

TEACHER DEDICATION



**Great Swamp Baptist Church
August 13, 2023**

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Bjo Mills

Teacher Dedication

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:

Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344

Next Week:

Fred Stanley: 843-726-1963



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



A Beneficial Visit **(Exodus 18:7-27)**

Introduction:

For many people a visit from the in-laws is both a drain and a detriment. However, in our present set of verses, a visit from the in-laws was anything but a dread or a drain or a detriment. As a matter of fact, this visit from the in-laws was just the opposite. It was totally beneficial, pleasant and life changing in a very positive way. As a matter of fact, I would call it a God ordained visit. I believe that a visit from Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, will be a big blessing for our church as well. So, let's take a look at how his visit was beneficial.

I. First, Let us notice that Jethro's visit was beneficial because of what he heard.

When Jethro arrived, Moses didn't begin showing him things at first. Rather he began to tell him of all the great things that God had done for the nation of Israel, especially how God had delivered the nation of Israel from the hands of the most powerful nation in the known world at that time. Of course, we know that was the Egyptians. Without any military whatsoever, God moved in and delivered them.

With the last plague that God sent against the Egyptians, which was the movement of the death angel sent to destroy the first born son of every Egyptian's families and the way God spared the first born of the Israelite's homes by the blood of the Lamb which each family sacrificed and painted on the side and top of their doors so the death angel knew which homes to pass over. This greatly moved the heart of Jethro. He also heard how God had been leading the nation through the wilderness and taking care of their every need.

Now, these amazing things that Jethro heard from Moses, his son-in-law, so moved him that he declared that there was no God like the God of Israel. Then he offered up sacrifices to honor and praise the Lord. The fact that Jethro heard all these things before he saw hardly anything prepared him a little later to be of a great help to Moses.

Now, from this, we can learn that by sharing the great awesome, powerful Good News that we have, which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we can help people to have their lives changed to the point that they too can be of benefit to us because the Good News of Jesus Christ has so moved them to see that there is no God but our blessed Lord and that no one else can measure up. So, let us be boldly telling the story so they can hear because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. (Rom. 10:17).

II. Second, let us notice that Jethro's visit was beneficial because of what he saw.

The question is, of course, then what did he see? Well there were at least two things that he saw and observed.

A. The first thing that Jethro saw was Moses working.

There were two things that he noticed about Moses' work. Let us take a look at those two things.

1. The first thing that Jethro saw were Moses' tasks.

He observed that Moses was helping the people in two ways. The first task was to help the people to settle their cases that they had with each other. In other words, he was working as Judge to help them settle their disputes with each other in a manner that would be pleasing to the Lord.

The second task Moses was doing that Jethro saw was to teach the people what the will of God was for their lives.

Now, Jethro saw and observed that both these tasks were of absolute and extreme importance. He saw and understood that the people indeed needed the tasks that Moses was performing. It is no different today. Jethro would absolutely agree that it is of the utmost importance that the church must absolutely teach the people of God how we must work together and settle our disputes in a manner that pleases God and that we must also teach the people the Word and will of God.

However, Jethro saw something else about Moses while he was at work which we need to also see.

2. Second, Jethro saw Moses' team.

We noticed what the task was of Moses, which Jethro observed for several hours, but Jethro also noticed how big his team was in order to do the necessary task he was doing. What he observed was that his team was just a team of one, himself, which really is no team at all. For Jethro, this was a very disturbing thing that he had observed so far. Why would Moses, who had the greatest message he had ever heard, and it led him to declare that there was no God like the God of Israel, share this absolute, necessary task for the people all on his own.

When God created the very first human being, He said that it was not good for man to be alone and so He created someone to work right along side of him. God intends upon every church member to work along side of each other so that together we can carry the task of helping the people to know and do the will of God.

B. The second thing that Jethro saw was the people tarrying.

So, first he saw Moses working, the task of his work and the team of his work. Then, however, he also saw what the people were doing and it mostly was waiting. They were waiting in line to have their disputes settled and to receive the Word and will of God for their lives. However, because Moses was doing all this alone, they mostly were just waiting instead of getting what they really needed. We need to understand that it is extremely important that we get to the people the teaching of Christ as soon as we possibly can and not keep them waiting. For if we keep them waiting, they may become discouraged with their growth in the Lord.

