



Welcome

Seniors
Class of
2024

Great Swamp Baptist Church

August 6, 2023

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Freddie Malphrus

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:

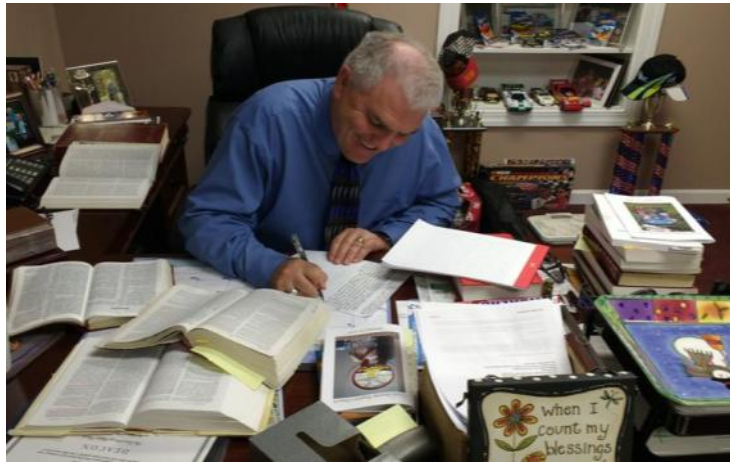
Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905

Next Week:

Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Rediscovering the Word of God
(2 Chronicles 34:14-33)

Introduction:

For the time being we as Americans are blessed that we have such access to God's holy word. We can find it practically in every bookstore across the country. We also can order it and have it delivered right to our door from several different companies. We also can simply use our computers and smart phones to bring it up on our screens to read from numerous sources online. Thus, if anyone in our country wants to read the word of God they won't have any problem doing so.

However in King Josiah's day a copy of God's word appears to have been extremely rare. As a matter of fact the implication seems to be that what they knew of God's word was from memory and word of mouth as it had been passed down through the religious leaders.

However this all changed one day when the men sent to clean up the temple and repair it found a copy of the Book of the Law of the Lord. This discovery made a profound impact upon the king and the nation. It was like a fresh new start for both the king and the nation. So as we too get ready to begin our church's new year, we need to do so with a strong rediscovery of God's holy word that it may make a big impact upon our lives, our church, and our school, and as well as our community.

Now in order to do this we will examine King Josiah's rediscovery of the word of God and how it impacted both him and the nation's life.

I. First, let's notice the place of the word of God's discovery (vs 14, 15).

The Book of the Law of the Lord was found right where you would expect to find it. Of course that was in the temple of the Lord. The building that had been set aside by the Lord himself as the place where God's people would gather together to worship the Lord. So obviously you would expect that God's word is going to be found in the place dedicated to the worship of God.

Now the place where they discovered the Book of the Law of the Lord reveals a couple of very important lessons that we need to be reminded of.

The first lesson this teaches us is that the word of God was never lost. Just as we've already stated it was right where you would expect it to be. Therefore what we learn is that if the Bible wasn't lost then the people were.

The people hadn't lost the word of God because it had been misplaced, or they couldn't find it because they couldn't see it. Rather the word of God was lost to them because they weren't looking for it. Sadly today the word of God sits right under the noses of most everybody in our land. Yet they fail to notice it because they don't want to notice it. For they don't want to be reminded that maybe the way they are living is spoken against in God's word. Therefore they purposely overlook it.

However praise God the same Book of the Law of the Lord not only reveals our shortcomings but also the solutions to them. May our Lord help us to hunger for His word.

The second lesson that we learn from the place God's word was found is that worship and the Word of God go hand-in-hand. It was at the temple that the priest instructed people on the teaching of God's word. It should be no different today. When we come together for worship the word of God should have a prominent place as we exalt the name of Jesus.

II. Second, let's notice the possession of the word of God following its discovery (vs 16-21).

These verses show us that once the Book of the Law of the Lord was discovered at the temple it was then taken to the king and read to him in his presence. When the king received the word of God and heard it read in his presence, he didn't cut the reader off and say, that's enough, I don't want to hear any more of it. Nor did he say, never bring that book back in this place again. He also didn't say, let's burn it and never mention anything about it ever again.

Rather the king listened intently and allowed it to move him deeply. He took possession of it in a very personal manner. He saw it as speaking directly to him. Because he took possession of it in a very personal manner it made it possible for him to ultimately impact others because it first impacted him.

If we are going to impact others with God's holy word we need to first take possession of it for ourselves then we will be better equipped to share it with others.

III. Third, let's notice the perception of the word of God once discovered (vs 19-21).

Once King Josiah received the Book of the Law of the Lord he perceived that this book was not just one book among many. Nor did he perceive it to simply be a book to be read for entertainment. Rather by his reaction once it was read to him it was very clear that he perceived the Book of the Law of the Lord to be the literal word of God to him and to all of mankind.

Because he perceived it to be God's inspired and infallible word he accepted the fact that whatsoever it said would indeed come to reality and was indeed the truth that was spoken by God that we could bank our lives on.

