

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*December 1, 2024*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*10:30 AM*

**Announcements**

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

*Keith Gamo*

**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 Workers**

**For Today:**  
Chyleen & Pat B.

**Next Sunday 12/8:**  
Tammy & Kim M.



**Teacher:**  
Olivia Stanley



**Greeters for Today:**  
Kim & Richard

**Next Sunday 12/8:**  
Juliette & Mike Wall

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:**

*Keith Gamo*



*Phone: 843-986-8525*

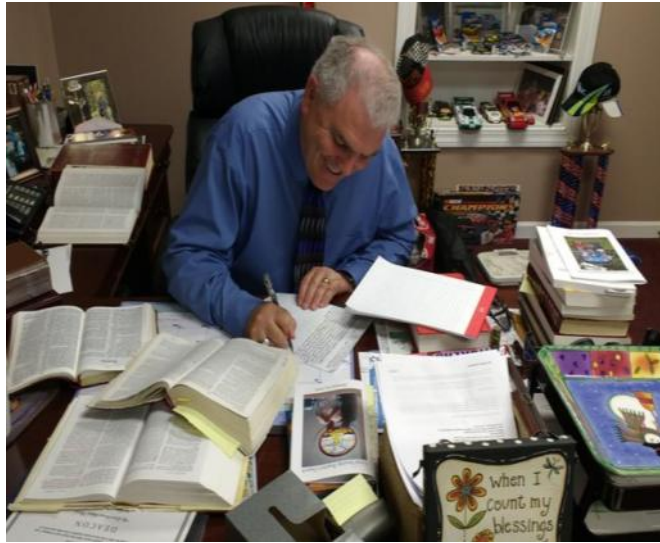
**NEXT WEEK'S**

**DEACON:**

*Lloyd Freeman*



*From  
the  
Pastor's  
desk:*



## **The Old One Hundred**

*Psalm 100:1-5*

### **Introduction:**

Mary Tudor became Queen of England in 1553. She was a staunch Roman Catholic and was determined to push the Protestants out of England, or at least convert them to Catholicism. This resulted in many Protestants fleeing England to other nations that would allow them to worship God in the manner they believed God would have them to.

Now one of the men that fled England was a man named William Kethe. He not only was a Protestant but he also wrote music. Out of gratitude for getting away from Queen Mary, William Kethe took Psalm 100 and turned it into a song. A song of praise and thanksgiving to the greatness, the grace, and the goodness of our God. It was entitled "The Old One Hundred."

So in this message I want us to take a look at the Old One Hundred, and like William Kethe, allow it to move us to great gratitude for our blessed Lord.

### **I. First, let's notice that the Old One Hundred is a call to worship that's passionate and powerful (vs 1, 2, 4)**

The passion and power that I'm referring to is found in these verses with words like "shout," "gladness," "joyful songs," "come," "enter." these words all indicate that our worship, praise, and thanksgiving should be done with great enthusiasm and excitement.

Now, of course, we need to remember that Paul teaches us that worship should be in an orderly fashion. "For God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. But all things, should be done decently and in order." (I Cor 14:33, 40). Paul was speaking to the Corinth Church that had a lot of confusion taking place during worship because people were speaking in unknown tongues that nobody could understand. So while worship should be done in an orderly fashion in order to do away with confusion it should in no manner prevent us from lifting up our voice in an exuberant praise of our great God.

Along with our passionate praise it should be done with joy and gladness. When we are not passionate, joyful, and glad worshippers we display a message that there's nothing special about our faith and our God, and that He doesn't bring joy and gladness to our lives.

Matthew Henry, that great preacher of the past said, "By holy joy we do really serve God. Gospel worshippers should be joyful worshippers." So let us come together every Lord's day with passionate and powerful worship. Our God is totally worthy of it.

## **II. Second, let's notice that the Old One Hundred is a call to worship from all people (vs 1)**

The way the verse puts it is that, "all the earth" is to come before our blessed Lord and give him passionate and powerful worship. It's a call for all people's of all nationalities, of all skin colors, of all languages, of all sizes to come together to give worship unto God.

This teaches us that we must never limit our worship to people who are just like ourselves. Rather we must be willing to lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving alongside of those whose skin color may be different than ours, or who came from a different part of the world, or who has different likes than we do. For worship is not about who we are but who God is. And we all were created by the same God through the same original parents so let us lay aside our differences and come together and praise our God.