III. Third, let us notice that Jethro's visit was beneficial because of what he advised.

Jethro advised his son-in-law, Moses, with two pieces of advice.

A. First, Jethro advised Moses to keep up the work. (vs. 19-20).

In these verses and we've already been talking about it, Jethro encouraged Moses that the task God had given him to give to the people must be continued and never cease. The people absolutely must be taught God's will and way and how to apply it to their lives.

We, too today, must never cease from fulfilling this task as well. We must do it because no one else will. God has given the responsibility to the church because the world is not going to do it. So, let us set our hands to the plow and carry out this necessary task. However, in order to do this task, we need to heed Jethro's second piece of advice.

B. Second, Jethro advised Moses to get more workers.

Simply put, Jethro told Moses that the work was too great for just one man to do, and it was too needed to make the people have to wait on it. So, he encouraged him to get more people, qualified people, to help him get the work done, and that is exactly what he did. It is also what the Lord wants us to do as well.

Conclusion:

Jesus points out exactly what Jethro was saying to Moses when speaking to His disciples on one occasion. He said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore to send out workers into His harvest field." (Matt. 9:37-38). May the Lord help us at Great Swamp Baptist Church to see the need of the tasks and pray for the workers to help us get it done.

Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!

SRBA Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 22, 2023

At 5:00 pm

Ridgeland Baptist Church



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Vera Floyd</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Debbie Hale</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Wanda Davis</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>Thomas Cooler</i>



Monday, August 14th:
Bobby & Judy Smith

Thursday, August 17th:
Nathan & Saylor Olivas

Saturday, August 19th:
Richard & Michelle Waitt

A huge thanks to the people who worked tirelessly on our new kitchen. The kitchen looks absolutely amazing and I know we all are incredibly grateful for your hard selfless work.







Welcome Back, Students!! It will
be another exciting year at
Step of Faith Christian Academy!!!

Be still, and know I am God. *(Psalm 46:10)*

All things God works for the good. *(Romans 8:28)*

Cast all my anxiety on Him. *(1 Peter 5:7)*

Know whose I am! *(1 John 3:1)*

Trust in the Lord with all my heart. *(Proverbs 3:5)*

Open my eyes to see the truth. *(Psalm 119:18)*

Show me your ways, Lord. *(Psalm 25:4)*

Create in me a clean heart. *(Psalm 51:10)*

He who is in me is greater... *(1 John 4:4)*

Obey the Lord my God. *(Deut. 27:10)*

Oh Lord, you are my strength & shield. *(Psalm 28:7)*

Let love and faithfulness never
leave me. *(Proverbs 3:4)*



Business Meeting
Wednesday, September 13th
at 7:00 p.m.



Deacons
Called
To Serve

Deacons' Meeting
Monday, August 11th
at 6:00 p.m.

