



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*October 29, 2023*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

**Announcements**

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

*Fred Stanley*

**The Lord's Supper**

**Praise & Worship**

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

**Invitation**

**Benediction Prayer**

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*Sunday Mornings*  
*Following The Song Service:*



Nursery



Teacher:  
Olivia Stanley

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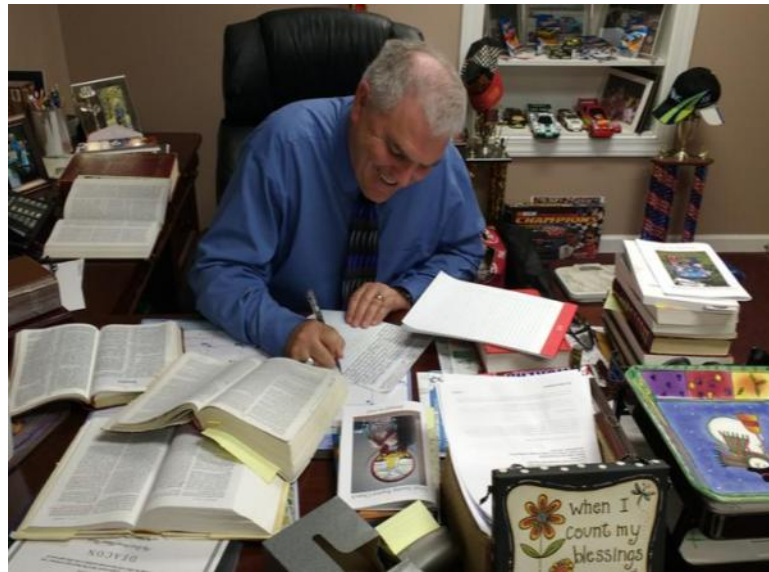
DEACON OF THE WEEK:

*Fred Stanley*



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*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **God's Not Through With Israel**

### **Introduction:**

It's been nearly three weeks since Israel was brutally attacked by Hamas terrorists. These terrorists in a horrendous manner murdered, slaughtered, mutilated, and kidnapped more than 1,400 Israeli civilians in one day, and they still hold over 200 civilians in captivity.

Now obviously the world was gripped initially by the atrocities that the nation of Israel faced on that awful day. However tragically within just a short few days the tide has turned and the biggest portion of the world no longer supports Israel but instead chose to condemn her for simply defending her right to exist as a nation.

I am grateful that for the time being our nation is standing with Israel, but I fear this may soon change as we see deceptions and lies about Israel being promoted all across our land resulting in protest against Israel.

However, in spite of all of it, there's one thing we can be assured of and that is that Israel will not be defeated by her enemies no matter who they are even Satan himself, because God is not through with Israel. So with this message I'm going to show many scriptures that reveal why God is not through with Israel.

**I. First, let's notice that God is not through with Israel because of His initial promise to them (Gen 12:1-3).**

When you read the verses for this point you are reading the very beginning of the nation of Israel. God begins with one man, Abram, and calls him out and makes some amazing promises to him.

These promises are that God is going to turn Abram and his descendants into a great nation. He's going to bless them. He's going to bless the world through them, and He's going to bless those who bless Israel, and curse those who curse Israel.

So the question is how long was God's initial promise to Abram and his descendants meant to last? Well, the word of God gives us the answer. "I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you." (Genesis 17:7).

So the initial promise is also an external promise.

**II. Second, let's notice that God is not through with Israel because of the land God promised them.**

The word of God reveals over and over that God promised to Israel land that they have not yet fully realized. Under King Solomon they held the largest portion of land that they have ever held. However even then it was not everything God promise to them.

Let's look at a few of the text in which God reveals His promise of land to them.

"On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates -- the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.'" (Genesis 15:18-21)

When Israel had reached the border of the promise land after marching through the wilderness for 40 years God took Moses upon top of Mount Pisgah and showed all the land that He promised to Israel but that he was not going to get to go into because of an act of disobedience to God, and it was there that Moses died and God buried him.

God chose Joshua to take Moses' place and just before Joshua led the people into the promise land God revealed to him all the boundaries of that land. "After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 'Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.'" (Joshua 1:1-6).

