

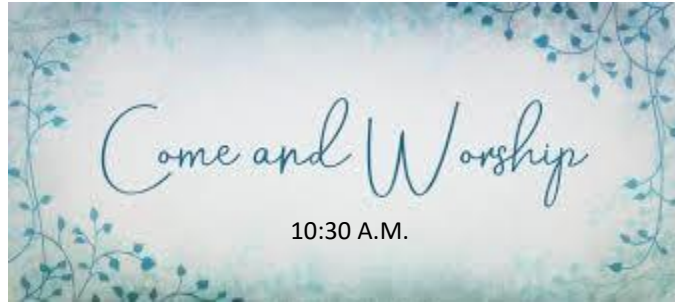
PRAISE THE LORD,
for the LORD is good; sing praise
to his name, for that is pleasant.

Psalm 135:3

Welcome

Great Swamp Baptist Church
May 18, 2025

**Great
Swamp
Baptist
Church**



Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Church Staff

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

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Barbara & Chyleen

Next Sunday 05/25
Tammy & Juliette



In the school
office building

Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Kim & Richard

Next Sunday 05/25:
Juliette & Mike



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Mack Pope



Phone: (843) 540-6636

**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:**
Keith Gamo



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



A Mother Who Made it into The Bible Hall of Fame of Faith

Exodus 2:1-10, Acts 7:20-22, Hebrews 11:23-26

Introduction: There's a 'hall of fame' for practically every area of our lives. From sports to entertainment to art, and music, and so on, the heroes, or great performers of these various areas have their names inducted into their particular hall of fame.

Well in the Bible we discover that there is a chapter that contains a list of these whose names are recorded and inducted into the Great Hall of Fame of Faith. It's a list of men and women found in the Old Testament who expressed an exuberant amount of faith. In that list we find a mother and a dad whose names are not mentioned. However, their son's name is and his name is Moses. From other scripture text (Ex.6:20) we know that their names are Amram and Jochebed.

Now though Jochebed, the mother of Moses, doesn't have her name mentioned in the hall of fame of faith, she's mentioned as Moses' mother because of the things she did for her son that helped him to become a great man of faith himself.

Let's examine the things that Moses' mother, Jochebed, did that caused her to be listed in the great hall of fame of faith, and then let's pray that we too can do the kind of things to our children like Jochebed did to Moses

that might make it possible for us to get our name in the great hall of fame of faith.

I. First of all, let's notice that Jochebed made it into the great hall of fame of faith because of her perception.

Ex. 2:2 and Heb.11:23.

In all three of the scripture references used for this message we clearly see that Moses' mother and father perceived that Moses was a fine child, a beautiful child, and a special child. They saw him as a gift from God. A gift that's worthy of living. A gift worthy of loving and caring for. A gift worthy of their utmost attention and protection. They understood that he was a human being created in the image of God and therefore it was their responsibility to do all they could to give their son the gift of living.

Now the question we need to ask ourselves is, how do we perceive our children? When we look at them do we see them as gifts from God; as human beings created in the image of God who is worthy of your attention and devotion? Or do we merely see them as a nuisance, someone who is interfering with your agenda? May we learn from Jochebed to see our children the way God wants us to and then from that perception do all the right things for them to help them become people of faith.

II. Second of all let's notice that Jochebed made it into the great hall of fame of faith because of her protection, Ex. 2:2-10; Acts 7:20-21; Heb.11:23.

In all three of our scripture references that we are using we see that because Jochebed perceived that her son, Moses was a gift from God. He was therefore worthy of all of the protection that she and her husband, Amram could provide for him. And with every ounce of wisdom and strength they had they did everything humanly possible that they could to hide and protect their son.

However, all of their human efforts were not enough to give Moses full and complete protection. For as he grew it became more difficult to hide him, and besides he had

become louder, and therefore impossible to cover the loud cries and screams that he was making. Therefore different measures were required that were beyond their human abilities. And it turns out that Jochebed knew just where to turn to find that help and protection that would take care of her son which was beyond her ability.

So the question is, where did she turn to, and this is where her faith shines through the most? Well the obvious answer is that Jochebed placed her son Moses into the arms and hands of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. And the question rings back, 'where does it tell us that'? Well it doesn't exactly say that, but her actions demonstrate that.

