



Great Swamp Baptist Church
July 30, 2023

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Keith Gamo

The Lord's Supper

Praise & Worship

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

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:

Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525

Next Week:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



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

Introduction:

With this message we will wrap up our series of messages on walking worthy of our calling. We've already noted that we walk worthy of our calling because we have a cause. We walk worthy of our calling through certain conduct. We walk worthy of our calling by believing a specific confession. And we walk worthy of our calling by means of our contribution.

In this message we will wrap up this series of messages by noting that we walk worthy of our calling in order to cultivate.

V. Fifth, let's notice that we walk worthy of our calling in order to cultivate (vs 11-16).

The idea here is that walking worthy of our calling is designed to produce growth and maturity, thus cultivating. So if you're not cultivating, growing, and maturing within the body of Christ then you are not accomplishing what it means to walk worthy of our calling. So let's see what these verses teaches us about cultivating.

A. First, let's notice that cultivating is the work of the church (vs 11-13, 16).

Growing, maturing, cultivating is without a doubt the work of the church. God gave the church gifted leaders who work toward helping and preparing the rest of the members of the church to grow, and develop, so that in turn they can also do their work of service which will result in the growing and maturing of the body of Christ. So every believer must be doing their part to help the whole grow into maturity. God created the church to grow.

B. Second, let's notice that cultivating is work that must be continuous (vs 12, 13).

So these verses tell us that our cultivating will ultimately lead to maturity. However total and complete maturity as God intended for our lives will not fully take place until we are in the arms of Jesus. Thus knowing that we have not and will not reach 100% maturity until we are with Jesus, we must then therefore continuously push in that direction.

Second, it's a continuous work because not everyone is on the same level. Some of us have been Christians for a long time which makes it more possible for us to have grown into more fuller maturity. Others, however, may be just beginning their journey of faith and, therefore, are just spiritual babies and have a long way to go.

Thus, it is up to those of us, who are more mature in our faith and walk with Jesus, to help the new Christians, or spiritual babies, grow in their journey. Helping each other grow spiritually is how we cultivate within the church. It is a constant, ongoing process and with God's strength we must all continue to do our part. For if we stop doing our part, then the cultivating will stop, and ultimately the new Christians won't grow and neither will the church. That's what Satan wants but we will not let it happen!

C. Third, let's notice that cultivating is work that moves toward Christlikeness (vs 13, 15).

The whole objective according to these verses of cultivating, growing, and maturing is to move in the direction of Christ Jesus our Lord by way of knowledge, understanding, and actions. In other words our cultivating, growing, and maturing should lead us to know Christ fuller, to love Him more and more, and to demonstrate Him by our Christlike actions, both as an individual and corporately as a body of believers.

So it's important for us to realize that all the giftedness that God gives to each of His children is never meant to draw attention to the gift itself, or to us, but rather always to our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Very clearly the word of God reveals to us that Jesus arose from the dead and ascended back to heaven. Both of these events have been verified by the many witnesses who saw Jesus following His death, burial, and resurrection and literally watched Him ascend back to heaven. Therefore, we can on one hand rightly say that He is no longer walking in our midst but one day we will go and be with Him.

However, on the other hand, it's also true that Jesus is still actively walking in our very midst as He operates through the Holy Spirit who is working in and through believers who make up the body of Christ in the world today. So through the church working together, each using the gifts God gives us to use in His church, the world should see Christ in us.

John MacArthur quoted a skeptical poet by the name of Heinrich Heine as he spoke to Christians. "You show me your redeemed life and I might be inclined to believe in your redeemer." _May the Lord help us to demonstrate to the world that Christ is still very much alive today and still actively saving sinners.

D. Fourth, let's notice that cultivating is work that brings compensation (vs 14).

When God's people are working together, each doing his/her own part to grow and mature in our Lord, it will result in two great outcomes according to this verse. First, we will be compensated with wisdom that will allow us the ability to discern between what's true and what's not. We will be able to discern between what's false religion, teachings and doctrines, and what are the actual true teachings of God's word.

In addition to being able to discern between what's fake and what's true, we are also given the ability to speak and share this truth with others in the spirit of love with the Holy Spirit's direction. This ability to speak and share the truth is the second compensation of our growth.

E. Fifth, let's notice that cultivating is work that has complete capability (vs 15, 16).

There is no doubt that we can cultivate, grow, and mature together as the body of Christ, which will allow us to attain greater wisdom and knowledge of our Lord in an effort to become more like Him. The strength and power we need to grow and mature in Christ is 100% available to all of us through Him. This verse tells us that He, Christ Himself, is the one (and only one) that holds us together.

Conclusion:

As we soon begin our church's new year, let us pray that we will do so by walking worthy of our calling. For if we do so, our church will grow in every way God intends on it doing so and all the glory will go to Him.

Jesus Loves You,
Ralph Lee



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>30th</i>	<i>Josh Carter</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>August 1st</i>	<i>Gage Duncan</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>David Bradley</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Gideon Mobley</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Saylor Olivas</i>



ATTENTION

RECOMMENDATION:

The buildings and grounds committee recommends to the church that we install the mag lock door and camera entry system on the left front door entry of the multi-purpose building for security needs to protect the church and school from possible harm. The cost is \$5,090.88 for complete install. The school is also in the process of installing security equipment on campus for an estimated \$20,000.00. This will be discussed and voted on during our regular church business meeting schedule for August 9th, 2023.

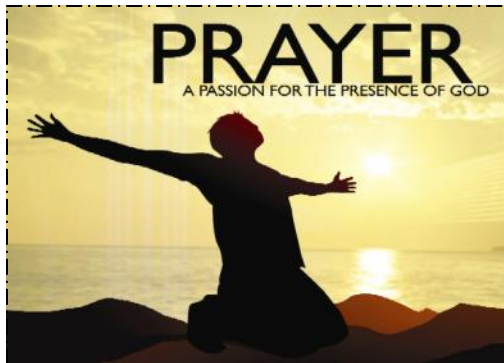


Business Meeting
Wednesday, August 9th
at 7:00 p.m.



Deacons
Called
To Serve

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>Lloyd Freeman</i>	<i>Ronnie Nettles</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>Gerald Boyles</i>	<i>Robert O'Dell</i>
<i>Thomas W. Cooler</i>	<i>Richard Roberts</i>
<i>Charles E. Malphrus, Sr</i>	<i>Stephen Roberts</i>
<i>Freddie E. Malphrus</i>	<i>Matt Scott</i>
<i>Jonathan Malphrus</i>	<i>Ron Davis</i>
<i>Rodney E. Malphrus, Jr.</i>	<i>Gentry Thames</i>
<i>Alex Sineath</i>	<i>Jeffrey Stanley</i>
<i>Bobby Smith</i>	<i>Ronnie Malphrus</i>
<i>Eddie Amason</i>	<i>Patrick Malphrus</i>
	<i>Travis 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.

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 Wallace Malphrus
(his sister Bertha)
Family of Kenny Hay*

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, 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 + / -
	\$2,653.00	\$ 5,012.49	\$-2,359.49
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Adult Senior Trip 2023</i>	\$1,218.00	*****	\$7,565.94
<i>Kitchen Renovation</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$-5,975.69
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$150.00	*****	\$904.85



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

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