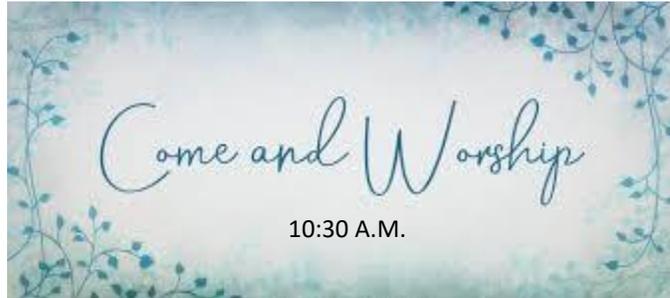


**Great
Swamp
Baptist
Church**



Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

- # 571 "Let Others See Jesus in You."
- # 426 "Victory in Jesus"
- # 514 "When We All Get to Heaven."

Invocation

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Mack Pope

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Olivia Stanley

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

"Come Jesus Come"

Joyce Gamo

Benediction Prayer

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Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Juliette & Nicole

Next Sunday 08/03
Tiki & Myra



In the school
office building

Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Mike D.

Next Sunday 08/03
Courtney & Betty



Today's Deacon

Mack Pope

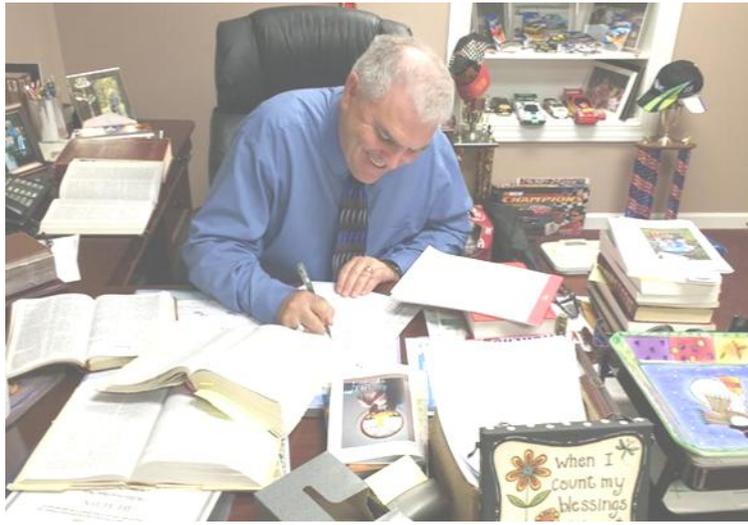


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**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:
Keith Gamo**



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



Examining the Authority of Jesus. Matt. 28:16-20

Introduction: Matthews Gospel declares the Kingship and authority of Christ Jesus our Lord , more than the other Gospel, and more than many of the other books of the New Testament. From the very first verse of his gospel to the very last one, Matthew is declaring that Jesus alone is our everlasting and eternal King.

In the very first verse in the book of Matthew we are told that Jesus Christ is the Son of Israels' most treasured, historical King the nation ever had; King David. *"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham"* (Matt 1:1). Abraham came along nearly a thousand years before King David. Now Matthew mentions David first just because he is emphasizing the point that Jesus is our King.

Matthew continues in his second chapter by being the only Gospel that tells us the events of the Wise men who came from the east to worship the new born King of the Jews. *"Where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him"* (Matt. 2:2). Of course another way that Matthew reveals the Kingship and authority of Jesus,

are the many miracles that he shows that Jesus performed. A great chapter in Matthews gospel is chapter eight, where he tells us of many of the miracles Jesus performed.

However, Matthew also reveals many things that would seem to contradict his emphasis on the Kingship and authority of Jesus. For he tells us that Jesus was born in a stable; raised in an obscure village; raised by a carpenter; chose men of little influence to be His disciples, and then finally, arrested, tried and crucified. So how was, and is it possible that Jesus could be our King and our ultimate authority?

Well Praise be to our God that Matthew does not end his gospel with the crucifixion of Christ, but rather with the Resurrection of Christ! For three days after His crucifixion, up out of the grave Jesus arose, victoriously thus revealing and declaring His Kingship and His authority to His disciples and to the world.

