The background of the entire page is a dark, almost black, field of purple flowers. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some in sharp focus and others blurred in the foreground and background. The lighting is soft, highlighting the delicate petals and the dark centers of the flowers.

# *Bless*

*the Lord, O my soul.*

**O LORD MY GOD,  
THOU ART VERY GREAT;  
THOU ART CLOTHED  
WITH HONOUR AND MAJESTY.**

(Psalms 104:1 KJV)

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*February 26, 2017*

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February 26, 2017  
*Sunday Morning Worship*  
11:00 AM

## **Prelude**

## **Call To Worship**

*Hymn # 407      "Because He Lives"*

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invocation**

*Fred Stanley*

## **Selections of Praise & Worship**

*"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

*"Pass It On"*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Special Music

*Bjo Mills & Sophia Sineath*

*"You Are So Good To Me"*

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invitation**

## **Benediction**



**Today:**  
*Annette Malphrus*  
*Krey Lowther*

**Next Week:**  
*Olivia Stanley*  
*Krey Lowther*

### Nursery Workers



**Today:**  
*Donna Carter*

*Amanda Hodges*

### Next Week:

*Latrelle Steedly*

*Kim & Kimberlyn*



### Toll Committee

*For February*

*Bernice Malphrus & Bonnie Pope*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



### Today:

*Fred Stanley*  
*843-226-5641*

### Next Week:

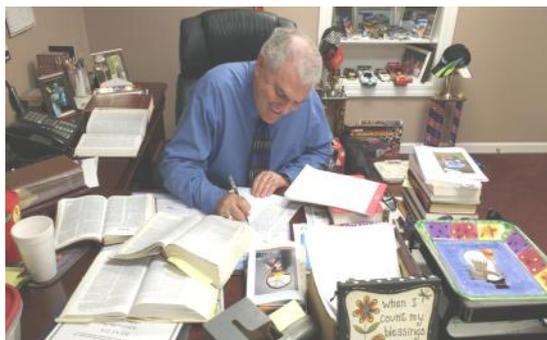
*Robert O'Dell*  
*843-422-9521*



**IF YOUR DEACONS**

**CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,**

**CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631**



*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*  
**The Driving Force of Love For Soul Winning**

*Intro: a couple of Sundays ago, we discovered that love is a very powerful thing. As a matter of fact, I believe it is the strongest force out there. Now, of course, the love that I am referring to is specifically God's love and there is no true love outside of God. As the Scriptures say, God is love and that love as we noted is clearly at the top because it was demonstrated in more ways than we can count. However, the most obvious demonstration was the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the salvation of our souls. Because of this demonstration of love, we know that absolutely nothing in all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Now, this power force of love can is a driving force. As it proves God to do everything necessary for our creation and new creation, it to will drive those of us who are His followers to carry out His work in the world. So, I want to take a few weeks to see some areas where the driving force of His love moves us. Today, we will notice how His love is the driving force for our soul winning.*

**I. First, let us notice some examples of persons who were driven to win souls for salvation.**

*Of course, the most obvious example is God Himself. No one wants more than God for our souls to be saved. Paul tells us in I Tim. 2:3-4, "This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." Peter, also, gives us similar words in 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." John, also, tells us of this driving force that God has for souls to be won when he tells us, "For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."*

*The second example I want us to notice of someone who was driven to win souls is the Apostle Paul. I think I Cor. 9:19-23 adequately describes his driving force to win souls, "Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews, I became like a Jew, to win Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself and not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one no having the law (I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings." If you read I( Cor. 11, it will blow your mind to see all the things Paul encountered so he could win souls.*

*The question must be asked of us, do we have this driving hunger to win souls as our Lord did and as the Apostle Paul did? Well, most of us would say that in comparison, we have failed miserably. The good news, however, is that we can and should be driven to want to win souls. Our next point will help us with this.*

## **II. Second, let us notice that love was the driving force for their soul winning.**

*When it come to God, there are so many verses in the Bible that tells us this, that it would require one book alone to quote them all. However, let me mention three of them. The most obvious of them all is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Similar to this verse, we find another John 3:16 verse that doesn't have the notoriety of the first John 3:16, but gives the same thought. It is found in I John 3:16, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us." one more I John verses says it powerfully, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His own son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (I John 4:10) as the gospel hymn says. "it was love that nailed Him to the cross and it was love that kept Him there."*

*Now when it come to Paul, we find the same answer for him as well. What drove him to win souls for Christ was absolutely love. II Cor. 5:13-15, "If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God: If we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and as raised again."*

*Now, it is important to notice that Paul did not say that it was his won love that compelled him but rather it was Christ's love that compelled him to do the work of soul winning. So, if we are going to be faithful to carry out the work of winning souls, then we must allow Christ's love to*

*compel us forward in this work. By the way, some would substitute the words soul winning with the words outreach or evangelism. It all is referring to the same thing: the work of introducing people to the saving grace of our glorious Lord.*

*There are a lot of reasons we can find why we are not actively engaged in the work of soul winning. Some of those reasons are fear of speaking to someone about their need for Christ; or fear that they will be embarrassed; or fear that they will be rejected; or fear that they will be seen as being a Jesus freak. Satan greatly uses the element of fear to hold our soul winning at bay. Another element that we typically use for not soul winning is our lack of education when it comes to Biblical matters. In other words, we don't know enough to adequately speak to others about their need for Christ. So, the question is what is it that will cause us to overcome our fears and our concern about our lack of Biblical knowledge in order to carry out the work of winning souls to Jesus? The answer simply yet powerful is the love of Christ.*

