



*God is not a God of confusion,  
but a God of Peace... 1 Corinthians 14:33 (NIV)*

*Seek His Peace.*

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*January 1, 2023*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

*10:30 AM*

## **Announcements**

## **Call to Worship**

Hymn #140 "*Glory to His Name*"

## **Invocation**

*Keith Gamo*

## **Selections of Praise & Worship**

Hymn #206 "*Blessed Be the Name*"  
"*His Name is Life*"

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer  
Worship by Giving  
Offertory Special by Joyce Gamo

*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:**

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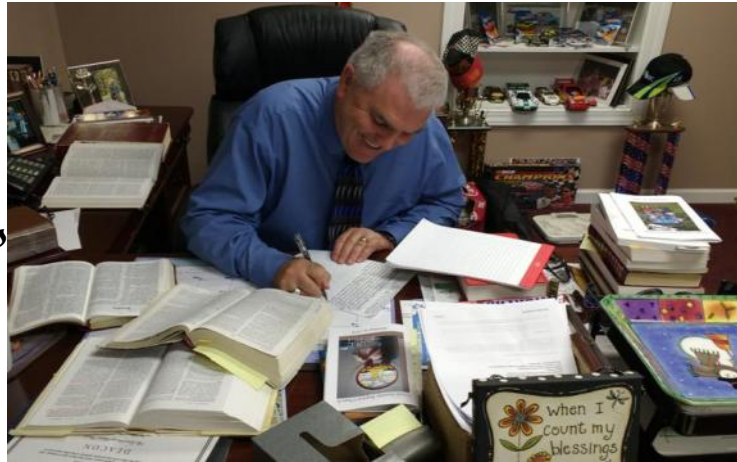
**Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525**

Next Week:

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



*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **The Christmas Season is a Great Teaching Tool**

### **Introduction:**

Well, another Christmas has come and now gone. The great thing about the Christmas season is how long it lasts. For most of us Christmas begins during the Thanksgiving celebrations, and goes through most all of the month of December. The great thing about this lengthy holiday is that it makes for a great opportunity for us to teach our children and our grandchildren the true meaning of Christmas. As a matter of fact, it opens the door up to not only teach about merely the Christmas story itself, but the entire message of God's Word.

Now you may be saying, wow, wait a minute that may be just a little bit much to expect. Well, we need to remember that God indeed expects us to teach our children not only the true meaning of Christmas but also entire message of God's Word.

Of course, teaching the entire message of the Bible is a life long journey, but when you have such an opportunity as the long Christmas season you can teach your children and grandchildren the general overall theme and message of God's Word. For Christmas will raise the questions necessary to answer much of what the Bible teaches. Just the question alone "why do we need Christmas" will answer so much of the Bible message.

So my challenge to us as adults is to use every opportunity that we can to promote the teaching of God's Holy Word to our young people. God has given to us this great responsibility and to neglect it will further erode an already declining Biblical worldview among our churches.

We must also remind ourselves that Satan, the world, and the media are hard at work doing everything within their power to remove any semblance of the Christian Biblical worldview. Tragically they are doing a bang up business of accomplishing this ungodly secular message.

There are a number of scripture texts that commands us as parents to teach our children the truths of God's Word. Let's look at a few of them. "Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, 'Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children.'" (Duet 4:9-10).

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." (Duet 6:4-9)

"Father, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4).

I want to conclude with a command that was given to the families of Israel in the days of Joel the prophet. The nation of Israel had greatly sinned against God, so God sent a great locust plague across the nation to destroy their crops and create a famine. This locust plague led the prophet to call the nation to a time of mourning and repentance.

Now the prophet Joel, of course, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit commanded the people to tell this event to generations to come. “Hear this, you elders; listen, all who live in the land. Has anything like this ever happened in your days or in the days of your ancestors? Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.” (Joel 1:2-3).

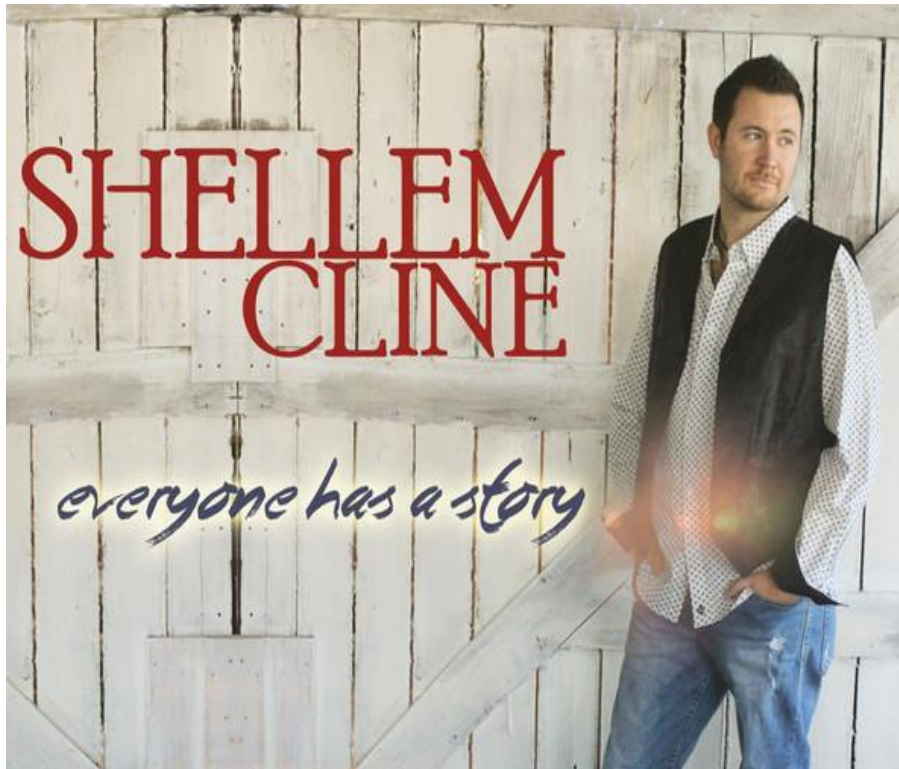
Now I chose these verses to be the final one to look at because it clearly leaves no doubt that with God’s people, until the Lord returns, we are to be passing on the events of God’s Word on a continuous basis from each generation to the next.

