



# *Class of 2024*

*Great  
Swamp  
Baptist  
Church*

*May 19, 2024*

# *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

*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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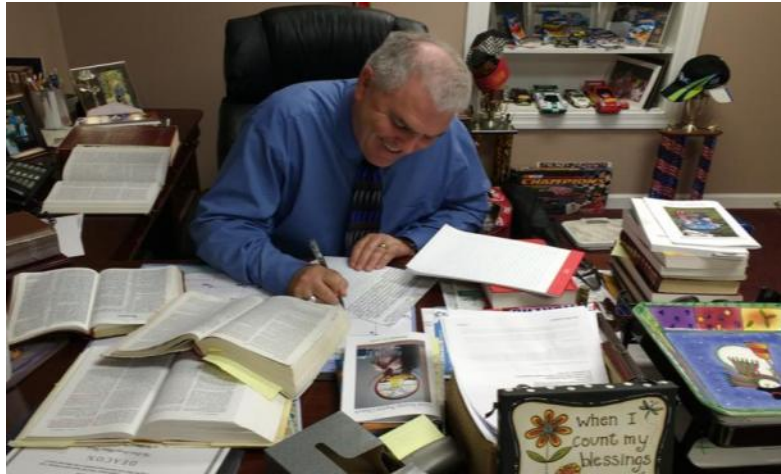
DEACON OF THE WEEK:

*Bjo Mills*



Phone: 843-271-2840

*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **Honoring Mothers**

### **Introduction:**

The woke generation has really hit our nation hard over the last few years, months, weeks, and even days. Just in the last couple of weeks we see, once again, the evidence of their agenda taking place in areas we would have never imagined not so long ago. One of those examples has to do with the Boy Scouts of America. In order to be all inclusive they have decided to change their name from Boy Scouts to Scouting America.

It's the second example that I want to focus on for what we are looking at in this message. A school out west decided that they would change the name of their Mother's Day event from Mother's Day to Family Day. They did this because they didn't want to offend anyone whose family was not based upon the traditional family setting.

Now I will admit that having a family day event or celebration would be a good thing. However we shouldn't allow such a celebration take away from a Mother's Day celebration. For God's word determines for us what makes up a family. According to the Bible, a family is made up of a father, mother, and any children that may come along.

Also the word of God is loud and clear that mothers play a big role within the family setting and is worthy of our honoring them, just as God's holy word does, and I mean it does in such a bold fashion. So in this message we are going to look at how the Bible honors mothers.

## **I. First, let's notice that the Bible honors mothers with a large registry.**

Now with this point I simply am pointing out the fact that God's word lists a large number of mothers within its pages and many of them have become mothers that are well known. So what I am going to do is to merely share a small portion of the list of mothers that are well known from God's word.

Obviously, the first one that we will mention in the list is Eve. God took a rib from Adam and with that rib God made the first woman who became the first mother. "Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all living." (Gen. 3:20).

The second mother on the list that we will mention is Sarah. Sarah was the wife of Abraham and the mother of Isaac and as well of the Jewish people. Before Isaac was born God made a promise to Abraham that Sarah would give birth to a son and a nation. "I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her." (Gen 17:16).

The third person that we will mention on our list is Rebekah. Rebekah was Isaac's wife and the mother of twins, Jacob and Esau. "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger." (Gen 25:23).

The fourth mother we will mention is well known but not so much by her name, rather by her actions. Her name is Jochebed. She was the mother of Moses. "Amram married his father's sister Jochebed, who bore him Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years." (Ex 6:20).

The fifth mother we will mention is Hannah. Hannah was the wife of Elkanah and she was the mother of Samuel. She became the mother of Samuel through the means of prayer. "So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him." (1 Sam 1:20).