As I am about to leave you as your pastor, I want to preach this message to the church as a reminder that the authority and power of the Church rests in Christ alone, our eternal King. So let us examine what Christ Himself says about His authority.

I. First, as we examine Jesus' authority, lets notice the Strong Salutation given to His authority. Vs 16-17.

These verses tell us that Jesus had informed His disciples to meet Him at a certain mountain in Galilee. But many scholars believe that it wasn't just the eleven disciples that met Him there. For the Apostle Paul tells us that before Jesus ascended back to Heaven, there was one occasion which Jesus met with more than 500 brothers and sisters. *“And that He appeared to Cephas, and then to the twelve. After that, He appeared to more than 500 of the brothers and sisters at the same time...” (1 Cor 15:5-6).* Thus, most likely it was on this occasion that the eleven plus the five hundred, met with Jesus on the mountain

he appointed.

Now, this large gathering of believers came to this appointed place to meet Jesus to demonstrate fully, that they recognize both the Kingship of Jesus, and His authority. And the way they demonstrated their submission to His authority and recognized Him as King was, first of all, for many of them to travel for days to get to the appointed place.

Next, they recognized the authority of Jesus by their coming to Him in spite of the possibility of being arrested and persecuted.

But, very clearly, these verses tell us that there were two ways they recognized His Kingship and authority once they got to the mountain where Jesus was. It plainly tells us that they worshiped Him. That worship probably included prostrating themselves before Him. Also lifting their hands in adoration to Him and quoting biblical verses of Praise toward Him. The second way that demonstrated their worship once there, was to receive His instruction and accept them as their God-given responsibility.

Let me ask you a question; Why have you gathered together with these believers today? Did you come to play church, or did you come to genuinely focus on and give worship to the One who has all authority; our Lord Jesus Christ?

II. Second, as we examine Jesus' Authority lets notice the Setting of His Authority, vs 16.

In other words, where did Jesus command His disciples meet him? He appointed them to meet Him on a mountain in Galilee. I think that it was no accident that Jesus chose a mountain to declare His authority to His disciples.. For a mountain represents power, strength, majesty, awesomeness, and authority. At the bottom of the mountain you have to look up to see the top and from the top you feel like you see all the rest of the world before you.

It was on a mountain that Satan attempted to get Jesus to bow down and worship him, promising all the kingdoms of the world to Him, which they were looking at from the mountain. It was also on a mountain where Jesus was transfigured before three of His disciples, allowing His Deity to shine through His humanity.

Today, *“I lift up my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth” Ps 121:1-2.* What was important about the mountain is that our Lord was there today He resides higher than the mountains. He resides in the very throne room of Heaven, telling us that He has the Highest authority. Are you looking up?

III. Third, as we examine Jesus Authority lets notice the scope and size of His Authority, vs 18.

Now Jesus makes it easy for us to know what the scope and size of His authority is with just one small word. That small word is the word “all”. It’s a small word and yet so, so big. And it means exactly what it says, “all”. There is nothing lacking, whatsoever with His authority.

Matthew, throughout his gospel, has so clearly demonstrated the authority of Jesus. He has shown us that Jesus taught with authority, (Matt 7:28-29). Also that Jesus had the authority to forgive sin, (Matt 9:1-8). He shows that Jesus had the authority to cast out demons, (Matt 9:32-33). He had the authority to calm storms, (Matt 8:23-27). Most importantly, He had the authority to raise the dead, including Himself, (Matt 27:51-53; 28:5-6).

Therefore, because Jesus holds all authority, unquestionably then it is to Him we are accountable. But also because He holds all authority, we can fully rely upon Him to empower us for that which we are accountable to Him for. In other words, whatever He commissions and calls us to do, He also has the power and authority to enable us to get the job done. Thus we cant use excuses

why its impossible for us to do all God wants us to do. Lack of resources, finances, and know-how should only be what drives us to Christ and His authority for what we need to get it accomplished; not as a reason to hold back. Oh what a Savior we have!

IV. Fourth, as we examine Jesus' Authority, lets notice the Sphere of His Authority, vs 18.

In other words, what realm do we find the authority of Jesus operating in? Well, like the last point, Jesus made that answer extremely clear. He used one word as already examined to describe the scope and size of His authority, the word "all". To reveal the areas where His authority operates, He used five words and they are; "in heaven and on earth...".

