast army with its up to date weaponry. Rather they would have said to him, you better enter into some kind of peace agreement or rather you better unconditionally surrender to them.

Now if this was the advice Asa got he absolutely paid no attention but rather confidently went out to meet his enemy completely assured that, regardless of his enemy's size and his enemy's intention, he and the nation would be victorious.

So the question to be asked is where did Asa's confidence come from? It certainly wasn't from the size of his military or the weaponry they had available to them. So where did it come from then if not from his military strength? Well, verse 11 leaves no doubt as to where Asa's confidence came from. It came from his reliance upon God. He absolutely had no doubt whatsoever that God was bigger than any enemy he would face. Thus, he was depending upon God to give them victory.

There are at least four aspects of God that Asa relied upon to give them the victory. First, he relied on the fact that God was present. He believed in the existence of God and, more than that, he knew that God was literally present right there with him and his army. So it is with those of us who are children of God through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. For we know that Jesus is and that He's promised to never leave us nor forsake us.

The second aspect he relied on was the fact that God was personal. He called God "his God" and referring to the whole nation he called God, "Our God." To Asa God was not some far renowned person who didn't interact with the people He created and specifically the people He chose. No, God was intimate with His people and loved them and loves them. Thus, because of this personal aspect He knew God would be there with them and with him. He knew that because God was personal he could cry out to Him for help and he would be heard, amen, and so it is for us.

The third aspect he relied on was that fact that God was powerful.

Asa knew that there was no one like our God. He knew that no force from hell or earth or anywhere else had a chance against the power of God. And we as believers today know that even more than Asa did, because we live on this side of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Satan and all of his cohorts couldn't keep Jesus in the grave. We need to remember the words of Jesus when He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matt 28:18).

The fourth aspect that Asa was relying upon was the fact that God was protecting. There were two things that Asa counted on God to protect. The first of those was God's own Honor itself and the second was God's people. Whenever the enemy is coming up against God's people they are also coming up against the Lord Himself because we belong to Him.

So Children of God, when the enemy comes knocking at your door don't cower down to him. Hold your head high because you can rely upon our God to see us through for He is present, personal, powerful, and He protects.

**IV. Fourth, let's notice that Asa faced an enemy who gave up their capitol (vs 12-15).**

Now the point I am making here is that there were many great benefits that came about with this victory. Not only did they defeat their enemy and save their nation but they also got all the plunder that belonged to their enemy. All the goods that the enemy had was now theirs.

So it is today because of the great victory that Jesus won at the cross over all of our enemies. We are experiencing benefits in the present and benefits that are yet to come that will last us an eternity, thank you Jesus.

**Concl:** Like Asa let us already know that even before the battle begins the victory is already won because of our God.

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph





**MOVIE NIGHT!!!!**

Soul Surfer

Tonight, October 30th

6:00 p.m. - Snacks

6:30 p.m. - Movie begins

**COME SEE AN AMAZING MOVIE!!**





<i>Sunday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Lawton Moser</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Bjo Mills</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>31st</i>	<i>Paul Malphrus</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i><u>Nov:</u> 1st</i>	<i>Cassandra Bradley</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Jesse Malphrus</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Mel Toland</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Wanda Cooler</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Freddie Malphrus</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Audrey Roberts</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Gentry Thames</i>



**Saturday, Nov. 5th:**  
**Chris & Stephanie Carter**  
 ~and~  
**Chuck & Terra Scoggins**



## **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.**



**Deacons  
Called  
To Serve**

**Deacons' Meeting  
Monday, November 14th**



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

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## 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*

## **Church Needs**

*Sunday School  
SFCA-Donna Carter  
Child Development  
Ministries*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry*

## **Bereavement**

*Sheila Stevens*

## **Unspoken**

*Leigh Laycock*

## **Hospitals**

## **Other Health Needs**

## **Surgery / Recovery**

## **Cancer / Treatments**

*Skip Brooks  
Regina Bouye  
Kaiaya Alston  
Lloyd Freeman  
Lisa Chandler  
Pat Headley*

*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*

## **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 &amp; Ron Degler</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Red &amp; Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Alice &amp; Gary Way</i>	<i>Thomas &amp; Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	

### **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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Pianist: **Michelle Waitt** ..... waittfamily83@gmail.com

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Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus** .....Josie6@embarqmail.com

Finance Director: **Timmy Sauls** .....greatswampbaptist@hargray.com

## Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$4,839.00	\$ 4,982.47	-\$143.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$0.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$110.00	*****	\$23.18
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$1,671.00	*****	\$3,367.08
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	\$124.00	*****	\$214.00
<i>Harvest Fest</i>	\$245.00	*****	\$295.00
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$100.00





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

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