So how do her actions demonstrate that Jochebed placed her son Moses into the arms and hands of our Lord Jesus Christ, thus demonstrating faith? Well once she could no longer hide him, she built a floating basket by taking a basket coated with tar and pitch, thus waterproofing it. She then laid her son Moses in it, knowing that he was safe from drowning, and placed him in the very river that Pharaoh had commanded that the Israelites throw their infant sons to drown them, to curb the rapid growth of the Jewish population. By doing this she was entrusting the care of her son to the only one she knew could truly protect him.

Jochebed had a similar example from the past to draw from. That example was the example of what God did with Noah and his family, when He sent the world-wide flood to judge the earth. He told Noah and his sons to build the ark and when it was time for the flood to come God instructed Noah and his family to get in the ark, along with the animals. God then shut them in the ark where they were safe from the flood waters. In the ark they were safe for God was protecting them.

In like manner Moses was safe in his ark of bulrushes, for God too was watching over him while he floated in that basket. God made sure that the basket would drift right where Pharaoh's daughter bathed and He

Also made sure that the baby Moses would cry out at the right moment to stir up the heart and emotion of Pharaoh's daughter, thus making her feel tender towards Moses. God also placed Moses' sister, Miriam at the right spot at the right moment, to ask Pharaoh's daughter if she would like for her to find someone to care for the baby. Of course this resulted in Jochebed getting to take care of her son for while longer.

So, once again Jochebed knew that the only hope for her son was to place him in the arms and hands of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is what we must do with our children. We do all that we humanly, possibly can to protect them and take care of them. But then we must realize that that's never enough. We too must place them in the ark of safety, in the arms of Jesus. That's where our faith must rest, in the arms and hands of Jesus.

III. Third of all, let's notice that Jochebed made it into the great hall of fame of faith because of her provisions Ex. 2:2-10; Heb. 11:23-26.

Now in this point I'm referring to the provisions that she provided for son Moses. Once Moses' sister, Miriam got Moses back from Pharaoh's daughter, she brought him back to Jochebed and Jochebed nursed him. For how long we are not sure, but long enough for him to have grown up for a while.

But not only did she provide the physical substances required for Moses, but it's very evident that she also gave him spiritual food as well. The reason I know this is because we are told that Moses later on, though raised up in the teaching of the Egyptians, chose to reject their ways and instead choose the way of his true family, the Israelites. And I'm fully convinced that Jochebed and Amram used every moment they had with Moses to instruct him in the ways of our Lord.

If we are going to be listed in the great hall of fame of faith, then we must care for our children enough to

provide both physical and spiritual food for them.

Conclusion: Will we perceive our children as gifts from God, worthy of our affection and devotion and attention, doing all that we can to protect them, primarily by continually placing them in the arms of Jesus? And will we, both physically and spiritually, provide for them? If so we may yet find our names in the great hall of fame of faith.

Jesus Loves You!
Ralph Lee



Timmy Sauls and the graduates would like to give huge thanks to all who helped, in so many ways, with the Baccalaureate Service and reception. You all made it so lovely.

A special thanks you to **Ann and Robin Malphrus** for the lovely graduates "2025" cake we all enjoyed.

Also to April Malphrus, and her florist shop;

"Sandy Branch Farms

Sonflowers", for the beautiful arrangements.

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*For I am confident in this very thing,
that He who began a good work
among you will complete it by the day
of Christ Jesus.* *Philippians 1: 6*

Events for the last week of school.

Sixth Grade “Moving Up”

May 22nd

At 8:30 a.m. in MPB

(Our last Chapel Service)

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SFCA Awards Day

Friday, May 23rd at 8:30 am.

*****Dismiss afterwards for Summer Break*****

Please pray for the safety, faithfulness and success of all of our
students

Swamp Kids
Moving-up ceremony



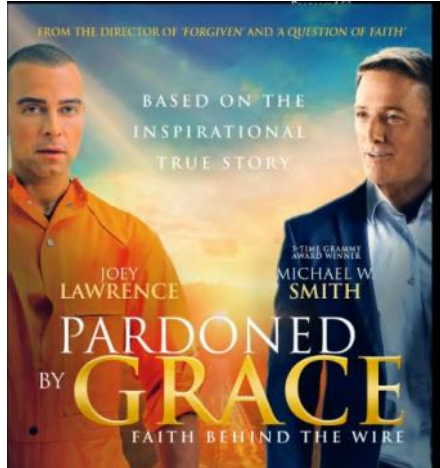
Wednesday, May 21st

Right after the regular Wednesday-night service

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Sunday **Wednesd**
Morning **ay Night**
Breakfast **Supper**

Summertime is here so we
will not be serving these
meals for a while. Hopefully
to resume in the fall.