The church today needs to perceive just as King Josiah did that the Bible is beyond any doubt God's holy word and we therefore must be moved by it in the same manner that Josiah was.

IV. Fourth, let's notice the purpose of the word of God revealed after its discovery (vs 19-33).

When the man read the Book of the Law of the Lord to King Josiah, it first caused him to humble himself before God because it caused him to understand how angry God was at the nation because it had not kept God's word.

Rather for years the nation had turned its back on God and forsook Him, His way, and His will. Therefore according to God's word, God was going to punish the nation for these great sins. This caused King Josiah to humble himself before God and pray and seek God's grace and forgiveness.

So what this shows us is that the purpose of the word of God is to show us the majesty of our God, the sinfulness of humanity, the grace of our God that can restore us to Him just as He did for King Josiah and the nation of Judah during the reign of King Josiah.

So God gave us His word so that we can see our problem but see also that God has given us a solution to the problem. Of course we've already pointed out the problem which is our sinfulness; the solution is God's grace shown through our Lord Jesus Christ. No other book reveals God's will and purpose for us all. It is our source of authority and truth. So let us cling to God's word because of its purpose.

V. Fifth, let's notice the praying over the word of God after its discovery (vs 19-22).

Once Josiah received the words of the Book of the Law of the Lord and reacted with humility, he then sent the man who brought the book to him to go to a prophetess named Huldah and ask her to pray about what was written in the book.

From that prayer King Josiah gained the understanding that he needed concerning what was written therein. The best way to understand any book is to speak to its author. God is the author of the Bible and the best way to understand it is therefore to pray and seek the author who is our Almighty God and He will give you understanding.

VI. Sixth, lets notice the preaching of the word of God after its discovery (vs 29-33).

Once King Josiah took possession of the word of God for himself, and humbled himself before God because of what he heard from the Book of the Law of the Lord and then prayed over its content, he was then ready to preach the message of the word of God to the rest of the nation. He couldn't keep its message to just himself and a few others. No. It was a message that needed to be told to all others.

God called us to not only take possession of the word of God for ourselves and let its message impact each one of us, but rather He also called us to take its wonderful message and preach and share it with others.

Conclusion:

May our Lord help us to rediscover God's precious holy word for ourselves and let its content impact us and then go and share its wonderful message with this lost and dying world.

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph Lee

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 estimate \$20,000.00. This will be discussed and voted on during our regular church business meeting schedule for August 9, 2023.



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Larry Malphrus</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>Juliette Daring</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Vicky Buchanan</i>



Tuesday,
August 8th:
Ken & Doby
Cleland

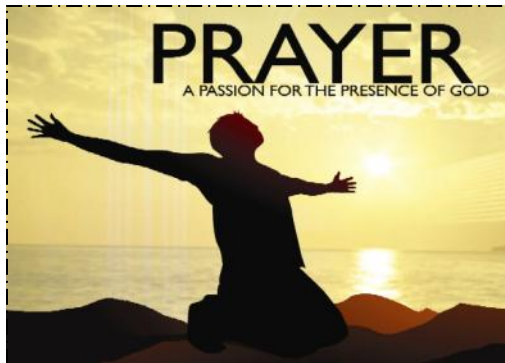


Business Meeting
Wednesday, August 9th
at 7:00 p.m.



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!**

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 -
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****

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.



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!



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



Christmas in July *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

August:

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!

Creation Service by Steve Levinson
Coming September 10th
with 3 seminars!

Sunday School Hour (9:00 a.m.) - Program about illusion. For all ages. Should be very interesting! A must see/hear!

Worship Hour (10:30 a.m.) - Program on the foundation of how evolution has affected society. No one should miss this one!!

Sunday Evening (6:00 p.m.) - Program about fossils.

Each of his seminars talks primarily about creation and the Book of Genesis. 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

<i>Lloyd Freeman</i>	<i>Wayne Cooler</i>
<i>David Meador</i>	<i>Robert O'Dell</i>
<i>Chuck Scoggins</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>Gentry Thames</i>
<i>Alex Sineath</i>	<i>Jeffrey Stanley</i>
<i>Bobby Smith</i>	<i>Ronnie Malphrus</i>
<i>Eddie Amason</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.



*A gift of \$100.00 has been
given to the Operation
Christmas Child fund by
Palmetto Electric in memory of
Gary Way.*

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

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
Cindy Rhodes, SRBA*

*Venny Robinston (Allene's
sister)*

*Karen Malphrus - Fell
Mike Wall*

Surgery/Recovery

Cancer/Treatments

*Pat Headley
Leigh Laycock
Joyce Garbade
Tex Lowther*

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>

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	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Adult Senior Trip 2023</i>	<i>\$593.25</i>	*****	<i>\$7,903.94</i>
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,104.85</i>
<i>Cemetery Maintenance</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	*****	<i>\$947.39</i>
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	<i>\$120.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,696.24</i>
<i>Office Supplies</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>	*****	<i>\$436.52</i>



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

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