



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*  
*April 30, 2023*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*10:30 AM*

**Announcements**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Call to Worship**

*Hymn #579 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

**Invocation**

*Bjo Mills*

**Praise & Worship**

*Richard Waitt*

*"Your Grace is Enough"  
"Shout to the Lord"*

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer  
Worship by Giving  
Offertory Special by Mended

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction Prayer**

*Sunday Mornings*  
*Following The Song Service:*



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

**Children's**  
**CHURCH**

**Helpers:**  
**Emily Johnson**



**DEACON OF THE WEEK:**

Today:

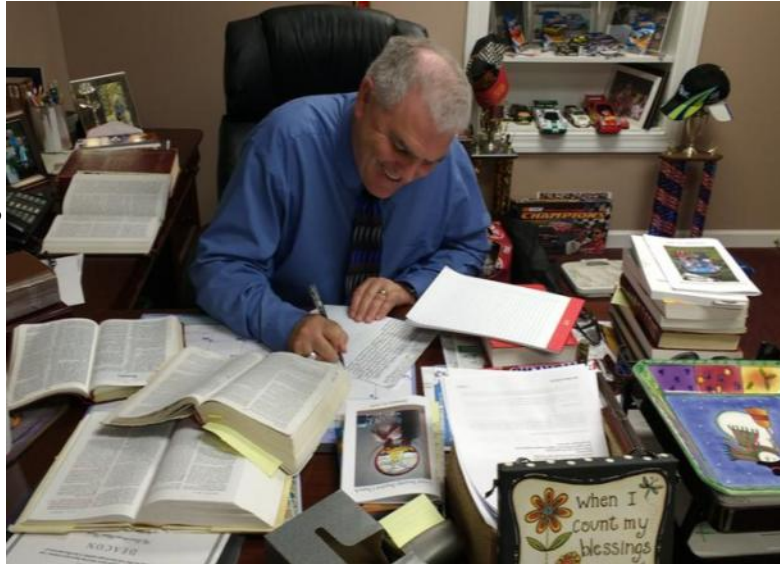
**Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344**

Next Week:

**Fred Stanley: 843-726-1963**



*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



**Evil Will Not Prevail**  
**(2 Chronicles 22:10-23:21)**

**Introduction:**

From the looks of things in our world one would conclude the evil is prevailing, and it seems as though we are at a point at which it cannot be reversed. For as it was in the days of the prophet Isaiah who said of his time on earth, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." (Is 5:20). This is exactly where we are in our times. We have become so evil that good is now evil, light is now dark, and sweet is now bitter.

Of course Biblically we understand that Satan is behind all of this evil, and with all of this evil he wants to do everything that he can to prevent the name of Jesus Christ our Lord from being uplifted and exalted in our world. He even wants to use all of this evil to do all that he can to prevent the second coming of Christ from taking place as he attempted to prevent the first coming of Christ taking place.

However, we need to know and be reminded that ultimately evil will not prevail. In our present set of verses we have an example of where evil attempted to prevail by ultimately trying to kill off the Davidic line which God had promised to King David that he would always have a descendant who would rule over Israel forever. But in this story all attempts fail. And all attempts will always fail because there's always God. So let's see how these set of verses teach us that evil will not prevail.

**I. First, from this set of verses we learn that evil will not prevail because God's power is supreme.**

In this set of verses the evil person is a lady named Athaliah. She's the mother of King Ahaziah who reigns over the nation of Judah. Her son Ahaziah has been killed, and she decides that she wants to reign and rule over the nation herself for she was originally from the nation of Israel and daughter of the most wicked king they had, King Ahab, and she desires to make Judah just like Israel. A nation where wickedness and evil reigned.

Now in order to accomplish her goal she must destroy the royal line of the Davidic ancestors. So she attempts to kill off all of her son's other brothers so that they can't rise up to the throne. However, her attempt fails short because she was coming up against the power of Almighty God. She seemed to have the upper hand until she encountered the hand of God.

Every Athaliah, or Hitler, or Stalin have attempted by their power to stamp out the presence of Christ in our world. But every time they ultimately fail because they run square into the Almighty awesome person of our eternal God. The Apostle Paul reminds us that all other authorities and power are subject to Jesus Christ our Lord. "He (Jesus) is the sign of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: Things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." (Col. 1:15-17)

So just know that evil will not prevail because it will always have to come against the sovereign power of Almighty God.