*When men find themselves in the midst of battle for the most part, they want to fight from a secure location. However, to bring the fight to a hopeful and victorious conclusion, the men must get out of their foxholes. They must climb over the hedge rows. They must move out into the streets and they must run our into the open fields. They must do all these things to bring the fight to the enemy. Something must push them out of those secure locations. Well, often that drives them out is their love for their country; their love for their fellow mean; their love for freedoms. Love often is the key to those men becoming heros for the freedoms of our great country.*

*Well we, too, need to get out of the trenches, foxholes and climb over the hedge rows in order to take the gospel to a lost and dying world. So, may our prayers be that the love of Christ w8ill be the driving force that puts us out on the front line of winning souls to Christ.*

*Jesus Love You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



<i>February 24th</i>	<i>Christopher Waitt</i>
<i>February 27th</i>	<i>Sarah Malphrus</i>
<i>March 1st</i>	<i>Richard Waitt</i> <i>Andre Goulet</i>
<i>March 2nd</i>	<i>DJ Daring</i>
<i>March 3rd</i>	<i>Isaic Huskey</i>
<i>March 4th</i>	<i>Jeffrey Stanley</i>



*March 1st*      *Kris & KayCee Goethe*



**REAL MEN  
SING  
REAL LOUD**

**MEN, THIS IS YOUR INVITATION**  
to sing in the Men's Choir, Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

We will be practicing Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> after prayer meeting.

If you miss that practice, come to the practice  
in the kitchen before the service that Sunday morning.

Hope to see you then!

# MUSIC News



*If anyone would like to participate in our upcoming  
Easter Cantata, we will be having a choir practice on  
Wednesday, March 8th following Prayer Meeting.*

# BAPTIST MEN'S WEEKEND

## Great Swamp Baptist Church

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SUPPER @ GREAT SWAMP**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM

*Sign up for either . . . .*



*Lowcountry Boil OR Steak*

**BAPTIST MEN'S DAY**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11AM

with Guest Speaker  
Reiny Koschel

and Music by  
the Men of GSBC



# Wednesday Night SUPPER

## Menu

Catfish Stew

Chili

Cornbread

Corn Dogs

Dessert



Tea  
&  
Coffee

Roberts Family Cooking Team

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



Coming in March  
The Lore Family

# GSBC Prayer Pages February 26, 2017

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

**Church Needs**  
*Sunday School  
Small Groups  
SFCA-Donna Carter*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
Nominating Committee*

**Leadership**  
*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

**Unspoken**  
*Chet Egerdahl & Family*

**Bereavement**  
*Family Of*

## Hospitals

## Expecting / Births

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

**Surgery / Recovery**  
*Brandy Freeman (2/8)  
Mike Hodge (2/8)  
Alice Way (2/8)  
Gail Malphrus (2/16)  
Kim Malphrus (2/23)  
Robin Holmes (2/23)  
Duane Armstrong (2/28)  
Oscar (2/23)*

**Cancer / Treatments**  
*Barry Jones (2/16)  
Dale Robiston (2/8)  
Mack Pope, Sr. (2/8)  
Mitzi Cramer (2/8)  
Erma Steedly (1/26)  
Bess Parnell (2/2)  
Becky Floyd (2/8)  
Susan smith (2/21)  
Mary Daley (2/28)*

## Called to Ministry

*Chris Carter & Family*

## Other Health Needs

*Jimmie Cleland (2/8)  
Harold Stanley (2/23)  
Baby Kadence Abney (2/1)  
E.L.Ambrose (2/2)  
Truett Vaigneur (2/8)  
Wayne Nettles (2/21)*

*Zoe Fluery (2/23)  
Ron Davis (2/23)  
Ronnie Malphrus (2/17)  
Betty Robertson (2/21)*

## Pray For Our Military



***Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army***

***Jared Blanton-Home***

***Matthew Mills-Parris Island***

*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*



*To pray or not to pray. Is God the determining factor for living your life? Are decisions and contracts made on gut feelings and emotions? Your services to His Church—are they made because you thought you were qualified or was it a Holy Spirit led decision? To Pray or not to Pray. You decide.*

*E.L. Ambrose*

### Today's Prayer Team

#### **Group IV**

*E.L. Ambrose-Leader  
Mack Pope, Jr.  
Kevin Malphrus*

**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, March 2nd @ 10:00am*

*Watchman Prayer Group  
Saturday, March 4th @ 8:00 am*



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
North American  
Missions**

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March 5-12, 2017 | Goal: \$ 800.00



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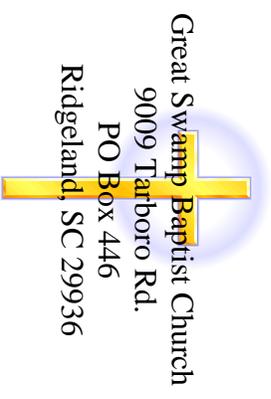
## Calendar of Events

For  
 February 26th through March 4th

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 &amp; Offerings</i>	\$3,764.00	\$ 4,943.56	-\$1,179.56
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>SMB</i>	\$71.00	*****	\$335.38
<i>WNS</i>	\$221.00	*****	\$804.38
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$332.00	*****	\$726.71
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$360.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$863.57
<i>VBS</i>	\$10.00	*****	\$110.00



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