Therefore, Jesus is saying to us that all authority has been given to Him to be used in every place that exists, both in heaven and on earth. There is no time, or space that is outside of the authority of Jesus Christ our Lord. His authority is limitless.

Therefore, what we can all be assured of, is that no matter where our Lord may call us to, or send us to, where ever that may be, His authority will be available to empower us. Thus making mission work a very possible thing to accomplish.

V. Fifth, as we examine Jesus authority, lets notice the source of His Authority, vs 18.

Jesus said here, that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to Him. Who bestowed that authority upon Jesus? Well that's a simple answer. It came from His heavenly, eternal Father. Now I believe that this is a reference to the fact that now that Jesus has carried out the act of redemption asked of Him to do, by the Father, then the Father is saying; You now have the authority granted to You to enact and carry out redemptions plan in the world and where it will eventually lead, in Glory.

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus; Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather He made Himself nothing, by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness, and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that’s above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.” (Phil 2:5-11)

Thus the authority of Jesus is such that the name of Jesus is the only name given among men whereby we might be saved. *“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).* To ignore Jesus and His authority granted to Him by the Father, is to ignore the only name by which people can be saved and people can be empowered.

VI. Sixth, as we examine Jesus authority, lets notice the submission to His Authority, vs 19,20.

The only thing I need to stress here, at this point is that Jesus authority is primarily for us to carry out the work of God. That’s why Jesus used the word “therefore” to begin these two verses. Which simply means therefore; since Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and earth to carry redemptive plan, then we can and must carry the gospel into the ends of the earth.

Conclusion: Let us never belittle who Jesus is; what He’s done, and what He’s doing, and what’s expected of us and what we are capable of through His authority. Instead, lets go to work!

Jesus loves you!

Pastor Ralph Lee



The next meeting will be held Monday, Aug 4th
at 11:30 a.m. in the MPB.

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COMING SOON

Family Movie Nite!

In August. Make plans with your friends and neighbors to get together here at GSBC for pop-corn and a movie!

Singing at Ridgeland Nursing Center

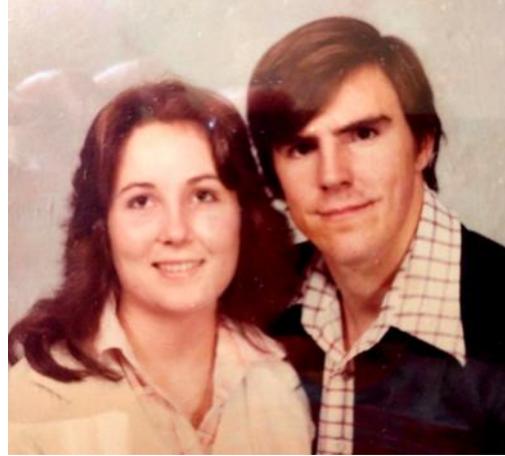
Tuesday, August 12th, 6PM, meet in the parking lot of nursing center.

You don't have to sing well or even carry a tune, just make a joyful noise!

Every second Tuesday of the month.

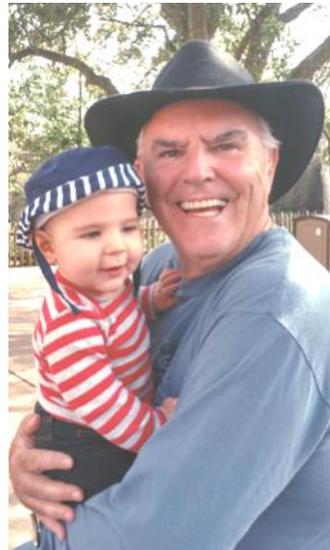


50 YEARS



Pastor Ralph and Tammy,
We are grateful to our Lord for Fifty years of
your obedience and faithful consistent leader-
ship to glorify His holy name and your dili-
gent work to make disciples and increase the
Kingdom of God by lifting up the beloved
name of Jesus Christ!

**You will always be a part of our Great
Swamp, and Step of Faith Family.**



Workers are needed for one of Great
Swamps most important ministries.

