



Great Swamp Baptist Church

April 16, 2017

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call To Worship

Hymn # 160

“Low In The Grave He Lay”

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Selections of Praise & Worship

“Alive! Forever Amen”

“You Are My King”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Special Music

Sadie O’Connor

“Redeemer”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

*A special thank you to those who provided Easter Lilies to decorate the Church for Easter. They added greatly to create a beautiful setting for worship.
Plants may be picked up after Today’s Services.*



Today:
Annette Malphrus
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Olivia Stanley
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Vandy Amason
Natalie

Next Week:
Cassandra Bradley
Evelyn



Toll Committee
For April
Helen Malphrus & Anita Blanton

DEACON OF THE WEEK :

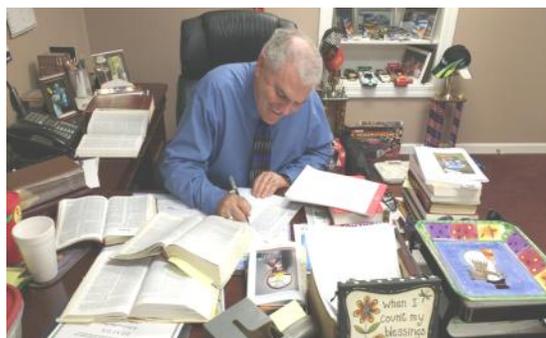


Today:
Duane Armstrong
843-726-6795

Next Week:
Wilbur Daley
843-305-0110



**IF YOUR DEACONS
 CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,
 CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631**



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:
**Blessed Is He That Comes in the
Name of the Lord**

(Matthew 21:1-17 / Luke 19:28-44)

Intro: The triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, which we traditionally call Psalm Sunday, the crowds in Jerusalem threw their garments and palm branches on the road in front of Jesus as He rode into town on the colt of a donkey, out of respect for Him. They then began to cry out with strong loud voices, words of worship and praise recognizing that Jesus is the Messiah. It is one of the phrases that they used as they worshipped Him that I am using as our sermon title today. "Blesses is He who comes in the Name of the Lord." let us examine Him who on this day was coming in the name of the Lord.

I. First, notice that, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord riding on the colt of a donkey, Matt. 21:1-7.

There are at least three things that we learn from fact that Jesus was riding the colt of a donkey.

A. The first thing we learn is that it was divinely arranged. Jesus sent two of His disciples to a certain village where they would find a donkey and her colt tied together. He told them to untie both animals and bring them to Him. He also told them that if anyone asked about what they were doing, they were to answer that the Lord had need of them and they will let you go. Well, that is exactly what happened. This had been divinely arranged by the Father for Jesus had been with His disciples and had not gone out and made these arrangements. The Heavenly Father said that He had called His Son to carry out this mission in life and that His Son was exactly who the crowd was declaring Him to be. Jesus was carrying out the will of

the Father and the Father arranged this to clearly show that He was taking care of the needs of His Son to be able to carry out His purpose. The Heavenly Father also is divinely arranging things for us so that we can carry out His mission in the world and magnify Jesus Christ.

B. The second thing we learn is that it was meant for a demonstration.

The fact that Jesus was riding on the colt of a donkey was meant to demonstrate or symbolize at least a couple of things. First it was to demonstrate and symbolize the kind of King that Jesus came to be. The majority of people were expecting that Jesus would be a military type King who would set them free from the Romans who were ruling over them. But Jesus did not come the first time to be that kind of King. If He meant for them to understand that He was the kind of King they were looking for, then instead of riding on the colt of a donkey He would have ridden on a beautiful white stallion which then was what most Kings rode whenever they defeated their enemies and the king would parade back into his kingdom a victorious king riding on a beautiful white stallion.

Instead, however, Jesus chose the colt of a donkey to demonstrate that He came to be a king that was gently, kind and compassionate. This is exactly what the prophecies predicted that their king would come to them, gentle riding on the colt of a donkey. In order for Jesus to be able to be the sacrifice for our sins, He had to come in the kind of spirit and attitude that would allow Him to go to the cross. The good news is that He still comes to us with a gently, meek, kind, compassionate and loving spirit in order to win us over. Oh, what a Savior.

Second, the fact that Jesus was riding the colt of a donkey also demonstrates the exact purpose for His coming. For a donkey is what we call a beast of burden. Of course, what we mean by this is that the primary use of a donkey in the majority of history and even in many places today, was and is to carry our burdens or if you would, our heavy loads. Throughout history, they had to carry those heavy loads, often times for extremely long distances. So, what does this have to do with Jesus? Well, just about everything, for Jesus became for us our burden bearer. He carried our heavy load of sin in His own body when He went to Calvary. Then there, He carried the punishment that we deserved and did it completely alone on our behalf.

