

No one who
practices deceit
shall remain in my
house; no one who
utters lies shall
continue in my
presence.

Psalm 101:7

Great Swamp Baptist Church

March 2, 2025

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Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Eddie Malphrus

Call to Worship

Invocation

Calvin Bryan

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Eddie Malphrus

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Vincent Malphrus - Piano

Message

Pastor Eddie Malphrus

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Audrey & Melissa I

Next Sunday 03/09:
Tammy & Myra



Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Juliette & Mike W

Next Sunday 03/09:
Mike Davis

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Calvin Bryan



Phone: 843-226-0238

**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:**
Mack Pope



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



Are your Words Beneficial?
Job 24:25 - 26:14

Introduction

Obviously this is not last Sunday's message. Instead I chose to bring the last message I preached out of the book of Job which we've been looking at for a number of Wednesday nights now and that last particular message came from a charge which Job brought against his so called friends who have come to give him comfort. So let's take a look at what the charge was that Job brought up.

The charge that Job brought up against his friends was that their words were not beneficial to him or anyone else who might be in need of encouragement, hope, help, or guidance for moving forward, of course like Job. So I want us to look at the reason why he declares that their words are not beneficial. The hope is that by looking at these friends' words will help us to learn how to use our words so that they are beneficial.

Before we look at their words let me point out that beneficial words are not always feel good kind of words. We have to, of course, pray for the spirit of God to guide our words so that they are appropriate and beneficial to the specific circumstances that a person is going through or dealing with. In Job's case his situation required words of hope and healing because of the terrible circumstances that he was facing. So once again let us always consider the circumstances and pray for guidance.

I. First, let's notice that Job's friends' words were not beneficial because they were insignificant (vs 24:25-25:1-6)

In these verses Job asked a specific question for his friends to answer. That question was to prove him wrong in his asserting that wicked people get by without facing much judgement in this life and he was innocent of the charge that they have brought up against him.

Well Bildad is speaking for the friends and he simply avoids the question altogether. Instead he gives a general answer which really doesn't pertain to the question Job asked.

So what we learn from this is that if our words are going to be beneficial then we need to be able to give answers that pertain to the questions that people ask of us. "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Pet 3:15)

Now of course this requires diligent searching of God's holy word. So sometimes we may have to say to a person give me some time to find the answer. Most importantly we are trying to find a way to answer their questions in a way that we are pointing them to Jesus.

II. Second, let's notice that Job's friends' words were not beneficial because they were insufficient (vs 26:1-3)

Job's friends had come to comfort him but their words had failed to do so. As a matter of fact their words had been more harmful and hurtful than helpful. They were more harmful and hurtful because they were insufficient words. Now what I mean by that is that their words were complete before, as the great Paul Harvey used to say, the rest of the story was told.

In Job's case the three friends continually said that Job had sinned in some great manner to cause him to face God's judgement. Job contested their argument all the way through his conversation with them. However just to make a point even if Job's friends had been right about their assessment of Job's circumstances, and they weren't, however if they had been right then they should had finished their words by offering words of hope, grace, forgiveness and redemption.

So if we are going to offer beneficial words then our words must not be insufficient lacking the complete story. We must point out the problem of sin but then go on and offer the hope of redemption. The Apostle Paul speaking to Ephesian elders said some very powerful words about his preaching among them "Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again. Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of any of you. For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God." May our words also present the whole will of God.

III. Third, let's notice that Job's friends' words were not beneficial because they were not completely inspired (vs 26:4)

In this verse Job is asking his friends where did they get their words from. What spirit had directed the words they were speaking? Actually what Job is doing is asking the question in somewhat of a sarcastic manner.

For what Job is pointing out is that most of what they were saying was not inspired by God. So if our words are going to be beneficial then they need to be God's inspired words and there is only one place to find God inspired words, the Bible.

The Apostle Paul in his second book to Timothy reveals this truth most clearly. "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Tim 3:14-17)

IV. Fourth let's notice that Job's friends' words weren't beneficial because they were inconclusive (vs 25:1-6)

Now this point is somewhat similar to my second point and third point so I just want to reiterate the importance of all of the previous points if our words are going to be beneficial.

These three friends wrapping up their words with Bildad had believed that they had spoken for God to Job. But as we've seen Job clearly pointed out that their words were neither inspired by God nor told the whole story. Thus they were inconclusive with their words.

So if we are going to speak as a representative for God then we need be sure that we are speaking His words and that we tell the complete story. May we not be inconclusive as Job's friends were.

Conclusion

So I conclude with a simple question. Now will our friends conclude our words to them, beneficial or not?

Jesus loves you,

Ralph Lee



**Monday. March 10th at
6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March
12th at 7:00 p.m.**





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| <i>Sunday</i> | 2 | <i>Marie Cole</i> |
| <i>Monday</i> | 3 | <i>Darlene Bollack</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i> | 4 | <i>Jeffrey Stanley</i> |
| <i>Friday</i> | 7 | <i>Latrelle Steedly</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | 8 | <i>Pat Malphrus</i> |



Monday, March 7th:
 Ben & Cheryl Mills



Showing: **The Forge**
Sunday, March 16th
Concessions at 6:00 p.m.
Movie starts at 6:45 p.m.

Please bring finger foods for your family
as well as to share with everyone else!
Tea and popcorn will be provided by the church.

Come watch an amazing movie!



(formerly Grandmothers Group)

The next meeting will be held TOMORROW,
Monday, March 3rd at 11:30 a.m. in the youth house.

