

Great Swamp
BAPTIST CHURCH



January 21, 2018

SANCTITY *of* LIFE SUNDAY

Great Swamp Baptist Church

January 21, 2018
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

“Holy Spirit”

Sisters By Grace & GSBC Praise Band

Invocation

Wilbur Daley

Gideon Speaker

Joe Lockwood

Selections of Praise & Worship

Sisters By Grace

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Special Music

Sisters By Grace

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Dorthie Armstrong / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Latrelle Steedly / Kim & Kimberlyn

Next Week: Vicky Roberts / Emma Grace



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff

Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Wilbur Daley

843-305-0110

Next Week: Mack Pope

843-726-2000



Toll Committee

For January

Alice Way & Pat Malphrus





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

God Is Pro-Life

Today is Pro-Life Sunday, and it is clearly appropriate that we celebrate it because there is no doubt whatsoever that God is anything but Pro-life. You say how do you know that so assuredly? Well the answer is found in God's Holy Word. From the beginning to its last pages, God is all about life from the womb to the tomb and after. I want to share several Bible verses that reveal this truth.

Let me begin with the most obvious place. Genesis 1, 31; "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day."

Life exists because God brought it into existence.

John's Gospel is so full of life, mainly that life comes from the Lord because He Himself is life and without Him there is no life. Let me begin with John 1:1-4, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind."

These verses let us know that our Lord Jesus Christ has always been life because He is life and He brought that life to us so that He might bring us out of darkness into His light.

John 6:32-35, "Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." "Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life, Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." In these verses, Jesus reminds the Jews that when the

Children of Israel marched through the wilderness God gave them manna from Heaven everyday and that manna sustained their physical life. So, He says now He is for us the Bread of Life who will do more than just sustain our physical life but our life eternal.

John 11:25-26, "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" In these verses Jesus simply and straightforwardly lets us know that death doesn't have a hold on His people because He Himself will conquer death and He did through the resurrection and has passed this victory on to all of His followers.

John 14:6, "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This verse nails it on the head. Jesus plainly declares that He is the Life period. Therefore, the only way to come to God who lives in eternity is to come to the Life to receive that life which allows us to live with God forever.

Now, someone might ask why do we need the life that God offers because we are already living? Well, God's Word answers that as well. God's Word shows us that we can be alive physically but dead to God spiritually because of sins. Ephesians 2:1-2; "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."

Romans 6:23; "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

So, sin has made us dead to God but the good news is that Christ came to give us that life back which we lost because of sin. The rest of Eph. 2:1-8 tells us this great truth as well as so many others in the Word of God. "All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—"

So my prayer is that you will come to Christ and know life. For to know Christ is to know life. To not know Christ is to know death. So, let us be prolific because God is. Jesus Loves You, Ralph Lee, Jr.

GSBC Prayer Pages January 21, 2018

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

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

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Finance Committee
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken
*Tim Cramer Family
Kevin & Nicki Gwinn*

Bereavement
*Family Of
Ann Bridges
Betty Jean Smith*

Hospitals
Bernard Malphrus-BMH

Surgery / Recovery
*Duane Armstrong (1/11)
Lloyd Freeman (1/11)
Emma Mingledorff (12/21)*

Expecting / Births
Sophia Sineath

Cancer / Treatments

*Maxie Mason (1/11)
Ricky Tindal (1/11)
Rusty Cooler (1/16)*

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham
County Rehab. Center
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Thelma Ashing-RNC
Bernard Malphrus-Bayview NH
Maureen Malphrus-RNC*

Special Requests
*Lee Laycock—Home
Jane Waitt-Air Conditioner Out*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Joyce Sutler (1/11)
Robert Sauls (1/11)
Truett Vaigneur (12/21)
Ricky Richardson (12/22)
Annette M. Price (1/11)
Kitty Burke (1/11)
Lula Floyd (1/18)
Shannon's husband
Mary Daley (1/18)*

*Rodney Malphrus, Sr (12/21)
Vera Floyd (1/11)
Alice Way (1/11)
Joe Barwick (12/28)
Kathleen Barwick (12/28)
Irwin Malphrus (1/16)
Joe Cooler (1/18)
Annette Malphrus (1/18)*

Praise Report

Pray For Our Military



Bobby Emerson– South Korea-Army

Jared Blanton-Fort Benning

Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines

Jericho Malphrus-Air Force

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
Lula Floyd
Mary Cope
Judy Smith
Jeffrey Stanley
Joyce Sutler*

*Dot Nettles
Betty Nettles
Tom Hinely
Olivia Stanley
Lois Bootle
Grace Boyles
Patricia Malphrus
Scott Boyles*

*Gary Way
Christy Gagel
Vera Miles
Mary Daley
Leonard Steedly
Barbara Mills
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.
Lanell Smith
Brian Freeman
Susan L. Vaigneur*



How often do you pray? Your church offers many opportunities for concerted Prayer. Each of them is different. The 6:00 pm Wednesday 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 III

*Timmy Sauls-Leader
Mary Daley
Gail 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



Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes /
Gravy
Green Beans / Salad
Dessert
Tea & Coffee

Youth Cooking Team

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



January 22nd *Evan Anderson*
January 23rd *Tex Lowther*
January 24th *Bernice Malphrus*
 Helen Malphrus
January 25th *Jim Madison*

Thank You

Thank you so much for the food that was brought to the family. Thank you all for your kindness, thoughts and prayers.

Peace often begins with an act of kindness... thank you for yours.

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of
Mack H. Pope, Sr.

Great Swamp Baptist Church,

On behalf of the "Punkin" Moser Family, I would like to thank you for a wonderful and caring church and congregation during our time of bereavement.

We saw God's grace in all the caring people in your church.

Thank you again for all that you did to make this time a little easier for us.

Yours In Christ,
Debbie Pinckney
("Punkin's" sister)

Announcements

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, January 25th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, January 27th @ 8:00 am*

*"It's A Boy"
Baby Shower
For
Sophia Sineath
Sunday, January 28th
@
3:30 pm
Registered At Walmart
Babylist.com*



*Come join us for the
Proclaimers Choir Practice
every
Wednesday Evening
following
Bible Study.*

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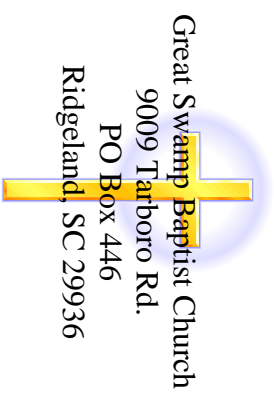
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Calendar of Events

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	Last Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
Tithes & Offerings	\$4,878.00	\$4,973.36	-\$95.36
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
Office Supplies	\$68.60	*****	\$103.16
Lottie Moon Offering	\$50.00	*****	\$1,848.57
George Pepper Scholarship	\$100.00	*****	\$727.03
SFCA Repairs	\$188.20	*****	-\$195.77
SMB	\$86.00	*****	\$232.90
WNS	\$254.00	*****	-\$98.09
SFCA Security	\$123.89	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Trash Pick Up	\$125.00	*****	\$125.00
SFCA Exterminator	\$197.50	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Liability Ins.	\$507.00	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Electric	\$1,448.16	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Janitorial Supplies	\$500.00	*****	\$747.55
Special Events (Barry McGee)	\$575.00	*****	\$697.30
Kitchen Supplies (Boston Butts)	\$3,495.67	*****	\$65.79



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