

As your name deserves, O God,
you will be praised
to the ends of the earth.

Your strong right hand is
filled with victory.

Great Swamp Baptist Church

July 23, 2023

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Mack Pope

Praise & Worship

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

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Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery
Help Needed

Children's
CHURCH

Helpers:
Emily Johnson



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Today:

Mack Pope: 843-540-6636

Next Week:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Walking Worthy of Your Calling, Part 3
(Eph 4:1-16)

Introduction:

As we continue our series of messages on walking worthy of your calling, we recall that we walk worthy of our calling because we have a cause. We walk worthy of our calling through certain conducts. We walk worthy of our calling with a specific confession, and in this message we will notice that we walk worthy of our calling by our contributions.

IV. Fourth, we walk worthy of our calling through our contributions (vs 7-16).

Usually when someone uses the term contribution they are referring to financial contributions. However for our message we are looking at the contributions of our time, talents, gifts, and service rendered to our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul refers to these kind of contributions throughout his writings, and on each of these occasions he basically lays out the same format concerning our usage of them. So we will take a look at what he has to say about our contributions.

A. First, let's notice the personal level of our contributions (vs 7).

Paul here is informing us that not one of God's children can claim that they can't serve in their local church because they lack any kind of gift, skill, or talent to do so. Because Paul under the Holy Spirit's leadership says, "But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it." (vs 7).

Now someone might say that that verse says nothing about gifts or talents or skills but only about grace. And so that person would be correct but what kind of grace is being referred to here in this verse?

So there's no doubt whatsoever that for the people of God saving grace has fully and freely been given to them. Grace as the old hymn says that is greater than all of our sins.

However the context in which this verse is written show that the grace apportioned to us here is not primarily about saving grace but rather the grace that God has extended to us when He gave to us spiritual gifts that we could use to serve Him with.

In our set of verses the specific grace gifts that Paul is referring to is the gifted leader that God has gifted the church with. However, in Paul's letter to the Corinthians he reminds us that God gifted us all with some kind of spiritual gift to be used for the benefit of the body of Christ. "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all of its' parts are many, they form one body." (I Cor 12:12).

Now this is what I call unity in diversity. As we begin our new year God wants Great Swamp Baptist Church to be united by diversity meaning that we all belong to this particular body of believers and we each must use the gifts, talents, abilities, and time that God has graced us each with then the body can function as a whole.

B. Second, let's notice the person giving us our contributions (vs 7).

It is Christ Jesus our Lord, "As Christ apportioned it." Christ Jesus has apportioned to us the full measure of saving grace so that we are fully and permanently saved forever.

However, He also is the one who has graced us with the gifts, talents, abilities, and time that we have through the means of the Holy Spirit.

Oh, praise be to our precious Lord Jesus Christ that by His marvelous grace He has demonstrated that no one has given and contributed more than He. As the book of Acts tells us that Jesus said, "...It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35). But not only did Jesus say those words but He demonstrated them by giving to us, out of His grace, our salvation and our gifts for service and so much more.

The great preacher John McArthur speaks of this great grace that God through Christ has apportioned to us. "God is gracious because of who He is, not because of who or what we are. His grace is therefore unmerited, unearned, and undeserved. It depends entirely upon the one who gives it, not the one who receives it. Grace is God's self motivated, self centered, self generated sovereign act of giving."

So let us be motivated to use our gifts, talents, abilities, and time because of the one who has bestowed them upon us.

C. Third, let's notice the plan used to bring about our contributions (vs 9, 10).

Now here I'm referring to the plans that Christ enacted in order to make it possible for us to experience His saving grace but also His gifts of grace which our set of verses is talking about.

This plan centers around two words and those words are descended and ascended. We could spend several pages just on these couple of verses that talk of His descent and ascent. However, let me just put it in a nut shell.

Christ descended from His home in heaven. He willingly gave up the privileges of His heavenly position, and descended to earth where He humbled Himself and took on a human body and become the lowest form of a human by becoming a servant. He continued his descent to an old rugged cross where He was condemned to die a death so despised by His people. However His descent is not yet finished for He finally descended to a borrowed grave.

Oh, praise God that His plan included another word, the word ascended. He ascended up out of the grave on the third day and then He ascended back to glory to sit in the throne room of heaven interceding on our behalf to our Heavenly Father. And through Christ we by His grace too will one day ascend up out of the grave and up to glory to forever be with Him.

So let us not sit around and think that we don't have to do anything in our churches in light of the marvelous grace Christ has apportioned to us, we've got to get the work considering both His descension and ascension.

Conclusion:

I pray that his message is further motivating all of God's people to be ready with the new church year to step up to the plate and do the part God is calling us to.