There is a day coming in which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father (Phil 2:10, 11). That day will include those who refused to believe in Christ and, of course, all who chose to follow Christ. And since all will be made to worship Him on that day let us not wait to be forced to do so. Rather let us choose to believe and follow Him now as our Lord and Savior and give Him all the joyful worship that He deserves.

**III. Third, let's notice that the Old One Hundred is a call to worship through participation (vs 2, 4)**

There are two strong words in these two verses that call us to participate in worship. They are "come" and "enter." Both of these words indicate an invitation and an open door. Our holy God has invited sinful humanity with the privilege and opportunity to come before His presence and worship Him.

This invitation however is not for everyone to come any way they choose. Remember it's God who gives the invitation. Therefore this means that it's only by God's method and means that we are allowed to come before His Holy presence. And that means is only through His glorious Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Our sins separated us from God, but the apostle Paul shows us how we can be reconciled to God. "...We implore you on Christ behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Cor 5:20, 21).

A young lad left the country side to come to London to see the king. When he got to the palace the gates were closed and locked. The guards standing at attention told the young man to go on because the palace was closed and he couldn't see the king. But he pleaded passionately to be allowed to see the king. Still however they refused to let him in. Then the police came along and encouraged him to leave. But the young lad continued to plead his case with the guard and police. So a well-dressed man overheard the pleading of the young lad with the guard and policeman. He approached the young lad and took his hand and said, come with me. As He did the police moved on and the guard graciously opened the gate and let the well-dressed man through to the palace yard along with the young lad. He then led the young lad into the palace all the way into the presence of the king. You see the well-dressed man was the Prince of Wales, the king's son. So we, too, through the king's son, the Lord Jesus Christ have an open door opportunity to come into God's presence to worship Him. So let us, "come before Him with joyful songs." (vs 2).

**IV. Fourth, let's notice that the Old One Hundred is a call to worship with perception (vs 3, 5)**

To perceive something means that we see and understand something. Well, the psalmist says that what we perceive that should lead us to passionate and powerful worship is our knowledge of God. In other words when you have the knowledge and understanding of who God is then you shouldn't have to be pushed into worshipping Him because you will be moved purely from how great He is.

There are three things at least in these verses that the Psalmist tells us of who God is. First, he tells us that, "The Lord is God." Our Lord alone is God Almighty. If that was all we knew about God it would be enough to cause us to worship Him forever. For because He is God it makes Him capable of being the other persons He's presented to be.

Second, the Psalmist tells us that He's our creator, and that's because He's God. We didn't evolve, we didn't cause ourselves to be, rather our blessed Lord created us.

Third, the Psalmist tells us that God is our Savior. For the Psalmist tells us that, "We are His people, the sheep of His pasture." (vs 3). Not everyone whose been created are automatically a part of God's spiritual sheepfold. For Jesus said, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and out, and find pasture." (John 10:7-10).

Also the Psalmist tells us that not only the knowledge and perception of who God is but also the knowledge and perception of what God does will cause us to joyfully worship our Lord Jesus Christ. "For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." (vs 5)

With the perception of who God is and what He does we will forever have unending causes for worshipping our God.

**Conclusion:**

So from the points presented in this message there should never be any excuses presented from any of us for not exalting and praising our Blessed Lord God Almighty. He alone is worthy.

Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee



GREAT SWAMP  
Christmas  
FAMILY  
GATHERING  
MAKING MEMORIES TOGETHER

Our annual Christmas Family Gathering  
will be Sunday, December 8th.

Everyone is asked to bring a side dish  
and a dessert. The church will provide  
the ham and baked chicken. This will  
be during the worship hour.







# Women on MISSION

*(formerly Grandmothers' Group)*

We are having a Chinese Christmas party!!!! Come join us, have a great time, eat some great food, and be around some great people!

**\*\*Plan to bring a \$5 to \$10 gift to participate in the game.\*\***

**When:** December 9th at 11:30 a.m.

**Where:** Youth House

**Bring:** A Covered Dish and/or Dessert. The church will provide the meat and water/tea.



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Stephanie Carter</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Ronnie Nettles</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Chris Carter</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Vanessa Smoak</i>

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The SwampKids will be packing 21 backpacks this year for the local foster kids. We have the backpacks. All we need are the items. So for the month of November, we'll be collecting these items listed. There will be a box in the MPB for your donations or you can give money for the purchase of these items. Our packing party will be Wednesday, Dec 11th at 7pm.

