

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*  
*July 9, 2023*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

*10:30 AM*

**Announcements**

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

*Bjo Mills*

**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**

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*Sunday Mornings*  
*Following The Song Service:*



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

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

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



**DEACON OF THE WEEK:**

Today:

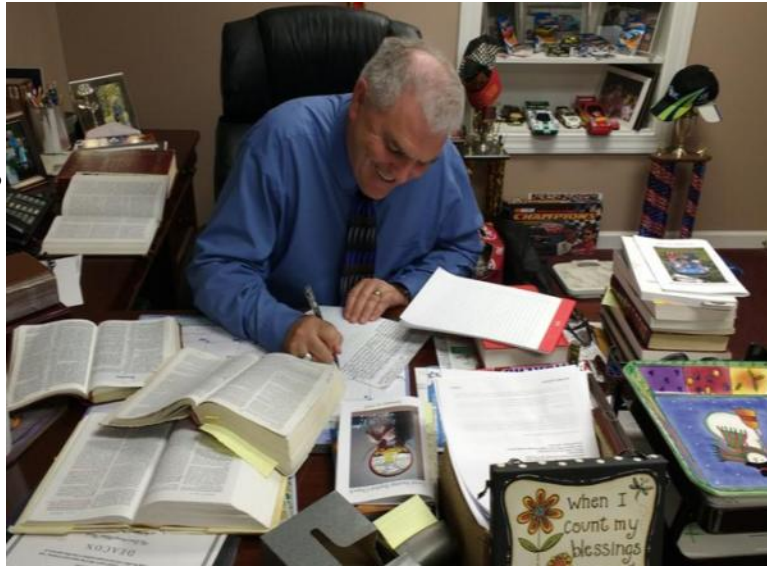
**Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344**

Next Week:

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



*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **A Biblical View of Pride Part II**

### **Introduction:**

In last weeks bulletin I gave only the first point of my Biblical view of the pride message. That point was the Biblical view of gay pride. I took a lot of time, effort, and scripture verses to be sure that we get the clear Biblical view of gay pride. In our day and time we need to know exactly what the Bible says about it in light of the culture that we live in.

However in this section of the message we will cover the remaining two points of my message concerning the Biblical view of pride. Once again it's such an important topic that we get it right because the Bible has so much to say about it.

### **II. Second, let's consider the Biblical view of good pride.**

Now the point I want to make here is that we as human beings can express a proper view of pride toward one another. Not all pride that we express toward one another is sinful and wrong.

One book in the Bible adequately expresses this good kind of pride that's approved by God and that book is 2 Corinthians. In this book Paul expresses pride in the Corinthian believers and as well in himself and those who helped him.

First, let's look at the expression of pride that he expressed in the Corinthian believers. "I have great confidence in you; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds." (2 Cor 7:4).

“I had boasted to him about you, and you have not embarrassed me. But just as everything we said to you was true, so our boasting about you to Titus has proved to be true as well.” (2 Cor 7:14).

“Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it.” (2 Cor 8:24).

Now all three of these verses that I just shared are all connected to the same event. The Christians in Jerusalem were going through a famine and Paul was taking up an offering from the churches in Asia to supply money to the Jerusalem believers so that they could buy food for themselves because they were near starvation.

So Paul was taking pride in the fact that the believers in Corinthian were going to give an offering to help the believers in Jerusalem in their time of need. Thus Paul’s pride in them was that they were doing what God expected and commanded them to do in loving one another and thus helping each other in their times of need under the Spirit’s leadership.

So it’s not wrong to take pride in people when they are attempting to do the right thing expected of them by our God. When they are seeking to carry out His will, and help fulfill His purpose in the world under His leadership. So the credit always goes to back to God and what He has done in and through their lives.

Paul then takes a number of chapter to boast about the thing he had done for the cause of Christ, and the reason why is because some men had crept into the church after he had left, and were leading many of them down the wrong road. They claimed to have the authority over the church and were using that authority for their own benefit. So Paul was seeking to remind the believers at Corinth that they needed to listen to him, not these other men who were using them and deceiving them. By showing that he had dedicated his life in every way to the sharing of the Gospel and the price that it cost him should encourage them to stop listening to and following their fake leaders and instead listen to his guidance as he received it from God.

However, when you read chapter 10-12 and you listen to all the things Paul boasted about accomplishing he always points his finger back to God as the one who made it all possible. “We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you.” (2 Cor 10:13)

“But, ‘let him who boasts boast in the Lord.’ For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved but the one whom the Lord commends.” (2 Cor 10:17, 18).

Thus, Paul is saying that my boasting about all the things I've accomplished were really the things God Himself accomplished through me. So to God be all the glory!

So when we express pride toward one another let it be done in a manner that we cast all the glory back to our blessed Lord.

### **III. Third, let's consider the Biblical view of Godly pride.**

In the introduction of last week's article, I pointed out that God declares that He hates pride, and yet in my previous point I said that there was a good kind of pride that Christians can use about such things as their accomplishments, their talents, and their service, as long as they give God the ultimate glory for those things.

So really what I'm saying is that even what I was calling good pride is truly about Godly pride. It really and truly is simple for without God we wouldn't exist; and we wouldn't be saved; and we wouldn't have gifts, talents, and abilities; and we couldn't accomplish things. So though we often tell one another that we are proud of the things that we accomplish, even if we don't mean to we are declaring to God be the glory for those accomplishments.

