

Great Swamp Baptist Church



January 15, 2017

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude *Wayne Cooler*

Call To Worship
Hymn #193 "One Day"

The Welcome
Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Invocation *Wilbur Daley*

Selections of Praise & Worship
"Blessed Be Your Name"

We Pray for Special Needs
Pastoral & Offertory Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*
Offertory
Special Music *Proclaimer's Gospel Choir*
"Jesus Is Coming Soon"

Message *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Invitation

Benediction



Today:
Olivia Stanley
Krey Lowther

Next Week:
Betty Robertson
Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers



Today:
Vanessa Smoak

Jason Smoak

Next Week:

Anita Blanton

Alyssa Schrader



Toll Committee

For January

Alice Way & Pat Malphrus

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today:

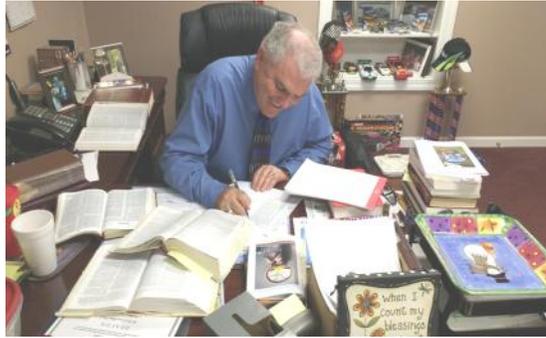
Wilbur Daley
843-305-0110

Next Week:

Fred Stanley
843-226-5641



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 CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,
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From Pastor Ralph's Desk:
The Church's New Year Celebration
(Acts 2:1-36)

Intro: We've examined in this church over the last couple of weeks many different New Year's Celebrations. We first looked at the Jewish New Year Celebration. Their New Year Celebration basically starts with celebrating Passover. Then in Chapel for our school, we examined how the first year that we actually see Jesus and his family celebrating the New Year when He was 12 years old on a trip to Jerusalem. With the older Chapel we looked at the first New Year's Celebration ever. We find that in Genesis 1:1. The very first day of the very first week of the very first month of the very first year. Well I want us today to look at one more New Year's Celebration.

Now technically the church was not given a specific time to call their own New Year. However, in one sense you could say that the day the church was birthed into existence is one sense is somewhat of a New Year's Celebration. For it was on this day that the people of God received a whole new beginning. So, let us examine a new beginning for the people of God, the Church's New Year.

I. First, the Church's New Year Celebration began in one place, vs 1. *The day the church began they were all together in one place. Now, the point I want to make is by being in one place, they were all together in unison and harmony. They were in this one place because Jesus had told them not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the promised Gift of the Holy Spirit, and because they were afraid they all stayed together in one place while they waited. Now, the point is that they were in agreement and harmony on what they were to do and that was to obey Jesus.*

We, too, in our New Year Celebration, must be in harmony and unity that though we all are different in so many ways, we will unite together obeying our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Though we can't always agree upon everything and never will, we can agree upon what the Lord has called us to do and therefore that is what we need to start every New Year focusing on. Doing what the Master called us to do, we will do. Like witnessing to the lost, building up the saved, ministering to the need and so on. So, let us start out together in one place, heart, mind and directions.

II. Second, the Church's New Year Celebration began in power vs 1-4.

Now, the power I am referring to is the power and control of the Holy Spirit of God. It was on this day the Day of Pentecost that the Holy Spirit baptized the church together as the Body of Christ and then He filled every believer with His presence, and on top, what a transformation that made.

This event happened roughly 50 days following the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. So, the Believers up to this point, though excited about Jesus' resurrection, were still fearful of the authorities who had put Jesus to death. For this reason, they wouldn't even hardly venture out of the one place, they were gathered together in, but once the Holy Spirit came, that all changed. All of this fear came out of the upper room and with the Spirit's power began to speak of the amazing wonder of our blessed Lord to all the people in Jerusalem. It was nothing short of a miracle.

Paul speaking to young Timothy, reminded him that, "God did not give us the spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." Also, we are reminded of the words of Zech. 4:6 "...This is the Word of the Lord to Zerubbabel, 'Not by might, nor by power, but by thy Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.'" So, as we began our New Year, let our prayer be that the Holy Spirit of God will empower and embolden us to come out of our shells and be a bold witness for Jesus.

III. Third, the Church's New Year began with preaching. *On this day when the church was empowered by the Spirit of God, they all began together preaching and proclaiming the Word of God. They zeroed in on one message and that message is wrapped up in verse 36, "therefore let all of Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.: Let us begin our New Year with a total commitment to preach and proclaim that there is no other way than the Lord Jesus Christ. We must preach that He alone is both Lord and Christ. What is your message?"*

IV. Fourth, the Church's New Year began with progress, vs 36-48. *The church on that day progressed in so many ways. They progressed with nearly 3,000 souls being baptized and added to their numbers. Then they progressed by devoting themselves to spiritual growth through the means of Bible Study, Fellowship, Prayer, Giving, Witnessing, and Worshipping. May we this New Year let the Spirit of God lead us to progress through all the same avenues that the Church did on the day they became the Church. Let this New Year be the New Year that it is said of Great Swamp Baptist Church that we are progressing under the Holy Spirit's leadership through Bible Study, Prayer, Worship, Giving, Caring and Witnessing.*

*Jesus Love You,
Ralph Lee, Jr*

January 15th

*Kathy Langford
Brooke Lang
Ann Nettles*



January 16th

*Chon Madison
Chip Sutler
Jayla Daring*

January 20th

*Caitie Scherger
Evelyn Bradley*



Menu

Baked Chicken

Mashed Potatoes/Gravy

Green Beans / Salad

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Dorthie Armstrong Cooking

Team



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

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(For more info, Brochure in church office)



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I N C O N C E R T

DATE: Wednesday, January 25th

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Great Swamp Baptist Church



Right to Life

*National Sanctity
of
Human Life Sunday*

Baby Bottle Ministry

Begins : Today, 01/15/2017

Ends: 02/12/2017



Announcements



*Office/School Closed
Monday, January 16th*



*S.O.F.F.E.
Monday, January 16th @ 7 pm
MPB*



*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, January 18th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, January 21st @ 8:00 am*

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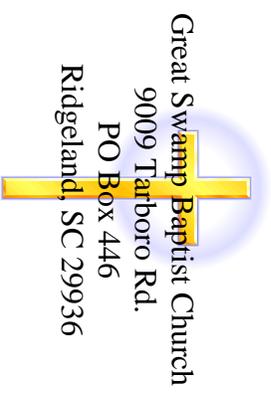
Calendar of Events

For
 January 15th through January 21st

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	\$4,125.00	\$ 4,943.56	-\$818.56
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
SMB	\$57.00	*****	\$457.58
WNS	\$207.00	*****	\$359.97
Poinsettias	\$60.00	*****	\$85.50
SFCA Office Supply	\$19.86	*****	\$50.94
SFCA Repairs	\$52.19	*****	\$364.01
SFCA Security	\$51.90	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Trash Pick Up	\$125.00	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Exterminator	\$147.50	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Janitorial	\$500.00	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Electric	\$965.00	*****	\$592.36



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