

The **GSBC**

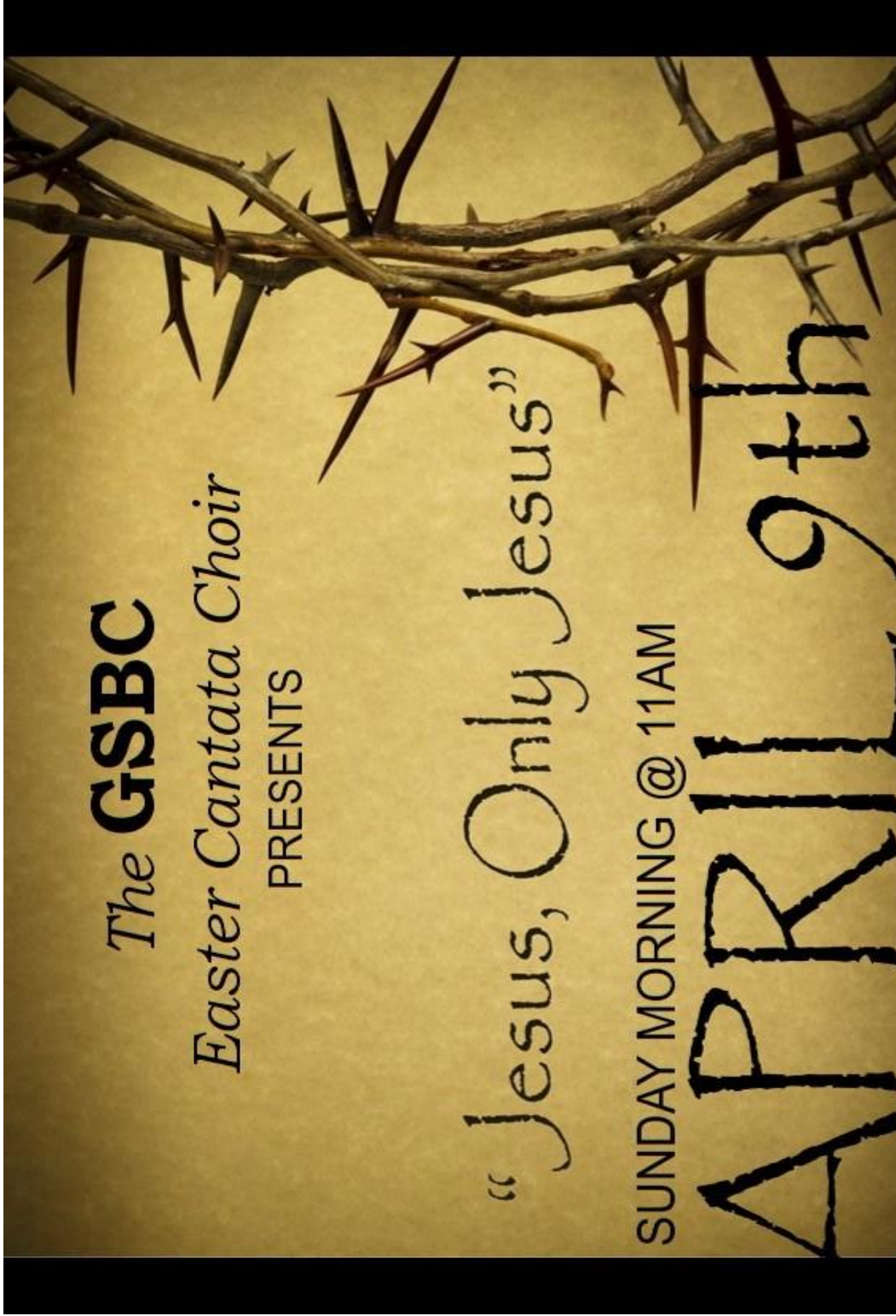
Easter Cantata Choir

PRESENTS

“Jesus, Only Jesus”

SUNDAY MORNING @ 11AM

APRIL 9th



Great Swamp Baptist Church

April 9, 2017
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call To Worship

Hymn # 337 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invocation

Robert O'Dell

Invocation & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Selections of Praise & Worship

The Easter Cantata Choir

presents

"Jesus, Only Jesus"

Narration: Isiac Huskey

**Soloist: Sophia Sineath*

"All Hail Messiah Medley"

"Hosanna! (Praise Is Rising)"

"Jesus, Only Jesus"

**"Your Great Name"*

"All Hail Messiah Finale"

Invitation

Benediction



Today:
Latrelle Steedly
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Annette Malphrus
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Anita Blanton
Alyssa

Next Week:
Vandy Amazon
Natalie



Toll Committee

For April
Helen Malphrus & Anita Blanton

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today:
Robert O'Dell
843-422-9521

Next Week:
Duane Armstrong
843-726-6795



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



From Pastor Ralph's Desk: **God's Love For His People**

(Hosea 1:1-3; 3:1-5)

Intro: History has given us some great love stories such as Abraham and Sarah, Issac and Rebekah, Ruth and Boaz, and Romeo and Juliet. However, none of them measure up to or compare to the love that God has for His people. That is the greatest love story not just in history but of all times including the present and future. Our present text helps to reveal to us the unbelievable, unimaginable, and unequalled love that flows from God to His people.

