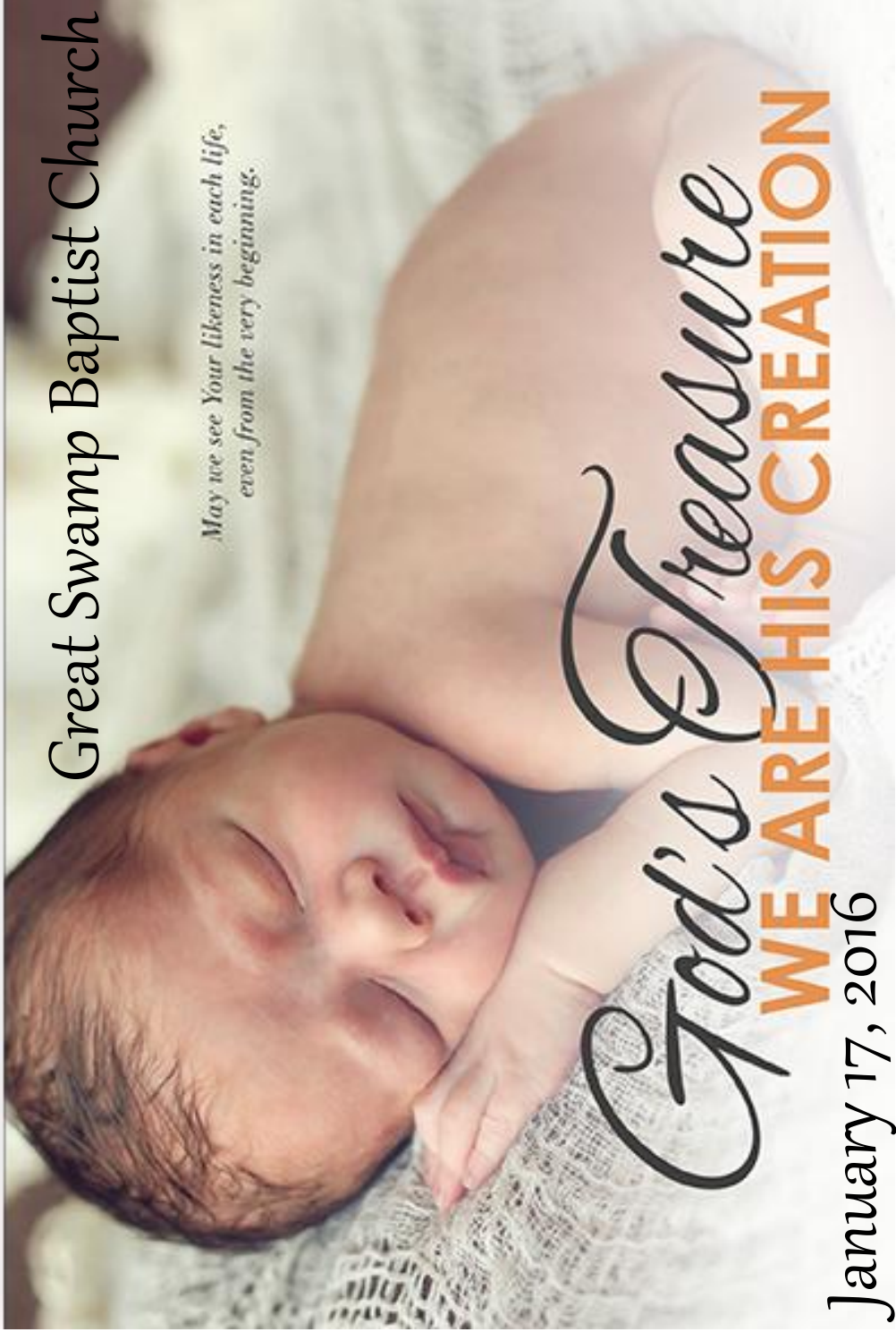


Great Swamp Baptist Church

*May we see Your likeness in each life,  
even from the very beginning.*

*God's Treasure*  
**WE ARE HIS CREATION**

January 17, 2016



# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

January 17, 2016  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

*“Good, Good Father”*

**The Welcome**

Announcements

**Invocation**

*Duane Armstrong*

**Selections of Praise and Worship**

**We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Demonstration of Stewardship**

Offertory Special

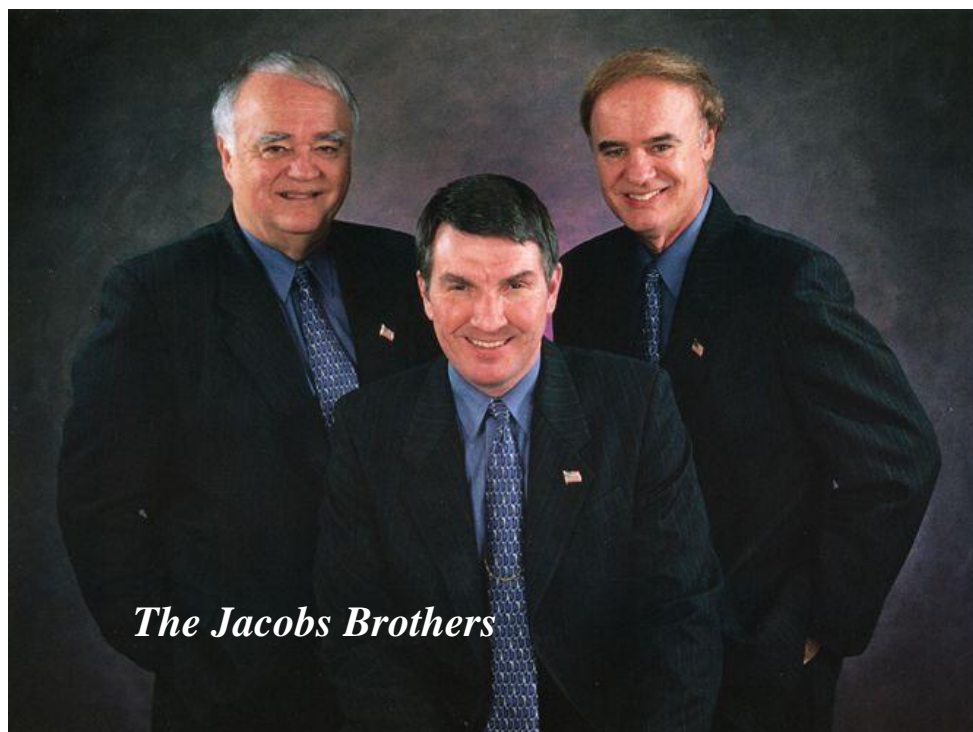
**Message**

*Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Benediction**



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



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



## Nursery Workers



Today:

*Today:*

*Annette Malphrus*

*Krey Lowther*

*Next Week:*

*Olivia Stanley*

*Krey Lowther*

Next Week:



## Toll Committee

*For*

*January*

*Alice Way & Connie Benton*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today:*

*Duane Armstrong*

*843-726-6795*



*Next Week:*

*Bjo Mills*

*843-217-2840*



**IF YOUR DEACONS**

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

**CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631**

# Announcements



*Office Closed / School Closed  
Monday, January 18th*



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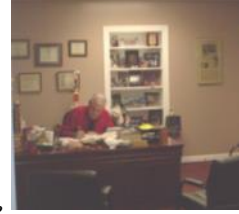


*Quilting Club  
Thursday, January 21st @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group  
Saturday, January 23rd @ 8:00 am*

*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*  
**Reason's Why We Must Repent**  
(Acts 17:16-33)



*Intro: Our first message on repentance was a challenge to enter the New Year with a resolution of repentance. The motivation for this message is the mess that we find our country, our churches and our world in today. The only way we can clear this mess up is to get right with God.*

*Today, I want us to further examine the reasons why we need to and must repent. The set of verses I have chosen to use for this message undeniably and unashameably calls upon all people everywhere to repent. With such a straight forward demand for repentance, Paul also makes sure that we understand why. Let us find out why we are called to have a change of mind forsaking whatever leads us away from our blessed Lord and submit ourselves to His authority over our lives. This is repentance.*

