



The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength  
of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
(Psalm 27:1 KJV)

Great Swamp Baptist Church  
January 31, 2016

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January 31, 2016  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

## **Prelude**

## **Call to Worship**

*Hymn #4 "To God Be The Glory"*

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

## **Invocation**

*Fred Stanley*

## **Selections of Praise and Worship**

*"In Christ Alone"*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Demonstration of Stewardship**

Offertory Special

*GSBC Praise Band*

*"Blessed Redeemer"*

## **Message**

*Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Benediction**



**Today:**  
*Olivia Stanley*  
*Krey Lowther*  
**Next Week:**  
*Betty Robertson*  
*Krey Lowther*

**Nursery Workers**



**Today:**  
*Cassandra Bradley*  
 & *Evelyn*

**Next Week:**  
*Christina Hagen*



**Toll Committee**  
*For*  
**February**  
*Bernice Malphrus & Bonnie Pope*

**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**



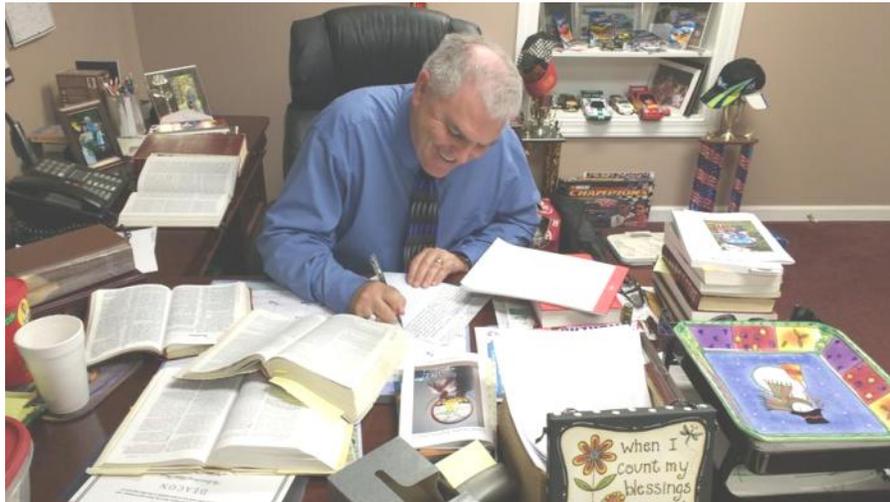
**Today:**  
*Fred Stanley*  
*843-226-5641*



**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:*

### **Our Connection to Creation and our Creator**

*Intro: The messages that I have preached lately have focused upon repentance and reclaiming our Christian worldview. One of the common themes that has popped up in these messages has to do with our creation and our creator. So, today, I want to make the whole focus of our message to deal with both our creation and our creator. You see, I am afraid that we have so distanced ourselves from our creation and our creator, that we have lost how important that truth is to our Christian life and walk. We need to recapture our close connection to creation and our creator that we might be better motivated to walk more devoted to the One who gave us life, breath and everything else that we have. Without Him, without God, we would not even exist. In order to do this we must go back to our original creation and check out what we need to do to recapture our connection to our creation and creator.*

**I. First, we must make our connection to our creation and our creator simply by acknowledging and declaring what the Word of God teaches.** *What is it that the Word of God teaches? Without any exceptions whatsoever, the Word of God teaches that absolutely and boldly that*

*God is our creator. The Bible leaves no room for any other explanation for our creation other than the fact that God in His infinite wisdom and power brought us into existence. Without the help of anyone or anything, He created all that exists. This acknowledgement and declaration begins with the first verse in all of the Word of God and it just builds up throughout the entire Bible.*

*Since the inception of the church and, as well as, since the beginning of Judaism, the church and Jesus alike, declared what the Bible taught. We are the creatures, not of some happen-chance, nor some accident but rather the creation of God our creator. We must challenge the secular worldview of Darwinism and evolution and acknowledge and declare our allegiance to the teaching of God's Word not man's point of view. As Christians, we must stop trying to make God's Word for the secular worldview. Rather, we must bring everything else into the Biblical worldview beginning with creation.*

**II. Second, we must make our connection with our creator by doing away with the unbiblical view of long periods of separation.** *The separation that I am referring to is where we have been instructed that creation was a long process not a six-24hour day week long process. The instructions go one of two ways. The first of those two ways is called the gap theory. This theory teaches that there is a large gap between verses one and two. Possibly a gap of millions and billions of years. Then with verse three, God starts over and re-creates the world in six literal days.*

*The second way they try to instruct us is to teach that each day doesn't represent 24 hours but rather millions of years. So, they are year days instead of 24 hour days.*

*Sadly, these two false views are taught in churches and Christian schools on a regular basis. The church never taught these things until the advent of Darwinism*