Now for the next two mothers in the list we will move to the New Testament. The sixth mother on the list is Elizabeth. She was the wife of Zechariah and the mother of John the Baptist. Like the previous mother mentioned, Elizabeth became a mother as a result of prayer as well. This time it was a prayer prayed by the father, Zechariah. "But an angel said to him: 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.'" (Luke 1:13).

Now of course everyone can figure out who the seventh mother is that we are going to mention. Her name is Mary. Mary was the wife of Joseph and the mother of Jesus as well as other children. She is, of course, most well known for giving birth to Jesus. "But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.'" (Luke 1:30-31).

Now we have only brought to you a list of mothers that are the most well known in the Bible. However there are many more that we didn't mention. But what I am doing with this point is to simply point out the fact that God's word shows great honor to mothers by the sheer number that are found in His word. So if God lists so many of them, to point our attention to them then certainly we need to give them great honor.

**II. Second, let's notice that the Bible honors mothers for some specific reason.**

First reason that the Bible honors mothers is because God created mothers. (Gen 1:26-28; 3:20; 4:1-2). "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (Gen 1:27-28).

So God told them to be fruitful and increase in numbers, and that is what they did. The first family as God intended was a man and a woman, husband and wife, Adam and Eve. Eve was the first mother and gave birth to, I'm sure, many children. The Bible mentions two of them.

"Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living." (Gen 3:20). "Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, 'With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.' Later she gave birth to his brother Abel." (Gen 4:1-2).

So we must honor mothers because God created them and gave them an important role to bring children into the world.

The second reason that the Bible honors mothers is because many of them were women of faith. They had the faith to believe that our Lord would both help them to give birth to their children and help them to raise their children.

There are many examples of the women of faith who made great mothers because of their trust in God with their children. I'm going to mention one of the many. The one that I will point out is Jochebed, the mother of Moses.

Most people have heard of the famous story of Moses and the beginning of his life. The Jews were living in Egypt. The Egyptians had turned the Israelites into slaves. But the Israelites continued to grow so much that the Egyptians decided to curb their growth by demanding that every time a Jewish woman gave birth to a boy they were to throw the child into the Nile River to drown.

However when Jochebed gave birth to her son Moses, by her faith in God, she was determined to save his life realizing that he was a gift from God to her. So she did everything she could to hide him, but when he began to be loud she knew that she couldn't hide him any longer. So she devised a plan to save her son. Instead of throwing him into the river, she made a small floating basket that was waterproof and placed Moses in the basket, put the basket in the water, and we all know the rest of the story. Moses' life was saved and he went on to become the leader of the Israelites.

Now the faith of Jochebed and her husband was so incredible that they were recognized in the Great Hall of Fame of Faith found in the book of Hebrews. "By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict." (Heb 11:23). We need to ask ourselves are we the kind of parents that have the same kind of faith of Jochebed when it comes to raising our children? May our Lord help us to have that kind of faith.

The third reason that the Bible honors mothers is because of the influence they can have over their children for God. Let's look at a mother and grandmother that powerfully influenced their son and grandson for a life committed to God. It was the mother and grandmother of young Timothy.

"I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." (2 Tim 1:3-5).

Will it be said of us as mothers and fathers that our children became followers of Jesus Christ because we as parents influenced them in that way? Let it be our prayer that we become that kind of influence on our children that Lois and Eunice, the mother and grandmother of Timothy, were.

**III. Third, let's notice that the Bible honors mothers with a joyous recognition (Proverbs 31:23-31).**

This chapter in the Bible which I have chosen for this point, is one of if not the most recognized used chapters to honor our mothers with. Of course we are referring to mothers that understand that their role as a mother is a calling of God to use to help their family to be a God honoring family. Mothers like this God should deserve a joyous recognition as these verses show:

"Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." (Proverbs 31:23-31).

All you've got to do is to read those verses to understand that clearly God is all about us honoring and celebrating our mothers.

**Conclusion:**

Mothers, let us understand that being a mother is a calling of God and, to the rest, let us honor them.

