

# Great Swamp Baptist Church



January 10, 2016

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

January 10, 2016  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

## **Prelude**

## **Call to Worship**

*“Pass It On”*

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

## **Invocation**

*Robert O’Dell*

## **Selections of Praise and Worship**

*“Good, Good Father”*

*“Happy Day”*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Demonstration of Stewardship**

Offertory Special

*GSBC Praise Band*

## **Message**

*Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Benediction**



## Nursery Workers



**Today:**

*Latrelle Steedly*

*Krey Lowther*

**Next Week:**

*Annette Malphrus*

*Krey Lowther*

**Today:**

**Next Week:**



## Toll Committee

*For*

*January*

*Alice Way & Connie Benton*

## 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**

# Announcements



*Deacon's Meeting  
Monday, January 11th*



*Business Meeting  
Wednesday, January 13th*



*Quilting Club  
Thursday, January 14th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group  
Saturday, January 16th @ 8:00 am*

*From*

*Pastor Ralph's Desk:*  
**A New Year's Resolution  
of Repentance**  
*(II Chronicles 7:1-18)*



*Intro: Guessing People's Resolutions for the New Year has become an easy matter because for the most part they center around physical and health issues. The top three, not necessarily in this order, would be to lose weight, eat healthier and exercise more. Some of you would add to that to stop smoking and to cut back or out altogether your alcohol intake. All of these have become the primary New Year's Resolutions for the entire country and even for Christians.*

*Now let me point out that the above resolutions are good and worthy resolutions to work on. However, let me remind you of the words spoken by the Apostle Paul under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. "Physical exercise has some value, but Spiritual exercise is much more important, for it promises a reward in both this life and the next." (I Timothy 4:8).*

*I think, not I know, that the greater emphasis of our New Year's Resolutions should not be physical but Spiritual. As a matter of fact, I doubt very seriously if only but a few, if any at all, considered one of their resolutions to be to enter the New Year in Repentance. Yet I believe that for at least the church and Christians of America, this should probably be our number one New Year's Resolution. The reason why I say so is because as America has sold her soul out to the devil, the church and Christians have just about followed suit. You can't hardly tell a difference anymore between the two.*

*It is time for the church, God's people, to repent and get right with God. It is time that we had the words and warnings of II Chronicles 7:14. So, to encourage us to do so, let us examine this verse and the context around it.*

**I. First, as we consider a New Year's Resolution of Repentance, let us examine the setting in which repentance was called for.** *God had called upon King Solomon to build Him a temple. In the previous couple of chapters, Solomon has built the Temple and prayed over it and now in this chapter the people are gathered together to dedicate the new temple. They did so with a great celebration and this celebration was beyond comparison to any other that they had ever had. The glorious Presence of the Lord filled the new temple in a magnificent manner. The people worshipped with reverence, respect and energy. The priest played boastfully their musical instruments. The event lasted fourteen days.*

*Like the setting in which God called for repentance, let us be found dedicating and celebrating in a manner that King Solomon and the Nation did.*

**II. Second, as we consider a New Year's Resolution of Repentance, let us examine the sentence in which repentance was called for, vs 11-13.** *To many would seem like a strange place to pass along a warning and sentence that goes along with that warning. The warning and sentence is that if the people fail to carry out God's will for their lives and nation, then He will punish them in many different ways. The reason it seems like a strange place is because the nation has just spent 14 days worshipping God at the dedication ceremony. So, why would God give out this warning and sentence at such a time of spiritual high, not to speak? Because God knows us. He knows our frailties. He knows that one minute we might be on cloud nine of worship and praise and in the next moment back down on earth living and acting as though we were never on cloud nine of worship and praise. While they are on a so-called spiritual high, He wants them to think about what will happen when they choose not to serve Him the way they have been doing so during the dedication ceremony.*

*However, God does have a solution for the nation when they step out of line. Meaning, when they choose to go their own way and not God's, He then punishes them. That's what we will find in the next point.*