**II. Second, from these set of verses we learn that evil will not prevail because God's purpose can't be stopped.**

Now as we learned in the first point Athaliah had one primary purpose to stop the royal line from succeeding to the throne because she wanted that for herself and the evil ways of the northern kingdom of Israel.

However God's purpose was that the royal line would succeed and continue for the coming of Christ into our world so that He could take upon Himself the flesh of the family and lineage of King David.

Even though Athaliah failed in her attempt to stop the royal line of David Satan continued to try and put a stop to that lineage even up to and beyond Christ's birth through people like Herod and many others. But all attempts have failed and will fail because God's plans and purposes will always succeed.

The Word of God assures us over and over that God's plans and purposes always prevail. "Then Job replied to the Lord; I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted." (Job 42:1, 2)

"The Lord foils the plans of the nations; He thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations." (Ps 33:10, 11)

"Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God and there is no other. I am God and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand and I will do all that I please. From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far off land, a man to fulfill my purpose, what I have said that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do." (Is 46:9-11)

**III. Third, from these set of verses we learn that evil will not prevail because God's promises are satisfied.**

I mean by this that God's promises are fulfilled. Athaliah was not only going against the power and purpose of God but she also was going against His promise. At the time that Athaliah was attempting to kill off the royal line and instill herself as Judah's leader she was unaware of the fact that a lady named Jehosheba, a daughter of a previous king of Judah, had stole away one of the young sons of the king and hid him for six years in the temple of the Lord.

When the young child turned seven the high priest Jehoiada decided that things were so bad in Judah because of Athaliah evil reign that it was time to produce the young son and declare him to be king over Judah. And he knew that it was the right thing to do because of God's promise that a descendant of David would be upon the throne. SO the priest and the people that he got assembled made a covenant with the king. "The whole assembly made a covenant with the king at the temple of God. Jehoiada said to them, the king's son shall reign, as the Lord promised concerning the descendants of David." (Isaiah 23:3)

Well, because of God's promise, the king's son Joash was lifted upon the throne and Athaliah was destroyed. God's promises can never be broken. Once again the Bible is filled with references that are clear that God keeps His promises. "God is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind." (Number 23:19)

"Not one of all the Lord's good promises to the house of Israel failed; everyone was fulfilled." (Joshua 21:45)

"But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not yes and no. For the son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not yes and no but in Him it's always been yes. For no matter how many promises God has made, they are yes in Christ . And so through Him the amen is spoken by us to the glory of God.' (II Cor 1::19, 20).

Ultimately Jesus fulfills the promise. He's the descendant of David who will reign over the home of Israel as well as the entire kingdom of God forever and ever. And all the evil in the world and all the forces of hell can't stop it from happening, praise God!

**Conclusion:**

So understanding that evil will not prevail, but that God will and has, have you chosen to be on the prevailing side by repenting of your sins and trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ and His work on Calvary on our behalf and believing in His resurrection for your salvation?

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph Lee



*A gift of \$50.00 has been given  
to the Operation Christmas Child fund  
in memory of Gary Way by Patricia  
Malphrus.*



*A gift of \$70.00 has been given  
to the security fund  
in memory of Gary Way by Martha and  
Keith Vaigneur.*





Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events!

*May is going to be busy!!!*

**May 5th-6th** - SFCA State Baseball Tournament

**May 17th** - Baccalaureate in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

**May 18th** - SFCA Sports Banquet in the Multi-Purpose Building at 6:00 p.m.

**May 19th** - K5 Graduation in the SFCA Gym at 7:00 p.m.

**May 20th** - Senior Graduation in the SFCA Gym at 4:00 p.m.



## Operation Christmas Child

New items being collected for May! See the list below and please help out if you can. The more you can donate, the more boxes we can fill, hence the more children receive boxes. So let's all bring in some hygiene items!

### May:

Stuffed Animals  
Barbies  
Matchbox Cars  
Any Assorted Toys

Yo-yos  
Puzzles  
Balls  
Jump Ropes

Remember: NO liquids, glass, or military items. You can also give a monetary donation instead of buying the items. No donation is too small!





<i>Monday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Connie Benton</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Dorthie Armstrong</i>



<p><b><u>Wednesday, May 3rd:</u></b>          Calvin &amp; Pat Bryan          ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p><b><u>Friday, May 5th:</u></b>          Mack &amp; Bonnie Pope          ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, May 6th:</u></b>          Eric &amp; Kellie          Chapman</p>
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**Business Meeting**  
Wednesday, May 10th  
at 7:00 p.m.