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph Lee





<i>Sunday</i>	<i>19th</i>	<i>Calvin Bryan</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>19th</i>	<i>Courtney Thames</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>Travis Amason</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>Jed Carter</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Max Cole</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Kim Malphrus</i>

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	<p><b><u>Thursday, May 23rd:</u></b> Randy &amp; Sybil Reynolds</p>
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# MIGRANT MINISTRY

## DRU GRAVES HISPANIC FARMWORKERS MISSION!

### ITEMS NEEDED!

**Health kits contain:** a bath towel, washcloth, comb or brush, soap, toothpaste, and a toothbrush.

**Food items, etc:** Masa flour, rice, canned fruit cocktail, dried pinto beans, and other Hispanic food products; bottled water, liquid clothes detergent, shampoo, deodorant, or any health care product along with female products, and laundry baskets to pack them in. Also, long-sleeve men's shirts are needed.

Items are needed by May 30th, delivered to Savannah River Baptist Association

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## Operation Christmas Child



These are the items being collected for April or you can give a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you.

### Here is the list for the month of May:



Ponytail Bands  
Stuffed Animals  
Toothbrushes



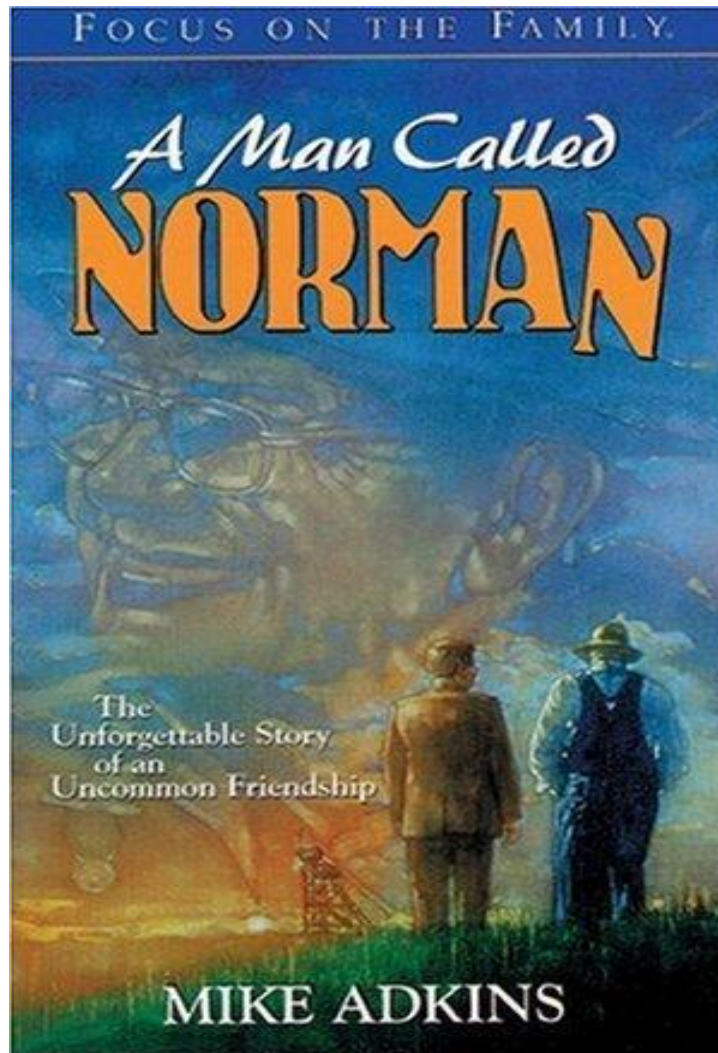
Ziploc Bags - Gallon & Quart  
Socks - Boys & Girls



Yo-yos, jump ropes, or any other toy  
Hair Barrettes, Scrunchies, &  
Headbands



Any questions, please ask Dorthie.  
Thank you.