**I. The first reason why we must repent is because God is our creator.**

*As our creator, it implies so much when it comes to repentance. As a matter of fact, the fact that He is our creator implies much for everything in our lives. However, our focus is repentance. Let us examine how God, being our creator, calls for our repentance.*

**A. First, as creator, He can demand repentance because of His power.** *Now the power I am referring to is just the fact that without the help of anyone other than Himself, God created all things. Paul said that God is so awesome and powerful that humans can't contain Him in the temples that they built for their so-called gods. Why God was and is so powerful that He didn't need man's assistance to carry out His work of creation. As a matter of fact, Paul says that man couldn't have helped Him in that matter because without God man wouldn't even exist. Our very life and breath comes from Him.*

*Therefore, since God alone has the power to create and did so, He alone has the power and right to demand for our repentance. There are just some people when they make demands of us that we are going to pay very little attention to because they mean very little to us for their authority over us is nilch or nothing. But when a man wearing a badge makes a demand of us, well most of the time, we respond because that badge gives him or her authority. Well, you can't get any more authority than God's authority. The power and authority that was able to create all things.*

**B. Second, as creator He can demand our repentance because of His perceptibility.** *Now what I mean by this is God's ability to be seen. In other words, through God's creative activity, we are able to perceive Him. The fact that Paul mentioned that the people were very religious and in case they missed any god out there that they created or altar to an*

*unknown god. There is a very real sense that the Athenians' religious aspect and belief in a god or gods was partly driven by their observation of creation. In other words, creation had to partly say to them, there must be a creator or creators out there.*

*Clearly the Word of God reveals this sentiment. That God, in His creation is made plain to us. Psalm 19:14 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day, they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world..."*

*Then Paul reiterates these truths as well in the Book of Romans. "Since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities—His eternal powers and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." (Romans 1:19-20) Since the evidence of God is so overwhelming in His creation, we are then driven to the fact of His reality. Since the evidence tells us He's real, then that creates a responsibility on our part to respond to what our creator desires of us because He is real. And being real, He demands our repentance to submit to His reality.*

**C. Third, as creator He can demand repentance because of His purpose.** *Now, this is such an amazing point. When we understand God's purpose for creating us, it will clearly help us to understand why He calls us to repentance. Paul said that God created each of us from one man. We all came from the same original parents Adam and Eve. However, He eventually spread us out and gave us distinctive features based upon where He led us. Our distinction did not change God's purpose for Jesus since He began us all from the same original parent. That purpose is so that we may all personally and intimately know Him. That we may seek Him with all the energy we have and find Him.*

*Well the good news is that God has made this ability to find Him possible through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only way for all of us to seek and find God. Paul says in 2 Corinthians that, "God was in Christ, (and Christ alone), reconciling the world unto Himself." (2 Corinthians 5:19) We are reminded of those words in Romans 2 which tell us "...that the goodness of God leads you to repentance." (Romans 2:4) You see, God's whole purpose for us is to know Him and out of His goodness He has made it possible for us to know Him through His Son's life, death, burial and resurrection. However, to experience God's plan of salvation and know for which He created us for we must repent of our sins; our rebellion and turn toward Him through the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*May then that our Lord is creator, drive us to Him in repentance and faith in His glorious Son.*

*Jesus Loves You, Ralph Lee, Jr.*



*January 20th*

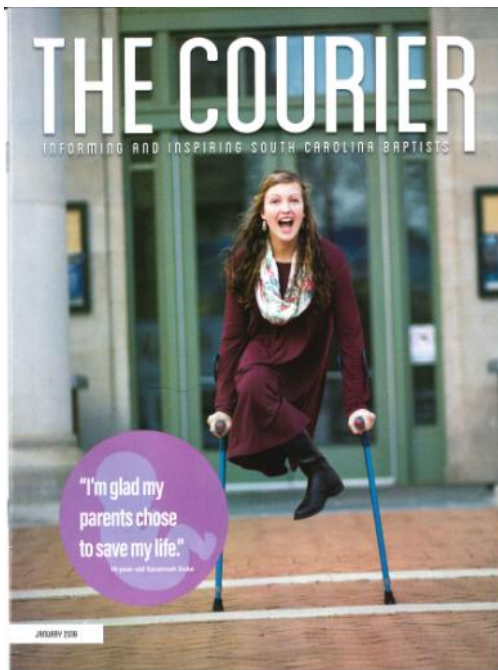
*Caitie Scherger  
Evelyn Bradley*

*January 22nd*

*Jeffrey Laycock  
Evan Anderson*

*January 23rd*

*Tex Lowther*



*An excerpt from the January issue of **THE COURIER** is on the vestibule table for those who do not receive this magazine.*