**III. Third, as we consider a New Year's Resolution of Repentance, let us examine the solution presented in which repentance was called for.** *Well, obviously the solution God called for was repentance. That is what verse fourteen is all about. He is simply saying things can be turned around for the betterment of their lives and more importantly their relationship with God if they will carry out this solution of repentance.*

*This solution is meant for God's people. This is not a call to the lost people or the politicians or the list could go on and on. Rather, it is for the people who belong to God. Now, that maybe a politician or any of the list that we might come up with, if they belong to God. The call for us to get right with God is repentance by humbly turning to God and turning away from our wicked ways. Repentance means not only turning to God but turning away from the sins we are caught up in.*

*Now, will it turn America totally around? I don't know for sure. But we must do it regardless because it is what God wants and therefore it is the right thing for us to do.*

**IV. Fourth and final point, as we consider a New Year's Resolution of Repentance, let us examine the wonderful surprise in which repentance was called for.** *The wonderful surprise was that God would hear them, forgive them and heal their land. So, when we make repentance our New Year's Resolution, and truly pursue it, our lives will be blessed beyond measure. Not so much materially or physically, but, rather in our relationship with God and one another and that is what matters because that is what benefits both now and forever.*

*So, let us rethink what our New Year's Resolution should be and make the priority to be one of Repentance!*

*Jesus Loves You, Ralph Lee, Jr.*



<i>January 10th</i>	<i>Sadie O'Connor</i> <i>Rylee Fitzhugh</i>
<i>January 13th</i>	<i>Leigh Laycock</i>
<i>January 15th</i>	<i>Kathy Langford</i> <i>Brooke Lang</i> <i>Ann Nettles</i>
<i>January 16th</i>	<i>Chon Madison</i> <i>Chip Sutler</i> <i>Jayla Daring</i>



<i>January 12th</i>	<i>Jim &amp; Chon Madison</i>
<i>January 14th</i>	<i>Ralph &amp; Tammy Lee</i>

# Notices

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## Recall

*Pictorial Calendars that were placed in the Lobby last week have an error. Please bring by the church office to be updated.*

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## Church Council

*All Church Council Members are asked to prepare a list of events and dates that need to be set into the church events calendar. The list is to be turned into the church office no later than Sunday, January 17th so that a preview copy can be prepared for you to pick up on Sunday, January 24th. A Church Council Meeting has been set for Sunday, January 31st immediately following Morning Worship Services to finalize these events.*

*Thank You*

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*If you have any old booklets that are outdated, The church office can recycle the spines and covers if you would like to get rid of them so they won't get confused with the updated ones.*

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*A sign up sheet is available for those who would like Tithing envelopes for the entire year.*

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*Anyone wishing to join the Watchman Prayer Group on Saturday Mornings or join the Prayer Chain, please see E.L. Ambrose.*

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Coming January, 2016



*Sunday, January 17th @ 6:00 pm*



*Wednesday, January 20th @ 7:00 pm*

Please Pray for our  
Southern Baptist Convention  
Chaplains of the Week



**CHAPLAINCY**  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION



**Lieutenant Commander Ronald T. Rinaldi**  
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy  
Pastor, Pastoral Care Services  
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ronrin@yahoo.com  
Station: Naval Medical Center, San Diego, California  
Family: Kathryn

For God's continued strength and presence as I minister to and support the patients, staff and wounded warriors at the medical center. May God open many doors to the Savior on this plentiful harvest field.

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**CHAPLAINCY**  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION



**Lieutenant Commander Steven Roberts**  
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy  
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Family: Esther

For my colleagues and Sailors as they deal with the challenges of military life abroad.