Jesus Loves You,
Ralph Lee

Schuyler Johnson is currently at basic training (Marines) and has asked that we pray for him. Also if there is anyone who would like to write him letters, he gave this address:

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PO Box 16355
Parris Island, SC 29905-6355

Swamp Kids

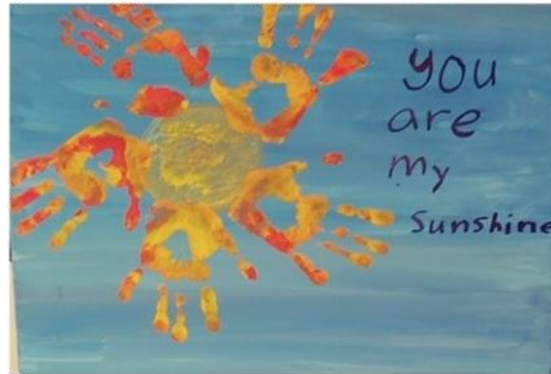
Starting in August, we will be starting a new children's program called SwampKids (formerly GA/RA) on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm. This will be similar to a VBS rotation-style with different stations, Bible/Missions study, Crafts, and Recreation condensed into one hour. The decor will be swamp background. If you would like to help with decorations, snacks, crafts, recreational activities, please sign up or see Kim Malphrus. We want to grow our children's group as we talk about God's creation, their place in it, and the work our Missionaries do to spread God's Word.

Craft items needed for SwampKids:

- Paper Egg Cartons**
- Metal Bottle Caps**
- Wooden Clothes Pins**
- Bubble Wrap**

SAVE THE DATE!

*You Are
My Sunshine*



Senior Celebration

August 17, 2023

10:00am

Sponsored by Savannah River Baptist Association

Place TBA



Christmas in July

Operation Christmas Child

The official kick off to shoebox donations has begun! We are starting with school supplies. There are three way to donate: 1) take an angel off the tree with an item on it; 2) donate something from the list below; or 3) a monetary donation.

Thank you!

July:

Pencils	Pencil Sharpeners
Glue Sticks	Crayons—24 count
Scissors	Notebook Paper
Construction Paper	Ink Pens
Colored Pencils—12 count	

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>Sunday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Katie Mock</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Bobby Smith</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Kevin Malphrus</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Red Malphrus</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Nicole Cole</i>

*****Correction: Silas Carter's birthday was incorrect and he was inadvertently missed and not included on the 13th. Happy belated birthday Silas Carter! *****



Friday, July 23rd:

John & Julie
Mingledorff

Friday, July 25th:

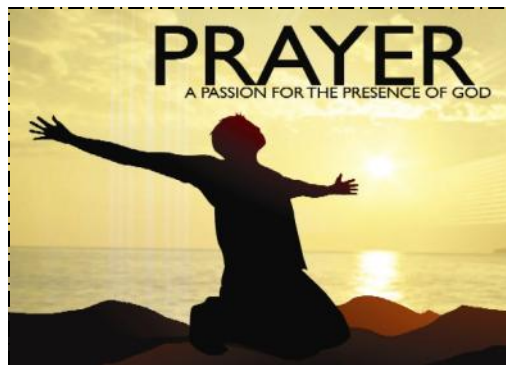
Duane & Dorothy
Armstrong



Business Meeting
Wednesday, August 9th
at 7:00 p.m.



Deacons' Meeting
Monday, August 14th
at 6:00 p.m.



Prayer Group
Tuesday Mornings
@ 9:00 a.m.

Grandmothers' Group

Monday, August 7th at 11:30 a.m.

We will be meeting at the youth house each month to help with Operation Christmas Child.

Please bring a dish or a dessert to share.

Hope to see everyone there!



All grandmothers welcome!



Movie: To Be Announced
Sunday, August 20th
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!**

This is the covenant that our Deacons adopted for their ministry at Great Swamp Baptist Church

Read it, encourage your Deacons, and vigilantly pray for them.

The Deacon Covenant

We will be accountable to God and to each other. We will ask the hard questions about faith and ministry to this church and will provide honest answers.

We must be men of peace. We will strive to allow the Spirit of Christ to rule in our relationships with our families, with each other, and with the members of our church.

We will be shepherds of the Family of God that worships at Great Swamp Baptist Church. We will be servants in the model of Jesus who tenderly watched over his sheep.

We will be vigilant in our personal life. We will put on the whole armor of God as a necessity to help guard against the attacks of Satan.

We will seek an intimate relationship with God through His Son Jesus. We will try to live a life that is above reproach in speech, love, faith, and purity.