Now, the way that our Scripture text reveals this truth is by telling us about a very unusual relationship between the prophet Hosea and his wife. It was a marriage that God initiated to use as an illustration of His relationship toward His people. God instructed Hosea to marry a woman that he knew would be unfaithful to him. A person who had a reputation of very loose morals. So, he did and she did exactly what was expected of her. She was unfaithful to him and yet God told him to take her back and love her again.

God used their marriage relationship to show how He had loved Israel, His people, yet they, like Hosea's wife, Gomer, also became unfaithful to him. Yet, like Hosea who took his wife Gomer back and loved her again, so God has done the same with His people in spite of the unfaithfulness. God never ceases loving His people. His love is beyond comparison.

I. First, let us notice that God's love for His people is undeserving, vs 1:1-3.

When God told Hosea to marry someone that he knew would be unfaithful to him, He basically told him to marry a person who really doesn't deserve his commitment and love. Let me remind us that God is not telling us to do the same thing when we choose our marriage partner. Rather, God is using this marriage arrangement as an example of what happened and happens in His relationship with His people.

God is telling us that when He chose us it was not because we deserved His love and commitment for like Gomer, we were sinners and clearly capable of being unfaithful and had been. Rather, out of His grace, mercy and compassion, He chose to love us anyway. All because of who He is, which is everlasting love and not for anything that we had done. Eph. 2:1 explains it best, "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world, and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying of the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

II. Second, let us notice that God's love for His people is unconditional, vs 3:1-3.

After Gomer had become unfaithful to him and actually left him, God told Hosea to go and find his wife and take her back and love her again and that is exactly what he did. The reason He told Hosea to do this is because just as Gomer was unfaithful and Hosea took her back and loved her again, so God has taken us back again and again when we have chosen to be unfaithful to Him. For God has not placed any conditions on His love for us. For if He had, does or ever will, then we would all be without hope for we all have time and again gone astray. Again, God loves us unconditionally because God is love, and His love has no limit when it comes to His people. For God is love period and that rules out conditions. Ps. 103:8-11 and Eph 1:3-9 are great sets of verses to demonstrate this point.

Let's say through that, even though God's love for us is unconditional, it is never even to be used as an excuse to sin against Him. Rather, it should do just the opposite because He loves us unconditionally, we should desire more than anything to live a life that He so desires for us to live. The nation of Israel though loved by God unconditionally, were sent into captivity by God Himself because of their unfaithfulness to Him. However, He did so because He loved them and wanted to do what would turn them to Him and that is what happened.

III. Third, let us notice that God's love for His people is unending, vs 3:1-5.

God told Hosea to love Gomer again and the implications are if need be again and again. So, it is that God's love never fails His people. His love is again and again and again. The point being that His love never ends when it comes to His people. Listen to the words of Jer. 31:3, "The Lord appeared to

us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.'" god's love never runs out. In the New Testament, Paul flat out says it, "Loves never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away." (I Cor 13:8) Praise our Lord that He is everlasting love.

IV. Fourth, let us notice that God's love for His people is unequalled, vs 3:2-3.

In these verses, we are told that Hosea had to pay a price to get his wife back. Bible scholars believe that when you add the money together with the amount of barley that he paid to get her back, it amounted to around thirty shekels of silver. For that time, this was the usual price paid for a slave. Meaning it was a pretty decent amount he had to spend. We are not really sure what the money was for but it was required and he willingly paid it to love her again.

Well, god paid the greatest price of all times to get us back so that we could have a relationship with Him and experience His amazing love for us. That price, of course, was the sacrifice of His only begotten Son who gave His life on the cross in order to save us. Oh, what a price our God paid to bring us back to Him. Peter tell us of this great price paid, which is unequalled by any other price, that's been paid or ever will be paid. "for you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God." (I Peter 1:18-21)

Let us never, ever forget the price paid and let us move toward a life of love ourselves because of this unequalled price paid to save us. Oh, how amazing and loving our God is. His love is undeserving, unconditional, unending, and totally unequalled. It is available for all to experience by placing our faith in Christ. Let God's love become real to you.

Jesus Love You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Easter Egg Hunt
Today
Children's Church Hour



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

Quilt Auction

The quilt on the back wall is up for auction. This quilt top was made by Mary Daley. It was inspired by the song, "Love Grew Where the Blood Fell" by John Starnes. The GSBC Quilt Club did the quilting.