**Deacons' Meeting**  
Monday, May 8th  
at 6:00 p.m.



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**Grandmothers' Group**  
Monday, May 1st  
at 11:30 a.m.  
*All grandmothers welcome!*  
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**Beginning at 6:00 p.m.  
Service to follow at 7:00 p.m.**

**Team Keith 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.  
Ends at 9:00 a.m.  
\$5.00 each or \$15.00  
for a family of 4  
or more

## 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 - Greg Mariocourt/Diane Thames*  
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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-Wallace Malphrus & Fred Stanley*  
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**G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION) Room 415**  
*Leader-Diane Thames*



## VBS 2023

Donations are greatly needed for the meals for VBS. We have begun advertising around the town about our VBS and hope to have many children attend. They will have supper each night of VBS. As everyone knows food prices have gone up, therefore, we desperately need monetary donations for the food so we can feed each and every child. If you can give something, anything, it would be greatly appreciated it.

**We are feeding these children's' minds, hearts, and bellies and need help doing it!!**

We are still taking donations for tissue rolls and river rocks! Please bring some in if you can. The rocks need to be 2 inches to 5 or 6 inches in length. Any questions, please ask.

More information to come regarding things needed for crafts and games. So keep a look out!!

If you would like to help with VBS but did not sign up, please call Nicole Mariocourt at 843-726-2211, Saylor Olivas at 843-812-8879, or Jennifer Meador at 843-726-3631. We would love to have more help for VBS. It is coming up very quickly!!





# Annual Baccalaureate Class of 2023

The church will be doing the annual baccalaureate on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. We need food for the it. If you are able, please bring one of the following:

Desserts (examples: lemon bars, brownies, peanut butter balls, chewies, etc)

Fingerfoods (examples: chicken nuggets, veggie tray, fruit tray, etc)

Please see the sign up sheet on the back wall and sign up accordingly! Food will need to be at the church **no later than** 7:00 p.m. Thank you!!



## **MOVIE NIGHT!!!**

**Sunday, May 21st**  
**Concessions at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.**

**Please bring finger foods to share!**  
**Tea and Popcorn provided.**

**Come Enjoy A Great Wholesome Family Movie!**



# Muffins for Mom Program



**May 12th**



**Beginning at 8:15 a.m.**

**Located in the Multi-Purpose Building**

Come grab a muffin and watch SFCA students perform in honor of Mother's Day. All moms and grandmas are welcome!



# Graduation Recognition Service

**Sunday, May 21st**

**During regular service**

If you want to recognize a graduate, please fill out the insert provided in this bulletin and return it to the church office. If you do not have an insert or will not be here in the coming Sundays to fill one out, please contact Jennifer at 843-726-3631 and give her the information regarding the graduate to be recognized.

# 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**

## **Hospitals**

## **Unspoken**

## **Other Health Needs**

*Pinky Rushing  
Mary Kay Cade  
Barry DeMay  
Tristan Simmons  
Marie Coleman  
James Williamson  
Glenn Scott  
Rhonda Stones  
Debra Hale*

## **Surgery/Recovery**

*Tex Lowther  
Keith Gamo  
Pinky Rushing - Beaufort  
Memorial Back Surgery*

## **Cancer/Treatments**

*Pat Headley  
Leigh Laycock  
Joyce Garbade  
Gene Price  
Ann Blocker  
Tex Lowther*

## **Nursing Centers**

*Elaine Degler - RNC  
Bobby Mohn - Indigo Pines HHI  
Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe  
Dot Nettles - 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>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Thomas &amp; Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	<i>Marie Malphrus</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

## Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	<b>\$1,835.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,012.49</b>	<b>\$-3,177.49</b>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Sojourners Class</i>	<i>\$37.00</i>	*****	<i>\$190.76</i>
<i>Adult Senior Trip 2023</i>	<i>\$704.00</i>	*****	<i>\$2,675.94</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	<i>\$187.00</i>	*****	<i>\$-77.58</i>
<i>VBS 2023</i>	<i>\$170.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,504.11</i>
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	<i>\$90.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,101.48</i>
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	<i>\$35.00</i>	*****	<i>\$604.85</i>
<i>Other—Bruce Hedrick</i>	<i>\$535.00</i>	*****	<i>\$535.00</i>
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>	*****	<i>\$558.86</i>
<i>Annie Armstrong</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>	*****	<i>\$497.00</i>





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

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