



You are awesome, God, in
your sanctuaries. The God
of Israel gives strength
and power to his people.

PRAISE
BE
TO GOD

PSALM 68:35

Great Swamp Baptist Church

June 11, 2023

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Fred Stanley

Praise & Worship

Richard Waitt

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special by

Pastor Ralph Lee

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery
Help Needed

Children's
CHURCH

Helpers:
Emily Johnson



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Today:

Fred Stanley: 843-726-1963

Next Week:

Mack Pope: 843-540-6636



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



What the Crowd was to Jesus! **(Luke 8:40-55)**

Introduction:

Crowds played a large role in the life of Jesus. He often preached to the crowd. He often fed the crowd, and He blessed the crowd.

However, the questions I want us to consider is what was the crowd to Jesus? And I believe that as I've studied the life of Jesus Christ our Lord I've come to the conclusion that what the crowd was to Jesus was a large group of individuals. For though Jesus is often found in a crowd we more often find Him either dealing with individuals or just a few individuals. As a matter of fact, when we find Jesus dealing with a crowd we more often than not find Him dealing with individuals who are part of the crowd just as we find in our set of verses for this message. So individuals in the crowd are the ones that primarily caught the attention of Jesus.

At Great Swamp Baptist Church we want to have a crowd every Sunday. And certainly we aren't where we want to be when it comes to having a crowd. However what we need to understand is that we don't need a crowd to create one. Rather all we need is individuals and over time as we focus on individuals we will eventually have a crowd. I believe it was Pastor Rick Warren who once said that you grow larger by growing smaller. In other words a focus on individuals and small groups will create the larger circle of people, a crowd. Who by the way would still always be a large group of individuals. So the truth is that you must always still make individuals a priority.

Tammy and I just came back from a cruise that had around 4,000 people aboard. Because we were on a ship there was always larger groups or crowds all over the ship. For the most part if you weren't in your room, you were either in a crowd or near one.

However, the greatest impact we were making was with individuals that we met in the midst of the crowds. I met Alisha in the line for the water slides, with whom I took time to visit with while we waited, and eventually Tammy and I were able to share Jesus with her. On another occasion while getting food in the buffet line with hundreds of people all around you, I met a 90 year old man who told me his age, and then asked me how old I was. After I told him my age he said I was just a young man. But this allowed me to tell him that through Jesus Christ I had everlasting life. And these are just a couple of many examples where focusing on the individuals I believe will create greater result. So let's focus on what the crowd was to Jesus!

I. First, what the crowd was to Jesus was a group of individuals with names (vs 40, 41).

In these verses we are told that a crowd welcomes Jesus back. But then the next statement tells us that in the midst of that crowd was a man who was named Jairus.

Now once we get Jairus' name the conversation becomes very personal. It becomes a one on one conversation though surrounded by a crowd. Thus leading a little later to a great benefit to the individual with whom Jesus got to know on a first name basis.

Jesus came into the world with the express purpose of making it possible for us to once again have a personal relationship with Him which sin had broken. By going to the cross and dying for our sins He's made it possible to once again be on a name to name personal relationship with Him. In John's gospel Jesus refers to Himself as our Good Shepherd and as our Good Shepherd He calls us by our name. "The gatekeeper opens the gate for Him and the sheep listen to His voice, He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out" (John 10:3).

So it is that we need to get to know individuals on a name basis so that we can on a personal level help them on their journey to Christ and with Christ.

II. Second, what the crowd was to Jesus was a group of individuals with needs. (vs 41-44).

Once again we are told that the crowd was so large and so close that they were nearly crushing Jesus. But even with such a large crowd Jesus encounters at least two individuals who had different needs. One of course was Jairus whose daughter was dying. The other was a lady who had a very serious bleeding problem. And really those two individuals are the whole focus of this set of verses and not the crowd itself. They became the focus because of their needs.

Jesus was and is in the business of dealing with our needs, and He wants to do it on a very personal and individual level. He healed this specific lady's bleeding problem, and He raised the daughter of Jairus from the dead.

We need to be considerate of the concern and needs of individuals around us. For this becomes an opportunity for us to minister in Jesus' name thus helping those individuals to find help in their time of need resulting in them giving honor, praise, and glory unto Jesus.

People will long remember how you helped them than they will remember what you said to them,

III. Third, what the crowd was to Jesus was a group of individuals with knowledge (vs 41-43, 50)

The two individuals that Jesus dealt with in the midst of the crowd got Jesus' attention, and Jesus' support and help because they had the knowledge that Jesus could fix their problems. And not only did they have that knowledge, but they believed in that knowledge. Jesus will always stop and take time for anyone who has the knowledge about Him and who by faith believes in the truth of that knowledge.

There are many individuals who have gained some knowledge of Jesus but they need for us to come along and help add to their knowledge of Him to help bring them to a fuller understanding so that they might then place their faith and trust in Him. Or we may be the one who takes time to plant the seed of knowledge that can eventually grow. And working one on one or with a small group you have a greater change of planting the seed and helping it to grow.

IV. Fourth, what the crowd was to Jesus was a group of individuals with newness (vs 47-56).

Once again the focus of the crowd in our set of verses was not the crowd but certain individuals in that crowd who because of their faith in Jesus they were not only able to get the attention of Jesus and some time with Jesus but they also were able to experience a newness in their life that they had not known before.

The woman with the issue of blood that had plagued her for 12 years experienced a total and complete healing. And the man Jairus didn't just get his daughter back from an illness but rather back from the dead.