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# GSBC Prayer Pages January 10, 2016

## Church Needs

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

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

*Ministries*  
*Outreach Ministry*  
*Nominating Committee*

## Leadership

*President Barack Obama*  
*United States of America*

## Unspoken

*Jonathan Malphrus-Job Search*  
*Ann Malphrus*

## Bereavement

*Family*  
*Of*

## Hospitals

*Nicole Cole-Gulf Port, Miss.*

## Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC*

## Surgery / Recovery

*Nicole Cole (11/19)*  
*Bonnie Pope (1/14)*  
*Ann Blocker (1/14)*

## Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (12/10)*  
*Henry Etheridge (12/10)*  
*Myrtle Rowell Smith (1/7)*

## Other Health Needs

*Saylor Moser (1/7)*  
*Sarah V. Sanders (12/22)*  
*Mike Hodge (12/22)*  
*Jerry Vaigneur (12/10)*  
*Tom & Connie Benton (12/17)*  
*Margaret Vaigneur (12/21)*  
*Thomas & Connie Way (12/22)*  
*Amy O'Connor (1/4)*  
*Jeannie Davis (1/4)*  
*Frankie Malphrus (1/7)*

*Holly White (12/17)*  
*Max Cole (12/17)*  
*Faye Cleland (1/7)*  
*Donald Cooler (1/7)*  
*Barbara Mills (12/10)*  
*Gage Duncan (12/15)*  
*Robert Sauls (12/17)*  
*Suzanne Stivers (12/18)*  
*Jeffrey Stanley (12/22)*

## Expecting / Births

*N/A*

## Called to Ministry

*Chris Carter & Family*  
*Robin Gray-Central Asia*

## Pray For Our Military



*Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army*

*Jared Blanton-Home*

*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  
Myia Angala Ellis  
Susan L. Vaigneur  
Lula Floyd  
Mary Cope*

*Dot Nettles  
Jimmie Mills  
Betty Nettles  
Tom Hinely  
Olivia Stanley  
Joyce Sutler  
Kevin Roach  
Wofford Malphrus  
Lois Bootle*

*Myrtle Rowell Smith  
Billie Langford  
Lisa Koon  
Mitzi Cramer  
Gary Way  
Christy Gagel  
Vera Miles  
Mary Daley  
Leonard Steedly*

### **Today's Prayer Team**

#### **Group I**

**Patricia Malphrus– Leader  
Truett Vaigneur  
Shirley 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*

*Praying is so vital to our relationship with Jesus. We need special times when we are called apart as fellowships of prayer. Rising early requires effort and even sacrifice. The power released from Heaven and the blessings manifested are exceedingly great. You hold the key.*

*E.L. Ambrose*



## Baby Bottle Ministry

*Our Annual Baby Bottle Ministry will begin on Sunday January 17th. Baby bottles will be available for you to pick up after Morning Worship Service that Sunday. Bottles will need to be returned on Sunday, February 21st.*

*There will be a sign up sheet when you pick up your bottles.*

*More info coming soon.*

*Pastor Ralph*



Dear Church Family,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who prayed, visited and called during Frankie's surgery and recovery. We know that "the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:17) and we have seen first-hand what prayer can do! He is home recuperating and doing very well.

Sincerely,  
Frankie & Margie Malphrus and Family

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### Church Staff

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 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus** .....Josie6@embarqmail.com

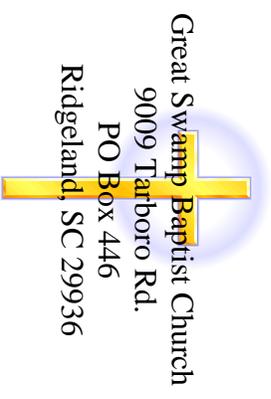
### Calendar of Events

For  
 January 11th through January 17th

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	\$4,431.27	\$ 4,828.76	-\$397.49
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
Lottie Moon Offering	\$280.00	*****	\$1,989.85
Poinsettias	\$60.00	*****	\$47.26
SFCA Gym	\$1.00	*****	\$1,305.51
Youth WNS	\$115.00	*****	\$839.18
SMB	\$80.00	*****	\$199.68
Gleaners SS Class	#17.00	*****	\$161.35



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