Our precious nursery workers provide loving care for infants and toddlers so Mom and Dad can have the opportunity to fully engage in worship and hear and learn God's Word. The ministry of the nursery can also be a great encouragement for visitors to feel welcome.

We need someone to coordinate the recruiting, informing and scheduling of nursery workers, as well as a few new nursery workers.



Assemble the people, the men, the women, the children, and the stranger who is in your town, so that they may hear and learn and fear the Lord your God, and be careful to follow all the words of this Law.

Deuteronomy

31:12



This is the covenant that our Deacons adopted for their ministry at Great Swamp Baptist Church. Read it, encourage your Deacons, and vigilantly pray for them.

The Deacon Covenant

We will be accountable to God and to each other. We will ask the hard questions about faith and ministry to this church and will provide honest answers.

We must be men of peace. We will strive to allow the Spirit of Christ to rule in our relationships with our families, with each other, and with the members of our church.

We will be shepherds of the Family of God that worships at Great Swamp Baptist Church. We will be servants in the model of Jesus who tenderly watched over his sheep.

We will be vigilant in our personal life. We will put on the whole armor of God as a necessity to help guard against the attacks of Satan.

We will seek an intimate relationship with God through His Son Jesus. We will try to live a life that is above reproach in speech, love, faith, and purity.

We will support the ministries of this church with our finances, our influence, and with our prayers.

We will partner with the pastor of this good church to meet the spiritual needs of all of our members, our guests, and the community as God leads us.



Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not insincere, not prone to drink much wine, not greedy for money, but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. These men must also first be tested; then have them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. 1Timothy 3:8-10



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Christmas in July!

School supplies are the donations needed this month- and they are on sale! Here's what's needed:



**Pencils * sharpeners * erasers *
scissors * pens *crayons-24ct * 12ct
colored pencils * construction paper *
spiral notebooks * glue-sticks
*Monetary donations are very helpful
too!*

For any questions ask Dorthie (843)258-0573

TAX FREE WEEKEND

**AUGUST 1ST-
3RD**

ANNOUNCEMENT

Deacon Election List

Instead of calling to remove your name to be considered to serve as a deacon, please put your name on the list to show you are willing to accept this responsibility for our church family, and feel the Lord is calling you to serve. You may also call the church office and June will be glad to add your name to the list anytime.

To be a deacon you must be a member of Great Swamp Baptist Church for one year, and at least 18 years old.



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>7/29</i>	<i>Nicole Cole</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>7/30</i>	<i>Josh Carter</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>8/4</i>	<i>Saylor Olivas</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>8/4</i>	<i>David Bradley</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8/9</i>	<i>Juliette Daring</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>8/10</i>	<i>Gage Duncan</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>8/12</i>	<i>Vicky Buchanan</i>



Monay, Aug 11th
At 6 PM

Wednesday Aug 13th,
at 7:00 PM



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*

YOUTH GROUP *Youth Annex*

SWAMP KIDS *Nursery Hall*

Leader – Kim Malphrus

GSBC Prayer Page

PRAISE AND GRATITUDE TO OUR GOD FOR THE ANSWERS TO PRAYER WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED, AND THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE WILL RECEIVE HIS GRACE AND MERCY!

Church Leadership

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

Leadership

President / Vice President of the United States of America

Bereavement

Other needs

*Interim Pastor
New permanent Pastor*

Nursing Centers

*Byron Vaigneur -
Legacy at South Pointe*

*Tommy 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*

Health Needs

*Amy Hannah
Arthur Pearson
Earl Dean Pope
Rachel Mixon
Beth Owens
Pinky Rushing
Julia Rushing
Donnie Smith
Bill Carter
Jackie Mole
Tony Carr
Ruby Reeves
Patricia Bryan
Sadie Brannon*

Cancer

*Darlene Bollack
Mandy Drew
Misty Mole
Ralph Lee
Revel Crosby - 4 yrs old
Ken Lawler
Rachel Vaughn
Ella Gourlay - 10 yrs
old
Paul Holmes*

In Hospital

Pray For Our Military
All Leaders of each Branch of 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

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
	\$3054.00	\$5,172.63	\$2118.63
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		



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