Savannah River
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Men's
Multi-Church Fellowship
Thursday, March 20, 7:00 pm
Red Dam Baptist Church
488 Red Dam Church Rd.

For more information contact
Wilbur Daley at (843) 305-0110

MEN'S
Fellowship



SFCA Blood Drive
TOMORROW

Monday, March 3rd @ the MPB
Building. Sign up online to reserve
a spot early or walk-ins are
always welcome!

Sunday School Classes

Starting at 9:15 am

CAMO CLASS: (Rm 406) -- *Leader: Bobby Smith*

GLEANERS CLASS: (Rm401) -- *Leader: Darlene Bollack*

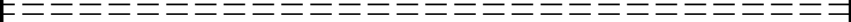
VISIONARIES CLASS: *Old Social Hall, Bldg #3 --
Leader: Greg Mariocourt*

SOJOURNERS CLASS: *Room 417 -- Leader: Mack Pope*

YOUTH: *Youth Annex*

BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES:
Room 417 -- Leader: Nicole Mauriocourt

RAINBOW KIDS - 3RD GRADE AND OLDER -- Room 415

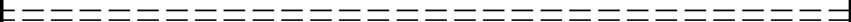


Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting

Breakfast begins at 9:00 am

Followed by the Prayer Meeting

Located in the Multi-Purpose Building



Wednesday Night Services

@ 7:00 pm

WORSHIP SERVICE *Multi-Purpose Building*

Leader - Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

YOUTH GROUP *Youth Annex*

SWAMP KIDS *Nursery Hall*

Leader – Kim Malphrus

Savannah River


BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

EVANGELISTIC INVITATIONS IN PREACHING Conference

Pastors will be trained to sharpen their skills in the area of giving a complete gospel invitation in their sermons. This conference is more of the "how to" more than the why. FREE lunch, admission, and book giveaways. This will combine teaching and group discussion. You don't want to miss this!



Rev. Matt McAlister, Th.M.
Evangelist/Pastoral
Resident

 **At 11:30-3PM**
Thursday, March 06, 2025

 To sign-up (send an email or call me):
pastor29625@gmail.com or call 843-816-2352



**Week of Prayer for North American Missions
and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 2nd thru March 9th**

Church Happenings

Coosawhatchie Baptist Church

◆ *Sunday, March 16th @ 10:30 am:* **Jonathan Wilburn** in concert

Maye River Baptist Church

◆ *Friday, March 21st:* Movie Night - "**Overcomer**" - Food served (snacks & hot dogs) @ 6:30 pm and movie begins @ 7:00 pm

Port Royal Baptist Church

◆ *Saturday, March 15th @ 4:00 pm:* **Youth Movie Night** - \$10 Fundraiser for 2025 Summer Bible Camp, includes hot dogs, chips, drinks, dessert, popcorn and FUN

◆ *Sunday, March 23rd @ 5:00 pm:* "**Messiah in the Passover**" -- a Chosen People Ministries Experience, complete with Passover Service and Seder Dinner

Red Dam Baptist Church

◆ *Saturday, March 1st:* **2025 Spring Soccer Season** for boys & girls ages 5 to 13, begins March 1st and runs through April 26th (Saturdays only)

St. Helena Baptist Church

◆ *Friday, March 14th:* **Annual Oyster Roast & Burgers for Community Outreach**

Ignite

2025

TWO NIGHTS. ONE MISSION. ONE KINGDOM.



SAVANNAH CONVENTION CENTER
SAVANNAH, GA
MARCH 28 & 29, 2025

Hosted by Everyday Mission Trip

MEGA REVIVAL EVENT



10,000 PEOPLE EACH NIGHT



EVENT PROGRAM

MEGA MINISTRY EXPOSITION
4:00PM – 6:00PM

JEREMY CAMP WORSHIP
6:00PM – 7:00PM

GREG LAURIE
MESSAGE & INVITATION
7:00PM – 8:00PM

JEREMY CAMP
WORSHIP CONCLUSION
8:00PM – 8:30PM



THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks to everyone who filled bottles for Radiance Pregnancy Care Center. God will, *without a doubt*, use those bottles of change to make **GIGANTIC** changes in the lives of the women at this center. God is good!!!

Now Hiring
Apply Today

OPEN POSITION: Church Secretary

If you are interested in working as the church secretary, please send your resume to greatswampbc@gmail.com, give it to a deacon, or drop it off in the church office.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Items for March are listed below. You can also give a monetary donation if you can't or don't want to shop. We have 750 boxes to fill. Thank you!

- Hats
- Gloves
- Matchbox Cars
- Tennis Balls
- Toothbrushes



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.
No meal deliveries.



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.

GSBC Prayer Page

Church Leadership

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

Leadership

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

Bereavement

Unspoken

Hospitals

Other Health Needs

*Ralph Lee
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Arthur Pearson
Earl Dean Pope
Rachel Mixon
Maria Coles' Brother*

Surgery/Recovery

Cancer/Treatments

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

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
Barbara Mills
Kenny Smith
Shirley Malphrus*

*Tom Hinely
Ann Blocker
Red & Helen Malphrus
Diane Hannah
Ann Long
Donald 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

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

Sunday School Director: **Mike Davis**.....greatswampbc@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 |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | \$3,234.00 | \$5,172.63 | \$-1,938.63 |
| <i>Online Offerings</i> | \$50.00 | | |
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| Designated Funds | | | Acct. Balances |
| Gleaners SS Group | \$56.00 | | |



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

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