What true pride should always be about is how great and gracious our God is. And I want to share some Bible verses that teach this truth.

“This is what the Lord says: ‘Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice, and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,’ declares the Lord.” (Jeremiah 9:23, 24).

“Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standard; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lovely things of this world and the despised things and the things that are not to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him. It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God that is our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: ‘Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.’” (I Cor 1:26-31).

Satan has one primary goal and that's to take all the pride for himself that belongs to Jesus Christ our Lord. And this is why he was kicked out of heaven because he sought to exalt himself to the place of supremacy that belongs only to Jesus Christ, and tragically here on earth he continues to attempt to take the glory away from Jesus.

However just as he was kicked out of heaven, one day he'll be permanently kicked out of our world to his final destiny called hell. So let us not get sucked into his purpose and goal but instead to seek to do all within our power to take pride in one and one alone, our blessed and Holy God.

**Conclusion:**

As believers we need to always follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ who alone is worthy of our pride. Yet He humbled himself in order to save us. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who, being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even death, on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:3-11)

So we are called to humble ourselves in the manner that Christ did but also to remember that all will give only one person all the glory, honor, and pride and His name is Jesus. So child of God, let's start doing it now.

Jesus Loves You,  
Ralph Lee

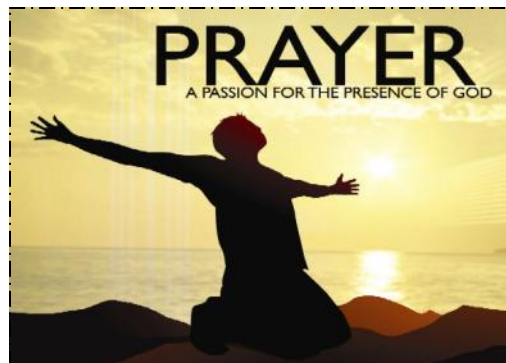
# 1st Annual SRBA Ladies Banquet

**When:** Saturday, September 16th from  
10:30 am to 2:30 pm

**Where:** Carolina Ballroom - Pickney Hall  
at Sun City

**Guest Speaker:** Beth Greer

**NOTE:** You **MUST** reserve your tickets  
now. Space is limited. See the sheet on  
the back wall for more information.



Prayer Group  
Tuesday Mornings  
@ 9:00 a.m.  
All Are Welcome





**Movie: War Room**  
**Sunday, July 16th**  
**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!**

# 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.

# Surprise Babyshower!

The Ladies of Great Swamp Baptist Church are invited to a surprise baby shower for Karen Creech, the SFC high school principal.

Thursday, July 13th 7 p.m.

**It's a boy!!**

RSVP with Donna Carter at 843-422-0465 or Jennifer Meador at 843-726-3631



# Kitchen Renovations

**Dear church family,  
We are in the process of  
upgrading and renovating  
the kitchen. Any  
donations would be greatly  
appreciated so that we can  
get the kitchen finished.  
Thanks!!**



**MEN'S**  
Fellowship

**Men's Quarterly  
Multi-Church Fellowship**  
Thursday, July 20, 7:00 pm  
Great Swamp Baptist Church

For more information contact  
Wilbur Daley at (843) 305-0110



**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>9th</i>	<i>David Meador</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Kea Dennen</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Robert O'Dell</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Richard Roberts</i>



**Friday, July 14th:**  
**Ron & Carol Davis**





**Business Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 12th  
at 7:00 p.m.



**Deacons' Meeting**  
Monday, July 10th  
at 6:00 p.m.



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**Grandmothers' Group**  
Monday, August 7th  
at 11:30 a.m.

*All grandmothers welcome!*  
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# Old Religious Church Literature Wanted!

A barrel has been placed in the vestibule for old religious church material, such as Bibles, Christian magazines, books, devotionals, hymnals, old Sunday School materials, and other used Christian Literature. We are helping Okatee Baptist Church collect these items in order to send out Love Packages to pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers all over the world with free bibles and Christian literature. Everything they send is donated by individuals, ministries, and publishers. We will be collecting these items until the end of 2023.

So please bring any and all materials to the church and put them in the labeled barrel in the vestibule or leave them in the church office for Jennifer. Thank you!



# 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*

## **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>

## **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 Mark Simpson  
(Mrs. Jane Himes)*

## **Other Health Needs**

*Mary Kay Cade  
Barry DeMay  
Marie Coleman  
James Williamson  
Glenn Scott  
Rhonda Stones  
Debbie Hale  
Gene Price  
Mark Simpson  
Julia Rushing  
Pinky Rushing  
Keith Gamo  
Connie Benton  
Lewis Hughes  
Wanda Davis  
Mike Davis  
Amy Hannah  
Lloyd Freeman  
Judy Smith  
Kathy Breland  
Donald Malphrus  
Jase Mole—Burns  
Juliette Daring—gallbladder  
Stan Stones*

## **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  
Schuler Johnson - Basic Training Army*

## 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>\$4,197.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,012.49</b>	<b>-\$815.49</b>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<b>\$50.00</b>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Adult Senior Trip 2023</i>	<b>\$365.00</b>	*****	\$
<i>Gleaner's SS Class</i>	<b>\$34.00</b>	*****	\$
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	<b>\$50.00</b>	*****	\$
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	<b>\$186.00</b>	*****	\$



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

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