**List of Items Needed:**

- knit caps, gloves, warm socks, warm scarves
- Vienna sausages, spaghetti
- toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, soaps or body wash, shampoo, washcloths, deodorant, markers
- fleece blankets, stuffed animals, dolls, hair accessories
- cars, crayons, coloring books, puzzles, fidget spinners, bubble pop toys
- make-up, jewelry, thermos, flash lights with batteries, colored pencils, craft sets, balls with pump, Uno cards

	
<p><b><u>Wednesday,</u></b> <b><u>December 4th:</u></b> David &amp; Jennifer Meador</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday,</u></b> <b><u>December 5th:</u></b> Chris &amp; Kelly Scherger</p>

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**Wednesday Night**  
**Supper**

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

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**Sunday Morning**  
**Breakfast**

Breakfast will be served  
from 8:30 a.m. to  
9:00 a.m.  
\$5.00 per person or  
\$15.00 per family of  
four or more.



## **Christmas Card Delivery**

\$0.50 per card delivered

The SwampKids will deliver in-house Christmas cards this year.

Mailbox for cards is in the foyer.



Proceeds go to Lottie Moon Christmas offering.



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# Baby DEDICATIONS



The following children will be dedicated today:

**Georgia Bell Cline**

*Parents: Dawson & Emma Cline*

**Everly Jade Olivas**

**Riley Saylor Olivas**

*Parents: Nathan & Saylor Olivas*

**Anna Gail Pittinger**

*Parents: DeKelly & Katie Pittinger*



# Operation Christmas Child



A huge **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Dorthie, Mr. Duane, and everyone who contributed in one way or another to Operation Christmas Child this year. It's because of your contributions, no matter how big or small, that we were able to fill an abundance of shoeboxes and these shoeboxes will, in turn, fill a child with joy, happiness, and, ultimately, the love of Jesus when they open their box. What an amazing year we've had fulfilling our shoebox mission! So many children will be blessed by the multitude of boxes given by our church and school. God is good!

January will kick off a new year for Operation Christmas Child. So while we have the month of December off (when it comes to OCC), I encourage you to use this month to pray for the children who will receive shoeboxes. Additionally, consider praying that God reveal to you how He can use you to help with Operation Christmas Child in the coming year. Stay tuned for more OCC info in January!

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**Help is needed on Wednesday nights for SwampKids. We could use an extra person in Crafts, back-up for Missions and a floater. Please contact Kim Malphrus at 843-540-0365 if interested and more details.**

# GSBC Prayer Page

## Church Leadership

*Sunday School  
SFCA-Donna Carter  
Child Development  
Ministries  
Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor  
Deacons*

## Leadership

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

## Bereavement

## Unspoken

## Hospitals

## Other Health Needs

*Julia Rushing  
Pinky Rushing  
Amy Hannah  
Arthur Pearson  
Earl Dean Pope*

## Surgery/Recovery

## Cancer/Treatments

*Revel Crosby - 4 years old  
(Leukemia)  
Ken Lawler  
Rachel Vaughn  
Ella Gourlay - 10 years old  
(Leukemia)*

*Shannon Morgan (MS)  
Kadence Abney (little girl -  
collapsed lung)  
Juliette's Granddaughter  
Jeff Bladen (liver)*

## Nursing Centers

*Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe  
Tommy & Erma Cooler - Ridgeland Nursing Home  
David Sauls - Florence Place Assisted Living  
Doby Cleland - Life Care Center of HHI*

## 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  
Shirley Malphrus*

### Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton - Deployed  
Matthew Mills - US Marines -  
Okinawa, Japan  
Jericho Malphrus - Sp. Agent/Air Force -  
Pinehurst, NC.  
Andrea C. Daring - Charleston, SC  
Schuyler Johnson - Basic Training Marines*

## Church Staff

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

## Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	<b>\$3,034.00</b>	<b>\$4,923.33</b>	<b>\$-1,889.33</b>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$175.93</i>		
<b>Designated Funds</b>			<b>Acct. Balances</b>
OCC	<b>\$50.00</b>		<b>\$2,167.12</b>
Lottie Moon	<b>\$2.00</b>		<b>\$2.00</b>





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

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