The nation of Israel was not looking for a king who came to deal with their sins. However, it was necessary that He do that first in order for Him to ultimately set His kingdom up here on earth and allow us to be a part of it. For our sins would never allow us to be a part of His kingdom. But because

He dealt with them first by bearing our sins for us, it will allow Him to come again this time riding on a white horse who will come and completely wipe out the enemy and then set up His kingdom here on earth.

Oh, praise God that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to show that He was willing to bear our burdens. Oh, what a Savior.

C. The third lesson that we learn from His riding on the colt of a donkey is that it had to be done. What I mean by this is that it had to be done because it was the fulfillment of Scripture. This was prophesied in Zech. 9:4 that it would take place and therefore because it did it shows that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Word of God. As a matter of fact, Jesus completely fulfills all of the Word of God. He is God's final message to us. We need not look any further than Jesus for He alone is it.

II. Second, notice that Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord receiving the praises of the people. Matthew 21:9-11

There are several things that the text tells us about the praise of the people. First, we are told that they began their praise with respect and with submission. They did this when they threw their garments out in front of Jesus as He rode in and as well cut palm branches to do the same.

Second, the verses tell us that their praise was extremely vocal, or if you would, loud. Matthew tells us that the crowd began to shout their praise. Luke tells us that the crowd got loud. In other words, the people let go of any concerns that they had with what others may think about them and let loose with worship and praise heard all throughout the city of Jerusalem. We, too, need to let our praise for Jesus go forth with shouts of praise concerning none of what others may think.

Third, their praise was carried out by an enormous crowd. Matthew tells us that it was a very large crowd. As a matter of fact, Luke tells us that when the religious leaders asked Jesus to hush up the crowd, Jesus said that if they hushed up then the rocks would cry out and that would be a number far greater than the number of people that were there. For every building and every road in Jerusalem was built out of stone. Well one day Jesus will get a number to praise Him for who He is and what He has done that will even exceed all the rocks and stones put together. Rev. 7:9-12 tells us about this coming great day, "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.' all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

Let us join in with eternity and start today shouting with loud praise to the One who bore our burdens, the Blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Love You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Look Up Lodge is assisting the cost of higher education by awarding college scholarships. The value of this year's scholarship is \$1,000.00

See Michelle Waitt for more info.

VBS Chicken Dinner
Fundraiser
Sunday, April 30th
Following
Morning Worship



bridal shower

PLEASE JOIN US IN HONORING

TAYLOR BURNETTE

BRIDE-ELECT OF MICHAEL DALEY

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017 AT 11:00 AM
9009 TARBORO RD. RIDGELAND, SC 29936

BRUNCH HOSTED BY KATRINA STANLEY, ANN MALPHRUS,
MICHELLE WAITT & VICKY ROBERTS

RSVP BY MAY6th TO KATRINA AT 843.258.3006
REGISTERED AT TARGET AND BED, BATH & BEYOND

Easter Blessings



In Honor Of:

*My Wife, Lucille
Rhonda & Paul Sims & Family; Barbara & Tamp Graves & Family;
Ronald J. & Katina Degler & Family
By: Ron Degler*

*Travis, Emma, Natalie
By: Audrey & Wallace Roberts*

*My Wife, Alice
By: Gary Way*

In Memory of:

*Dorsey & Minnie Lee Vaigneur / Jimmy Vaigneur / Joe Vaigneur
Van Morrison
By: Cheryl V. Morrison*

*Charles W. & Marie Degler / Carl & Annie B. Lowery
Don Degler / Lowery Family
By: Ron & Lucille Degler*

*Paul Max Malphrus
Brandon DuBose
By: Shirley Malphrus*

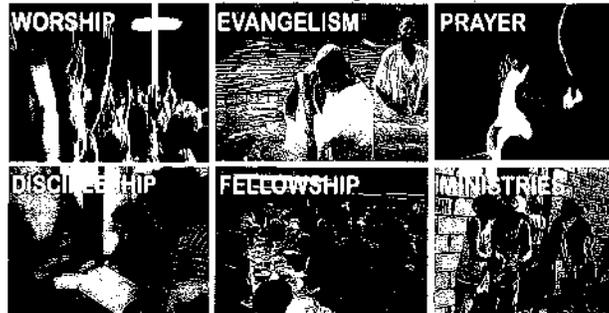
*William & Ruth Way
Hugh & Beannie Vaigneur
By: Gary Way*

Savannah River Baptist Association
presents

EPIKS

Equipping People In Kingdom Service

Actions of Healthy Churches



April 29, 2017

**Grays Hill Baptist
Church**

**2749 Trask Parkway
Beaufort, SC**

Equipping Sessions for:

- . Discipleship
- . Evangelism
- . Worship
- . Fellowship
- . Ministries
- . Prayer

8:30—9:00 am: Registration &
Breakfast Snacks

9:00—10:15 am: Track 1

10:15—10:45 am: Break and
Recognition honoring
Amanda Bonds

10:45—12 pm: Track 2

—Free of Charge—

For more information or to register
contact your church office or call the
association office at 843-726-8294.