## **MOVIE NIGHT!!**

Showing: A Man Called Norman  
TONIGHT!! Sunday, May 19th

Concessions at 6:00 p.m.

Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.



Please bring finger foods for your family  
and more to share with all!  
Tea and Popcorn provided.

Come watch an amazing movie with us!

**Senior Adult Trip**  
**Fantasy of Lights at Callaway Gardens**

December 12th and 13th (Thurs & Fri)

We will depart the church on December the 12th, Thursday, at 7:00 am via coach bus and we will arrive at the Callaway Resort and Gardens hopefully around 2:00 pm.

Price is \$315.00 per person (includes lodge accommodations, motor coach, Fantasy of Lights tour, holiday dinner buffet Thursday afternoon, breakfast buffet Friday morning, and Gardens admission)

Space is limited to 15 rooms (30 people with double occupancy)

Anyone interested needs to sign up as soon as possible. Sign up sheet is on the back wall.



Deposit of \$100.00  
due no later than  
September 1st.



## Wednesday Night Supper

Meals served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
every Wednesday night.  
\$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family of four or more.

**\*Last Supper is THIS Wednesday  
night, May 22nd\***

**\*\*Last Breakfast is TODAY!!!!\*\***

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

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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

## Unspoken

## Hospitals

## Surgery/Recovery

*Saylor Olivas*  
*Mike Wall*  
*Mack Pope*  
*Gary Breland - stomach surgery*  
*and kidney stones*  
*Ann Long - Hip surgery*

## Cancer/Treatments

*Revel Crosby - 4 years old*  
*(Leukemia)*  
*Ken Lawler*  
*Barry DeMay*

## Other Health Needs

*Mary Kay Cade*  
*Julia Rushing*  
*Pinky Rushing*  
*Amy Hannah*  
*Kathy Breland*  
*Grace Hetrick*  
*Arthur Pearson*  
*Pete Williamson*  
*Rodney Malphrus, Jr.*  
*Mark Mingledorff*  
*Bill Carter*  
*Mike Wall*  
*Sage Lanier (2 week old baby*  
*with seizures)*

## Nursing Centers

*Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe*  
*Tommy & Erma Cooler - Ridgeland Nursing Home*  
*David Sauls - Morrell Nursing Center*  
*Doby Cleland - Life Care Center of HHI*  
*Shirley Malphrus - Resorts at Beaufort (D wing)*  
*Ernestine Steedly - NHC in Lexington*

## Please Continue To Remember

### Homebound

*Rose Boyles*  
*Judy Smith*  
*Vera Floyd*  
*Barbara Mills*  
*Kenny Smith*  
*Tom Hinely*  
*Ann Blocker*  
*Red & Helen Malphrus*  
*Diane Hannah*  
*Ann Long*  
*Tex Lowther*

### Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton - Deployed*  
*Matthew Mills - US Marines -*  
*Okinawa, Japan*  
*Jericho Malphrus - Sp. Agent/Air Force -*  
*Pinehurst, NC.*  
*Michael Sottile - Ret.*  
*Tristan Blanton - Louisiana*  
*Andrea C. Daring - Charleston, SC*

# Church Staff

Pastor: **Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr** .....jehu27@gmail.com

Music Director: **Richard Waitt** .....

Sunday School Director: **Mike Davis** .....

Pianist: **Michelle Waitt** ..... waittfamily83@gmail.com

Administrative Assistant: **Jennifer Meador** .....greatswampbc@gmail.com  
843-726-3631

School Administrator: **Donna Carter** .....dcarter@sfcaweb.org

# Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$3,090.00	\$4,923.33	\$-1,833.33
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
<b>Designated Funds</b>			<b>Acct. Balances</b>
<i>SMB</i>	\$90.00	*****	\$1,136.78
<i>WNS</i>	\$162.00	*****	\$1,093.92
<i>VBS</i>	\$1.00	*****	\$1,999.08



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

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