So like in the previous point we asked how long did God make His initial promise to Israel and we discovered it was forever, so it is with His promise to give them all this land an eternal one. Speaking to Abraham, God said, "The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God." (Genesis 17:8).

So as we can see there's no doubt that God's not through with Israel because of His initial promise to them. As well because of the land He promised them has not yet been fully realized. Also in both cases we've seen that those promised are eternal.

### **III. Third, let's notice that God's not through with Israel because of His promise to restore them to their land**

Now Israel failed in their commitment to God in a very bold manner. They turned their back on God in such a way that God had no choice but to punish them and punish them He did. He sent foreign nations to conquer them, and then take them into captivity.

However in one set of verses after another God made prophecies and promises of returning them to their land. The last time that they were birthed back into existence as a nation happened May 14, 1948. in just one day they were re-birthed and the scriptures even prophesized that this would happen. Never in the history of humanity has a nation that was conquered and taken into captivity returned back to their home land and become a nation again except for Israel because God is not through with her. I will share just a few of the many, many prophecies concerning this point.

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth — everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." (Isaiah 43:5-7).

"Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children. Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery?" says the Lord. "Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery?" says your God. (Isaiah 66:7-9).

"In that day "I will restore David's fallen shelter -- I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins -- and will rebuild it as it used to be, so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name," declares the Lord, who will do these things. "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills, and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. "They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the Lord your God." (Amos 9:11-15).

So as we can see God not only promised to restore the nation back into their land, but also that their restoration will be a permanent one. Never again to be uprooted.

#### **IV. Fourth, let's notice that God is not through with Israel because of His promise to redeem them.**

When Jesus came into the world to save sinners, He took upon Himself human flesh, specifically the flesh of the Jewish people. So the first people that He came to and ministered to and revealed Himself to were the Jewish people. But as a whole the overwhelming majority rejected Him as their Messiah. We clearly see this rejection with the words of Jesus Himself as He addressed the Jewish people in Jerusalem near the end of His ministry. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Matt 23:37-39).

However their rejection of Him was not the end of God's dealing with the nation. For He prophesied and promised that there would be a day that He would cause them to finally see that Jesus Christ our Lord is their Messiah and then believe in Him for their eternal salvation. We find these prophecies and promises in both the Old and New Testament.

"For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you." (Ez 36:24-29).

Then in the New Testament the Apostle Paul was heart broken by the fact that his people, the Jews, had rejected Jesus as their Messiah and Savior. But he knew that there would come a day that our Lord would bring the nation of Israel to totally trust in Christ as their Redeemer.

"I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins." (Romans 11:25-27).

This last point is the most important one of all. For the most important thing we can obtain above all else is our eternal salvation and only Jesus can provide that.

Conclusion:

Let me conclude by saying that Israel will come to a full acceptance of Christ at or near the end of the tribulation. For sure the moment Christ returns to destroy all of the wicked armies of the world that have come to fight against Israel and against Him. But they will be destroyed by King Jesus, and all the Jews will bow down to Jesus as their Lord, Savior, and Messiah.

So let me say that from all the current events taking place it all seems to be coming together fast. Thus this means that the time of the Gentiles is almost up. Therefore if you are not saved yet, don't delay any longer. For once the church is raptured out and the tribulation period begins it will be too late for you. So today repent of your sins and cry out to Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and He will save you.

Jesus Loves You,  
Ralph Lee



# AGENDA

**Business Meeting**

Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m.

**Deacons' Meeting**

Monday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m.

**Prayer Meeting**

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

**Grandmothers' Group**

Monday, November 6th at 11:30 a.m.

Meet at the youth house to help with Operation Christmas Child. Please bring a soup or a sandwiches to share. Hope to see everyone there!  
All ladies welcome!

**Swamp Kids**

Every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m.

**Men's Ministry Meeting**

Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

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**IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT**



**Sunday, November 5th, we  
will hold service in the old  
sanctuary and have baptisms.**





<i>Monday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Bjo Mills</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>31st</i>	<i>Paul Malphrus</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Nov. 1st</i>	<i>Cassandra Bradley</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Wanda Cooler</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Freddie Malphrus</i>



# IMPORTANT

*Please read*



We are trying to gather information together in the office regarding sicknesses, surgeries, illnesses, deaths, hospitalizations, et cetera.