*April 16th
April 18th
April 19th
April 22nd*

*Melanie Williams
Grace Boyles
Lisa Cartin
Joyce Sutler
Andrew Malphrus
Michael Daley
Trista Daring*



*April 19th
Wilbur & Debra Daley
Keith & Joyce Gamo*



GSBC Prayer Pages April 16, 2017

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons
Child Dev. Ministries*

Church Needs

*Sunday School
Small Groups
SFCA-Donna Carter
Gym Completion*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Nominating Committee*

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken

*Chet Egerdahl & Family
Lloyd Freeman
Fred & Pam Stanley & Family
Ryan Tuyls*

Bereavement

*Family Of
Myrtle Rowell Smith
Tillman Smith
Fay Bell*

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

*Gail Malphrus (3/23)
Robin Holmes (4/6)
Duane Armstrong (3/30)
David Amason (3/10)
Nicole King (3/20)
Bess Parnell (4/6)
Carol Carter (04/11)*

Expecting / Births

Victoria Keiffer

Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham
County Rehab. Center
Harriot Lawson-RNC
Maxie Mason—RNC*

Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (3/23)
Mitzi Cramer (4/6)
Susan L. Vaigneur (3/23)
Lawrence Smith (3/23)
Becky Floyd (4/6)
David Lee(Cancer Free)
Wallace Roberts (4/13)
Diane Thames (4/13)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Jimmie Cleland (4/6)
Truett Vaigneur (4/6)
Audrey Key (4/13)
Connie Benton (3/16)
Justin Ardd (3/23)
Myra Malphrus (3/30)
Dot Dean (3/30)
Jesse Hinojosa (4/2)
Eve Calhoun (4/6)
Raymond (Lloyd Freeman's Friend) (4/13)*

*Ron Davis (3/23)
Betty Robertson (3/23)
Joyce Sutler (3/14)
Debbie Hale (3/14)
Jane Waitt (3/23)
Mark Boyles (3/23)
Vera Floyd (3/30)
Ann Blocker (3/30)
Vera Miles (4/6)
Robin Malphrus 93/30)*

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army

Jared Blanton-Home

Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines

If you have someone who needs listing, call either the church office a@726-3631 or E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479.

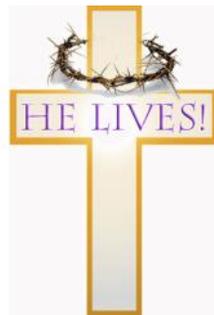
Thank You

Please Continue To Remember

*Ricky Cleland
Mike Hodge
Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Lula Floyd
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley
Joyce Sutler*

*Dot Nettles
Betty Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Lois Bootle
Lane Malphrus
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles
Brian Freeman*

*Billie Langford
Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley
Leonard Steedly
Barbara Mills
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith*



Today is Easter Sunday, would you follow a risen Savior? Would you be a true follower of Christ? Would you be in touch with Him? His word is His instructor and prayer is the communication line. Open up your resources today and know the power.

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group III

*Timmy Sauls-Leader
Mary Daley*

**Watchman Prayer Service
Saturdays @ 8:00am**

Prayer Note

*For emergencies
a prayer chain
is available for needs.*

*You may access
by calling the
church @ 726-3631*

Or

E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479

Announcements



*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, April 20th @ 10:00am*

*Kairos
Thursday thru Saturday*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, April 22nd @ 8:00 am*

Save The Dates

*Saturday, May 13th @ 11:00am
Bridal Shower
For
Taylor Burnett
(Bride-Elect of Michael Daley)*

VBS Craft List

*Elmer's Glue
Regular Popsicle Sticks
Tongue Depressor Popsicle Sticks
Small seashells (no larger than thumb)
Magnet Strips
Black Nylon Cord
Permanent Markers
White Paper Plates
Sidewalk Chalk*

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Calendar of Events

For
 April 16th through April 22nd

Sunday Morning Breakfast (September thru May Only)..... 8:30AM
Sunday School..... 9:45AM
Morning Worship.....11:00AM
Evening Worship.....6:00PM
Wednesday Night Supper (September thru May Only)..... 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM
Saturday Watchman Prayer.....8:00AM

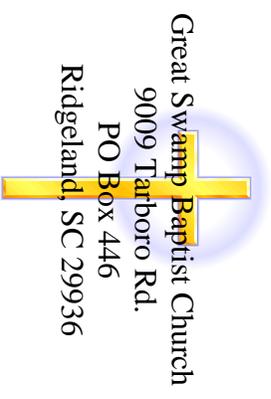
Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$3,798.30	\$ 4,943.56	-\$1,145.26
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Easter Lilies</i>	\$45.00	*****	\$220.50
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$1,291.71
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$10.00	*****	\$50.13
<i>SMB</i>	\$56.00	*****	\$619.61



2017-2018
After School Care
K-3 — 6th Grades

Sign Up in the school office
if you are interested



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