Grandmothers' Group

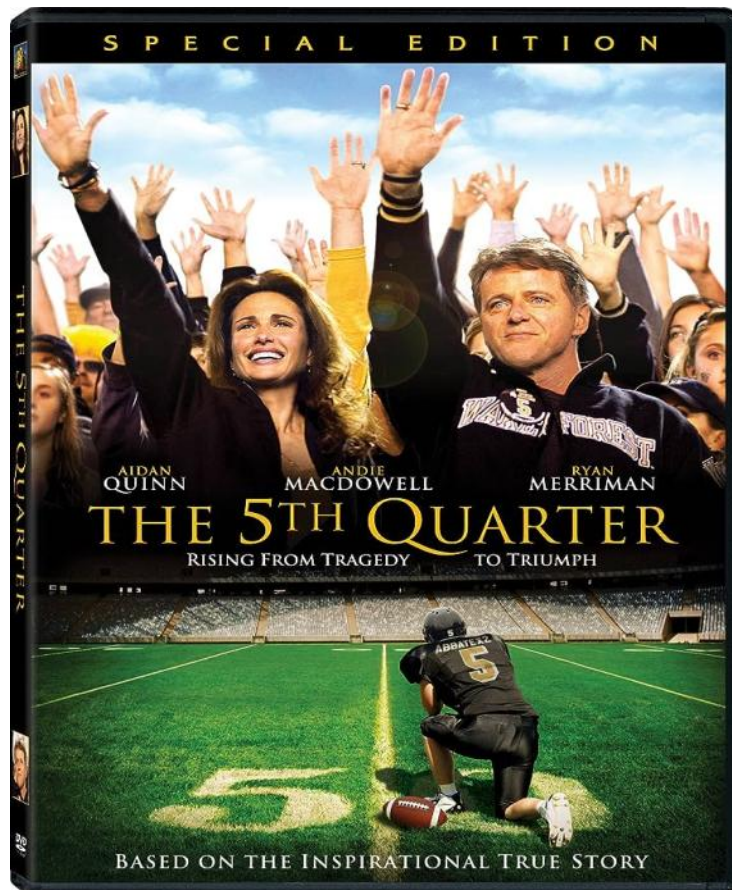
Monday, September 4th at 11:30 a.m.
We will be meeting at the youth house
each month to help with Operation
Christmas Child.

Please bring a dish or
a dessert to share.

Hope to see everyone there!

All grandmothers welcome!





Movie: The 5th Quarter
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!

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****

Introducing Great Swamp Baptist
Church's new and improved Wednesday
night children's program:



Wednesday, September 6th
At 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Ages K-3 through 6th Grade

We will have worship, activities,
and crafts!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!

**Meeting Sunday, August 20th
after church service.

*****NOTE*****
A great time to stock up on supplies for OCC is after school starts and stores mark their excess school supplies on clearance!!!



Operation Christmas Child

We are still collecting school supplies for Operation Christmas Child for the month of August. 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.

August:

Pencils	Pencil Sharpeners
Glue Sticks	Crayons—24 count
Scissors	Notebook Paper
Construction Paper	Ink Pens
Colored Pencils—12 count	
Spiral Notebooks—70 sheets/1 subject	

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

No donation is too small!



Creation Seminar

Guest Speaker: Steve Levinson
Coming September 10th!

Sunday School Hour (9:30 a.m.) -

Creation2Communion Seminar

A gospel illusion presentation! Steve transforms into “Dr. LivingStone,” complete with a lab coat and wig! Several illusions are performed to demonstrate the gospel message. Please invite all ages – it’s not just for kids!

Worship Hour (10:30 a.m.) -

Foundations Under Fire Seminar

This PowerPoint message reveals how evolution undermines the gospel message and how it has affected our culture. The church is encouraged to wake up and get serious about the issues.

Sunday Evening (6:00 p.m.) -

Fossils, the Flood, Noah’s Ark, and Dinosaurs

This jammed-packed message answers many questions from the Bible and demonstrates that people are “evolutionized.” A young earth is clearly shown from the Bible! Steve also brings his fossil collection.

You do NOT want to miss any of these seminars. They will be fantastic! Bring your family, bring your friends, bring everyone you can!!!



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

Lloyd Freeman
David Meador
Chuck Scoggins
Robert O'Dell
Matt Scott
Ronnie Malphrus

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

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
Lloyd Freeman*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of Glenn Scott
Family of Myrtle Malphrus*

Other Health Needs

*Mary Kay Cade
Debbie Hale
Gene Price
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Judy Smith
Kathy Breland
Juliette Daring
Mr. Williamson—heart attack
Venny Robinston (Allene's
sister)
Karen Malphrus - Fell
Mike Wall*

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 + / -
	\$4,531.00	\$ 5,012.49	-\$481.49
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>		
Designated Funds		*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Adult Senior Trip 2023</i>	<i>\$178.00</i>	*****	<i>\$8,106.94</i>
<i>Gleaner's SS Class</i>	<i>\$62.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,073.06</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$85.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,032.39</i>
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>	*****	<i>\$50.00</i>



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

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