We will support the ministries of this church with our finances, our influence, and with our prayers.

We will partner with the pastor of this good church to meet the spiritual needs of all of our members, our guests, and the community as God leads us.

Deacon Election List

<i>Calvin Bryan</i>	<i>Ronnie Nettles</i>
<i>Lloyd Freeman</i>	<i>Truett L. Vaigneur</i>
<i>Greg Mauriocourt</i>	<i>Johnny Westbury</i>
<i>David Meador</i>	<i>Wayne Cooler</i>
<i>Chuck Scoggins</i>	<i>Mike Davis</i>
<i>Duane Armstrong</i>	<i>Sam Mock</i>
<i>Tom Benton</i>	<i>Robert O'Dell</i>
<i>Gerald Boyles</i>	<i>Richard Roberts</i>
<i>Thomas W. Cooler</i>	<i>Stephen Roberts</i>
<i>Charles E. Malphrus, Sr</i>	<i>Matt Scott</i>
<i>Freddie E. Malphrus</i>	<i>Pat Mason</i>
<i>Jonathan Malphrus</i>	<i>Gentry Thames</i>
<i>Paul Malphrus</i>	<i>Jeffrey Stanley</i>
<i>Rodney E. Malphrus, Jr.</i>	<i>Richard Waitt</i>
<i>Wallace Malphrus</i>	<i>Ronnie Malphrus</i>
<i>Alex Sineath</i>	<i>Patrick Malphrus</i>
<i>Bobby Smith</i>	<i>Travis Amason</i>
<i>Timmy Sauls</i>	<i>Eddie Amason</i>

Announcement

Any man 18 years and older who has been a member of Great Swamp for a year or more and does not want their name on the Deacon Election List please contact the church Jennifer at 843-726-3631 or a current Deacon and have it removed.

Voting by secret ballot will take place on Sunday morning, August 27th following Morning Worship Service. Once a deacon has been voted in, ordination will commence September 3rd.

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 -
Nicole Mauriocourt

Wednesday Night Services

@ 7:00 pm

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

YOUTH GROUP Youth Annex
Leader-Michelle Waitt

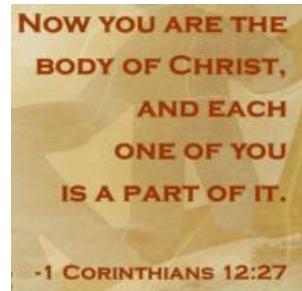
R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors) Room 417
Leader - Pat Mason & Fred Stanley

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

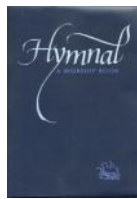
*****During Summer-Jennifer Wall*****



New Member:
Vicki Archuleta



Please continue to bring your old religious church material (Bibles, Christian magazines, books, devotionals, hymnals, old Sunday School materials, and other used Christian Literature) and place them in the barrel in the vestibule. They will be sent out to pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers all over the world to aid them in their ministry.



Every item donated will make a difference. Help us help others learn about Jesus!



A gift of \$2,000.00 has been given to the kitchen renovation by Mrs. Patricia Malphrus in memory of Rodney E. Malphrus, Senior's birthday on July 23, 1923. He would have been 93 years old today.

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

Cindy Rhodes, SRBA

Nursing Centers

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

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

Cancer/Treatments

*Pat Headley
Leigh Laycock
Joyce Garbade
Tex Lowther*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of Ann Mobley
Family of Beverly Cleland*

Other Health Needs

*Mary Kay Cade
Marie Coleman
James Williamson
Glenn Scott
Debbie Hale
Gene Price
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Keith Gamo
Lewis Hughes
Mike Davis
Amy Hannah
Lloyd Freeman
Judy Smith
Kathy Breland
Donald Malphrus
Jase Mole—Burns
Juliette Daring—gallbladder
Stan Stones
Thomas & Erma Cooler
Mr. Williamson—heart attack*

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>

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
Schuyler Johnson - Basic Training Marines*

Church Staff

Pastor: Pastor Ralph Lee, Jrjehu27@gmail.com

Music Director: Richard Waittwaittfamily83@gmail.com

Sunday School Director: Mike Davis

Pianist: Michelle Waitt waittfamily83@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Meadorgreatswampbaptist@hargray.com
843-726-3631

School Administrator: Donna Carterdcarter@hargray.com

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$2,762.00	\$ 5,012.49	\$-2,250.49
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$220.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Adult Senior Trip 2023</i>	\$691.00	*****	\$4,059.94
<i>Kitchen Renovation</i>	\$2,040.00	*****	\$2,070.00
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$1,576.24



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

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