# Notices

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## Recall

*Pictorial Calendars that were placed in the Lobby last week have an error. The entire month of February needs to be replaced. 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 TODAY, 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 on the back wall 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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Please Pray for our  
Southern Baptist Convention  
Chaplains of the Week




**CHAPLAINCY**  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

**Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Randy Robison**  
Army  
Saint Andrews Dr. | Augusta, GA 30909  
al.h.robison.mil@mail.mil  
d: Fort Gordon, Georgia  
: Claudia

for wisdom to discern ministry opportunities and  
standing in making leadership decisions.




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**CHAPLAINCY**  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

**Chaplain (Captain) Cesar Rodriguez**  
Army Reserve  
Avenida De Loring | Moreno Valley, CA 92551  
a.rodriguez@us.army.mil  
: Joint Force Training Base, Los Alamitos, California  
Shirley

for our Soldiers who have been rotating in  
tions overseas and are facing challenges  
grating into family life and careers. Pray for those  
ed by the military drawdown.



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# Wednesday Night SUPPER



Baked Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Gravy  
Salad  
Dessert  
Tea & Coffee  
Dorthie Armstrong  
Cooking Team



# GSBC Prayer Pages January 17, 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

*Jeffrey Stanley-Sav. Memorial  
Brandi Freeman-Sav. Memorial  
Ann Blocker-Beaufort Mem.  
Annette Malphrus-Hampton Hospital  
Bonnie Pope-St. Joseph's Hospital  
Patti Morgan-CCH*

## Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC*

## Surgery / Recovery

*Nicole Cole (11/19)*

## Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (12/10)  
Henry Etheridge (1/14)  
Myrtle Rowell Smith (1/7)*

## Other Health Needs

*Saylor Moser (1/7)  
Mike Hodge (1/14)  
Jerry Vaigneur (1/14)  
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)  
Annette Malphrus (1/12)  
Patti Morgan (1/13)*

*Holly White (12/17)  
Max Cole (12/17)  
Faye Cleland (1/7)  
Donald Cooler (1/7)  
Barbara Mills (1/14)  
Gage Duncan (12/15)  
Robert Sauls (12/17)  
Suzanne Stivers (12/18)  
Barry DeMay (1/8)  
Wayne Malphrus (1/14)*

## 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 @ 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*



*How often do you pray? Your church offers many opportunities for concerted Prayer. Each of this is different. The Wednesday Evening prayer is such. Some say they are strengthened and encouraged mightily at this prayer time. Perhaps you need to explore these avenues of prayer in addition to your private times. Come and taste.*

*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*



## Baby Bottle Ministry

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

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

*Pastor Ralph*

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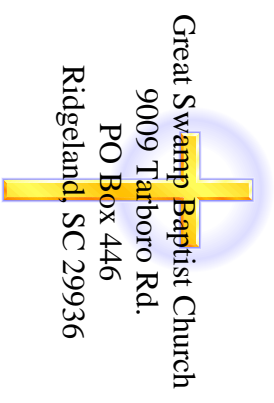
### Calendar of Events

For  
 January 18th through January 24th

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	\$3,964.19	\$ 4,828.76	-\$864.57
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
Lottie Moon Offering	\$20.00	*****	\$2,009.85
Office Supplies	\$3,790.56	*****	\$3,468.72
Dot Lee Scholarship	\$50.00	*****	\$885.00
WNS	\$110.60	*****	\$510.88
SMB	\$100.00	*****	\$299.68
Gleaner's SS Class	\$23.00	*****	\$184.35



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