Tonight!

**Family Movie Night Sunday,
May 18th at 6PM.**

**Bring your favorite snacks and friends
Tea and popcorn will be provided.**

*Pick up tickets on the lobby
table to share with friends!*



Coming soon!

Sunday, June 22nd

Thru

Wednesday, June 25th



You could make a difference for eternity!

**Did you know that 77% of Christians made that decision
before they were 18 years old? (Barna Research)*

*Go on a mission trip and still sleep in your own bed every
night!*

It's fun and rewarding! Please write your name
on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the back, OR
talk to Nicole Mauriocourt at 843-726-2211.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

May items needed:

- *Ziploc bags in quart and gallon size****
- *Socks, socks, socks and more socks for all age groups.***
- *Small dolls, plastic animal sets, games, puzzles, hair bows....***

For any questions ask Dorthie



Graduate Recognition Service

Sunday, June 22nd

Great Swamp Baptist Church would like to recognize all of our graduates on that Sunday. Please fill out a form in the lobby, for any family members who are graduating any field of study this year, and leave it with June.



There will not be a meeting in June.

Happy Birthday!

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Monday	19th	Calvin Bryan
Tuesday	20th	Travis Amason
Wednesday	21st	Jed Carter
Thursday	22nd	Max Cole
Sunday	25th	Kim Malphrus
Saturday	31st	Jake Holland



Pastor Search Committee

The nominating committee has presented the following names for the Pastor Search Committee. The congregation will have the opportunity to vote for confirmation of those nominated- today.

Mack Pope Chuck Scoggins Pat Mason
Kim Malphrus Connie Benton

Alternates:

Keith Gamo Michelle Waitt

... Holding firmly the faithful word which is in
accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both
to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who
contradict it. Titus 1:9

Situs 1:9



Sunday School Classes

Starting at 9:15 am

CAMO CLASS: *Room 406 -- Leader: Bobby Smith*

GLEANERS CLASS: *Room 411 -- Leader: Darlene Bollack*

VISIONARIES CLASS: *Room 413 - Leader: Greg Mariocourt*

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

YOUTH: *Youth Annex*

BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES:
Room 412 -- Leader: Nicole Mauriocourt

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

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Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting

Breakfast begins at 9:00 am

Followed by the Prayer Meeting

Located in the Multi-Purpose Building

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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

GSBC Prayer Page

***FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED
IN MY NAME, I AM THERE IN THEIR MIDST.***

MATTHEW 18:20 (NASB)

Church Leadership

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Deacons
Pastor Search Team
Youth Program
Worship team
VBS Leaders and Teachers*

Leadership

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

Bereavement

*Ralph and Tammy Lee and
their extended family.*

May Smith

Unspoken

*Vacation Bible School will be
flooded with new
Children.*

Health Needs

*Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Arthur Pearson
Earl Dean Pope
Rachel Mixon
Marie Cole's Brother
Phoebe Ferguson
Drew Jeffries
Donnie Smith
Holly Malphrus
Sadie O'Connor
Earl Pope Sr.
Vera Miles
Ann Blocker
Beth Owens
Debbie Hale*

Cancer

*Ralph Lee
Revel Crosby - 4 yrs old
Ken Lawler
Rachel Vaughn
Ella Gourlay - 10 yrs old
David Boyles
Paul Holmes
Randy Floyd*

In Hospital

*Michelle Ashley- Trident
David Daring*

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*

Homebound

*Rose Boyles
Judy Smith
Barbara Mills
Kenny Smith
Shirley Malphrus
Tom Hinely
Red & Helen Malphrus
Diane Hannah
Ann Long
Donald Malphrus*

Pray For Our Military

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

**Wednesday June
11th, at 7:00 p.m.**



Traveling out of town for the week-end? Don't miss a minute of Sunday morning at Great Swamp Baptist Church - Join us by LIVESTREAM on our YouTube channel. You can even watch services from Sundays past!

@greatswampbaptistchurch8998



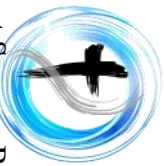
Or on FaceBook at **Great-Swamp Baptist Church**



BUT ... It would be best of all to see you here!

Stewardship

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
	\$5034.00	\$5,172.63	-\$138.63
Online Offerings	\$50.00		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances



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Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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