Therefore, if you hear about someone dealing with any of these things or even something else, please call Jennifer in the church office at 843-726-3631 and let her know so she can inform the deacons and the pastor.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, October 31st  
Beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the MPB.  
Sign up online or walk-in.

## **SFCA Drama Team Presents:**

### **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**

Friday, November 3rd & Saturday, November 4th  
Doors open at 6:00 pm & play begins at 7:00 pm  
Located in the SFCA Gym  
See Jennifer or Rhonda Stones for  
more info and/or tickets.

## **SFCA God & Country Program**

Friday, November 10th at 8:30 am  
In the Multi-Purpose Building

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection**

November 13th to November 20th

## **Great Swamp Christmas Family Gathering**

Sunday, December 10th during worship service

## **The Lord's Supper &**

### **Christmas Candlelight Service**

Wednesday, December 31st at 7:00 p.m.

\*No Sunday School\*



## Operation Christmas Child

These are the items we still need with the amount to finish packing the shoeboxes. You can also give a monetary donation if you don't want to go shopping.

### **NEEDED:**

Wash Cloths - 400  
Stuffed Animals/Barbies - 500  
Socks: Boys - 45; Girls - 155  
Toys: Boys - 150; Girls - 37  
Scissors - 100  
Crayons - 100

### **Collection Dates & Times:**

Mon, 11/13: 10 am - 12 pm  
Tues, 11/14: 10 am - 12 pm  
Wed, 11/15: 10 am - 12 pm  
Thurs, 11/16: 10 am - 12 pm  
Fri, 11/17: 10 am - 12 pm  
Sat, 11/18: 10 am - 2 pm  
Sun, 11/19: 1 pm - 4 pm  
Mon, 11/20: 10 am - 12 pm



## Wednesday Night Supper

Meals served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
every Wednesday night.

**Team Keith is cooking for Wednesday,  
November 1st.**

\$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per  
family of four or more.

No meal deliveries.

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## Sunday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast will be served  
from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00  
a.m.

\$5.00 per person or  
\$15.00 per family of  
four or more.

# GSBC Prayer Page

## Church Leadership

*Sunday School*  
*SFCA-Donna Carter*  
*Child Development*  
*Ministries*  
*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor*  
*Richard Waitt- Music Director*  
*Deacons*  
*Church Finances*

## Leadership

*President / Vice President of*  
*the United States of America*

## Bereavement

*Family of Dale Malphrus*  
*Family of Sandra Youden-*  
*Corriveau*

## Unspoken

## Other Health Needs

*Mary Kay Cade*  
*Debbie Hale*  
*Gene Price*  
*Julia Rushing*  
*Pinky Rushing*  
*Amy Hannah*  
*Judy Smith*  
*Kathy Breland*

*Mr. Williamson - heart attack*

*Mike Wall*  
*Grace Hetrick*  
*Arthur Pierson*  
*Dwight Malphrus*  
*Clark Daring*  
*Arlette Jones*  
*Max Cole*  
*Nicole Cole*

*Marie Malphrus - Beaufort*  
*Memorial*  
*Mary Cooper - Beaufort*  
*Memorial*

## Hospitals

## Cancer/Treatments

*Revel Crosby - 4 years old*  
*(Leukemia)*  
*Morgan Warren*  
*Ken Lawler*

## Surgery/Recovery

*Judy Smith*  
*Karen Malphrus*  
*David Raines - Sprenger Rehab*  
*Marie Cole*  
*Eddie Amason - Knee Surgery*

## Nursing Centers

*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>

### 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*  
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*Sunday School Director: Mike Davis* .....  
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*School Administrator: Donna Carter* ..... *dcarter@sfcaweb.org*

## Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	<i>\$2,753.00</i>	<i>\$ 5,012.49</i>	<i>\$-2,259.49</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>		
<b>Designated Funds</b>		*****	<b>Acct. Balances</b>
<i>Harvest Fest</i>	<i>\$770.00</i>	*****	<i>\$761.93</i>
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>	*****	<i>\$811.42</i>
<i>Senior Trip 2023</i>	<i>\$880.00</i>	*****	<i>\$2,284.11</i>
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,549.60</i>
<i>Love Offering for Greg McDougal</i>			<i>\$506.00</i>



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

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