The Auction begins today and runs through Sunday, April 30th following the Evening Worship Service. Proceeds from the auction will go to the SFCA Gymnasium. Bidding starts at \$50.00

Love Grew Where the Blood Fell

By John Starnes

*See my Jesus on the cross, the people crying
Looking on, a man would think it tragedy
But what the world could not see
Was when they nailed Him to that tree
It would break the chains of sin's captivity.*

*Love grew where the blood fell
Flow'rs of hope sprang up for men in misery
Sin died where the blood fell
I'm so glad this precious blood has covered me.*

Thorns of violence, thorns of hate were growing wildly,

*All the pain that sin had caused was plain to see
But when the blood came streaming down that cross
Where my Saviour bled and died
It broke the chains of sin and set me free*

*Love grew where the blood fell
Flow'rs of hope sprang up for men in misery
Sin died where the blood fell
I'm so glad this precious blood has covered me.*



April 14th

Truett Vaigneur

Mike Davis

April 15th

Erma Cooler

Mike Hodge

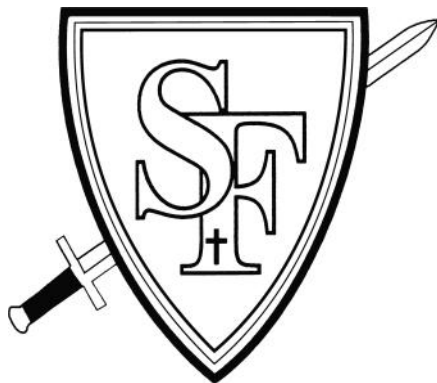


April 13th

Steven & Tina Lang

April 15th

Max & Nicole Cole



Step of Faith
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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

*Sign Up in the school office
if you are interested*



If you would like to make a donation to the youth camp fund or sponsor a youth for their remaining balance of youth camp, please contact Michelle Waitt at 843-597-1322. OR, just put your donation in an envelope marked "Youth Camp Scholarship" and make a note if you are designating the donation for a specific youth member.

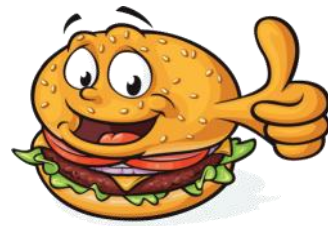
Wednesday Night SUPPER

Menu

Hamburgers / Hotdogs

Tater Tots

Salad



Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Ann / Robin / Timmy

Cooking Team

\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more



GSBC Prayer Pages April 9, 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*

Bereavement
Family Of

Hospitals

Surgery / Recovery

Expecting / Births

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

*Gail Malphrus (3/23)
Robin Holmes (4/6)
Duane Armstrong (3/30)
David Amason (3/10)
Kim Bonds (3/13)
Nicole King (3/20)
Bess Parnell (4/6)*

Victoria Keiffer

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)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Jimmie Cleland (4/6)
Truett Vaigneur (4/6)
Audrey Key (3/2)
Triston Gogol (3/10)
Connie Benton (3/16)
Justin Ardd (3/23)
Tillman Smith (3/30)
Myra Malphrus (3/30)
Dot Dean (3/30)
Jesse Hinojosa (4/2)
Eve Calhoun (4/6)*

*Ron Davis (3/23)
Betty Robertson (3/23)
Lisa Harper (3/9)
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)*

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*

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



Alone with the Redeemer, one gathers precious treasure. To understand God's direction for decisions of daily living, require a keen discernment of doors opened and doors closed. What "seems" to be right with our thoughts are often not tested by prayer. Quick fixes are seldom God's way. Would you Pray?

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group II

*Barbara Mills-Leader
Betty Robertson*

**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



*Deacon's Meeting
Monday, April 10th*

*Business Meeting
Wednesday, April 12th
7:00 pm*



*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, April 13th @ 10:00am*

*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, April 15th @ 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*

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 Custodian: **Ann Malphrus**.....ramalphrus@hargray.com
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Calendar of Events

For
 April 9th through April 15th

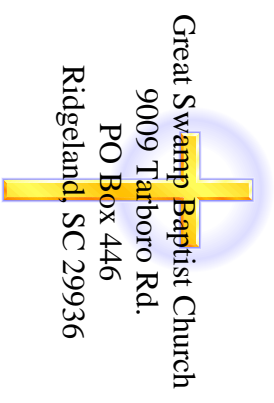
Sunday Morning Breakfast (September thru May Only)..... 8:30AM
 Sunday School..... 9:45AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00AM
 Evening Worship.....6:00PM
 Wednesday Night Supper (September thru May Only)..... 6:00PM
 Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM
 Saturday Watchman Prayer.....8:00AM

Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,037.00	\$ 4,943.56	+\$93.44
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
WNS (Youth)	\$214.14	*****	\$744.74
Annie Armstrong Offering	\$130.00	*****	\$844.02
Easter Lilies	\$15.00	*****	\$175.50
Benevolence	\$208.00	*****	\$1,241.71
Dot Lee Scholarship	\$50.00	*****	\$510.00
George Pepper Scholarship	\$100.00	*****	\$488.03
Gleaners SS Class	\$50.00	*****	\$76.10
SMB	\$76.00	*****	\$591.44

Good Friday
April 14th





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