So I have one simple question parents, grandparents, Sunday school teachers, Christian school teachers, and all adult Christians: Are you doing your part of passing on the truths of God’s Word with the next generation?

God didn’t say teach them if you happen to get a change to, or if you feel like it. No God said teach them period whether you feel like it or not. So they in turn can pass it onto their children. So get to teaching!

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph Lee



## **Shellem Cline Concert**

January 22, 2023

During morning church service  
at 11:00 a.m.

Bring your friends and your  
family and come listen to a  
fantastic concert!

# Sunday School Classes

**@ 9:15am**

**CAMO CLASS - Room 406 - Bobby Smith**  
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**GLEANERS CLASS - Room 401 - 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 - Mack Pope**  
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**YOUTH - Youth Annex Leader - Amanda Hodges**  
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**BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES - Room 415 -**  
**April Malphrus**

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# Wednesday Night Services

**@ 7:00 pm**

**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*





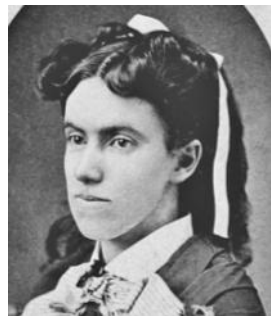
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Allysa Schrader</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Jennifer Meador</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Dora Reynolds</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Teresa Garbade</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Duane Armstrong</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Barbara Malfirus</i>



**Business Meeting**  
 Wednesday, January 11th  
 at 7:00 p.m.



Goal for 2022: \$3,000  
Received to Date: \$1,513.00





**Deacons' Meeting**

Monday, January 9th  
at 6:00 p.m.



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**Grandmothers' Group**

Monday, January 2th  
at 11:30 a.m.

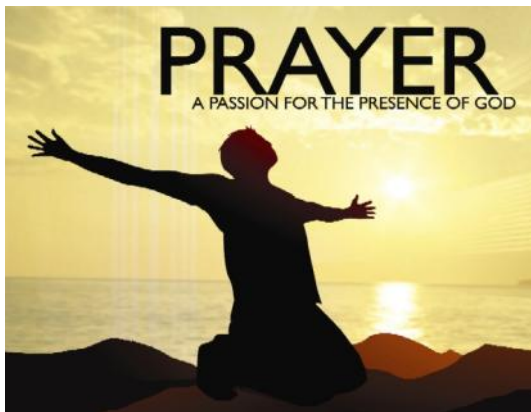
Soup and Sandwiches

*All grandmothers  
welcome!*





*A gift of \$50.00 has been given  
to the Lottie Moon fund  
in memory of Shirley Jean Wing and  
Margie Davis by Bernice Malphrus.*



**Prayer Group  
Tuesday  
Mornings @  
9:00am**



**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!**

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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**

## **Unspoken**

## **Hospitals**

## **Surgery/Recovery**

## **Nursing Centers**

*Elaine Degler - RNC  
Bobby Mohn - Indigo Pines HHI  
Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe  
Dot Nettles - NHC*

## **Cancer/Treatments**

*Regina Bouye  
Kaiaya Alston  
Pat Headley  
Leigh Laycock*

## **Other Health Needs**

*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  
Rose Sheehan  
Steve Bailey  
Kenny Hay  
Stan Stones  
Mel Toland  
Silas Carter*

## **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>Lisa Chandler</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	<i>Lloyd Freeman</i>
	<i>Sherry Toland</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

Sunday School Director: **Mike Davis** .....

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

Administrative Assistant: **Jennifer Meador** .....greatswampbaptist@hargray.com  
843-726-3631

School Administrator: **Donna Carter** .....dcarter@hargray.com

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

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

## Stewardship

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	\$4,716.00	\$ 4,982.47	-\$216.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>This Week</b>	*****	<b>Acct. Balances</b>
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$168.00	*****	\$531.33
<i>Lottie Moon</i>	\$556.00	*****	\$1,513.00



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

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