Jesus has come to make us new and it's our responsibility to look for those individuals who are ready to experience a better life—a new life and help them to do so by bringing them to the Lord Jesus Christ who alone can make us new.

Conclusion:

So let's grow a crowd right here at Great Swamp Baptist Church one individual at a time.

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph Lee



Sunday School Classes

@ 9:15am

CAMO CLASS - Room 406 - Bobby Smith

GLEANERS CLASS - Room 401 - Darlene Bollack

VISIONARIES CLASS - Building 3, Old Social Hall
Leader - Greg Mariocourt/Diane Thames

SOJOURNERS CLASS - Room 417 - Mack Pope

YOUTH - Youth Annex Leader - Amanda Hodges

BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES - Room 415 -
April Malphrus

Wednesday Night Services

@ 7:00 pm

WORSHIP SERVICE *Multi-Purpose Building*
Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

YOUTH GROUP *Youth Annex*
Leader-Michelle Waitt

R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors) *Room 417*
Leader-Wallace Malphrus & Fred Stanley

G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION) *Room 415*
Leader-Diane Thames

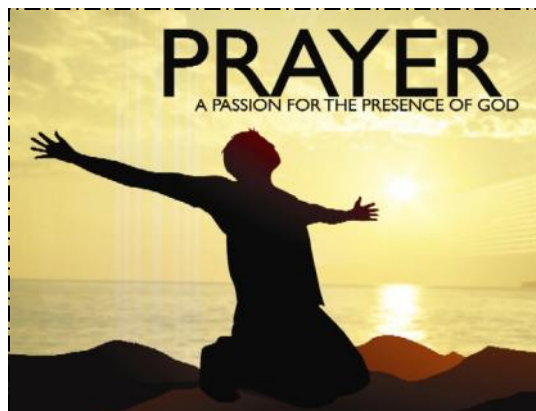
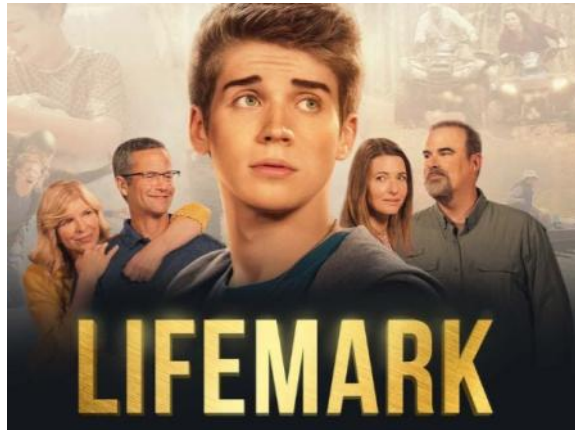
*****During Summer-Jennifer Wall*****

MOVIE NIGHT!!!

Lifemark
Sunday, June 25th
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!



Prayer Group
Tuesday
Mornings @
9:00am



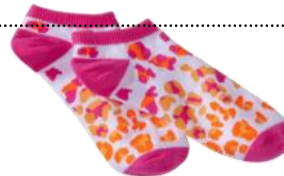
Operation Christmas Child

New items being collected for June! 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!

June:

Socks	Wash Cloths
Stuffed Animals	Barbies
Matchbox Cars	Toothbrushes
Ziploc bags (quart size)	
Combs/Hair brushes (boys/girls)	

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>Tuesday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Margie Malphrus</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>16th</i>	<i>Johnny Malphrus</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>Stephen Mobley</i>



Sunday, June 11th:
 Wayne & Wanda
 Cooler

Monday, June 12th:
 Sam & Chyleen
 Mock
 ~ and ~
 Donald & Gail
 Malphrus



Business Meeting
Wednesday, June 14th
at 7:00 p.m.



Deacons' Meeting
Monday, June 12th
at 6:00 p.m.



Grandmothers' Group
Monday, July 3rd
at 11:30 a.m.
All grandmothers welcome!

VBS 2023! One More Week!!

Sunday, June 18th to
Wednesday, June 21st
5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Register on the website now!



We still need monetary donations or gift cards to purchase food. As you know we will be providing dinner for all the children each night of VBS. Thank you so very much for all your help with the paper rolls and the rocks!

If you have not signed up to help with VBS and you have felt called to do so, please contact Nicole at 843-726-2211, Saylor at 843-812-8879, or Jennifer Meador at 843-726-3631. We would love to have more help for VBS.



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

Surgery/Recovery

*Mark Simpson - kidney and
liver transplant
Lloyd Freeman
Judy Smith
Kathy Breland*

Cancer/Treatments

*Pat Headley
Leigh Laycock
Joyce Garbade
Tex Lowther*

Other Health Needs

*Mary Kay Cade
Barry DeMay
Tristan Simmons
Marie Coleman
James Williamson
Glenn Scott
Rhonda Stones
Debbie Hale
Virginia Byles
Gene Price
Mark Simpson
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Keith Gamo
Kistler Malphrus
Billy Moser
Connie Benton
Lewis Hughes
Wanda Davis
Mike Davis
Amy Hannah*

Nursing Centers

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

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>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Thomas & Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	<i>Marie Malphrus</i>
	<i>Dot Smart</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

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

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	<i>\$4,241.00</i>	<i>\$ 5,012.49</i>	<i>-\$771.49</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Cemetery Fund</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>	*****	<i>\$751.39</i>
<i>VBS</i>	<i>\$190.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,993.48</i>
<i>Adult Senior Trip 2023</i>	<i>\$765.00</i>	*****	<i>\$4,059.94</i>
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>	*****	<i>\$848.86</i>



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Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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