*and his theory of evolution. What happened is that we sold our soul to the secular point of view and attempted to make the Bible measure up to it instead of scrutinizing the secular point of view by the Word of God. NO, we must always start with the Bible; stick with the Bible; stay with the Bible and what we will discover is that the Bible won't let you down. It also, will not contradict what is found in the evidence of creation itself. Creation is quite clear in its proof of a creator.*

*Well, you might say what difference does it make if it was a long period of time or a short one. The answer is first of all because of what the Scriptures themselves teach. Second, the long period of separation gives a tendency of a far removed creator with whom we are greatly removed. However, the true teaching of creation is that we are anything but far removed from our creator. Let us examine the evidence in Scripture that the original creation was not long periods of separation but rather six 24 hour days.*

*A. First of all, the days in creation are connected together with the conjunction word "and" which shows there could be no long periods of separation.*

*B. Second, each day is qualified with an evening and a morning.*

*C. Third, God taught through Moses that the nation of Israel was to pattern their week schedule exactly as He had done the creation week. Work six days and rest on the seventh. (Ex. 20:8-11)*

*D. Fourth, Jesus, when approached by some Pharisees to ask Him a question about divorce, Jesus reminded them that at the beginning He made them male and female. Man's creation is tied together with the beginning not thousands, millions or billions of years of separation. No, we were created in the beginning.*

*E. Finally, I want to point out that the only reason to teach in a long drawn out creation is so you can incorporate the theory of evolution. But the major problem with that is that evolution teaches that on the journey of evolving, the strong survived and everything else died off. Theologically that can not be the case because according to evolution, man is the final piece of the puzzle in evolution. However, the Word of God teaches that death came in the world after Adam and Eve sinned and not before, Romans 5:12-14. Nothing could have ever died at any point before their creation because it was their sin that caused death to enter into this world. Conclusion: Let these truths drive you and me to reconnect with our creation and creator so that we will be able to more fully see how devoted we must be to our blessed Lord who created us to know Him closely and personally.*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*

### **Special Recommendation**

*A special recommendation to be voted on 2/3/2016 has been rescinded by both committees.*

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### **Special Recommendation**

*The building & Grounds and the CDMC will have a presentation and discussion for the new SFCA Gymnasium at our regular February Business Meeting on February 10th. This will be the main discussion for the gym approval. We encourage everyone to attend this meeting for the presentation and discussion. A special called meeting with no discussion and vote will be on Sunday morning, February 14th, following the service.*

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*Due to the importance of this meeting, we will not have RA's, GA's, Youth on Wednesday, February 10th.*

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# GSBC Prayer Pages January 31, 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*  
*Ann Blocker-Beaufort Mem.*

## Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC*  
*Annette Malphrus-Estill N.H.*

## Surgery / Recovery

*Patti Morgan (1/21)*  
*Bonnie Pope (1/21)*  
*Tommy Cooler (1/22)*  
*Brandi Freeman (1/28)*

## Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (12/10)*  
*Henry Etheridge (1/14)*  
*Myrtle Rowell Smith (1/7)*  
*Lane Malphrus (1/20)*  
*Tom Hiers (1/26)*

## Other Health Needs

*Saylor Moser (1/7)*  
*Mike Hodge (1/14)*  
*Jerry Vaigneur (1/14)*  
*Amy O'Connor (1/4)*  
*Jeannie Davis (1/4)*  
*Kenneth Cleland (1/21)*  
*Levi Soucy (1/28)*  
*Margie Davis (1/28)*  
*Julie Barnes (1/28)*

*Faye Cleland (1/7)*  
*Donald Cooler (1/7)*  
*Barbara Mills (1/14)*  
*Robert Sauls (1/21)*  
*Suzanne Stivers (1/21)*  
*Barry DeMay (1/8)*  
*Wayne Malphrus (1/14)*  
*Kelly Chapman (1/28)*  
*Elle Bryan (1/28)*

## Expecting / Births

*Beth Reynolds Cabiness—July*

*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*



**The Watchman  
Prayer Warrior**

*Yet another opportunity for praying is at Watchmen's Prayer on Saturday at 8:00AM. This special time is given over to praying for Sunday happenings. The praise team, pulpit, musical instruments, pews, sound room, vestibule and grounds areas are all covered. Scripture is read at each stop and prayer is made for the people. Perhaps this is a way for you to expand your prayer life. Come and taste.*

*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*



<i>January 31st</i>	<i>Sawyer Smoak</i>
	<i>Annabelle Hagen</i>
<i>February 1st</i>	<i>Gary Way</i>
<i>February 2nd</i>	<i>Rinley Dennen</i>
<i>February 4th</i>	<i>Taylor Floyd</i>

## Announcements



*Grandmother's Group Valentine's Party*  
*Tuesday, February 2nd @ 11:30 am*  
*Bring Finger Foods*  
*Bring Your Valentines*



*Quilting Club*  
*Thursday, February 4th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group*  
*Saturday, February 6th @ 8:00 am*

## 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

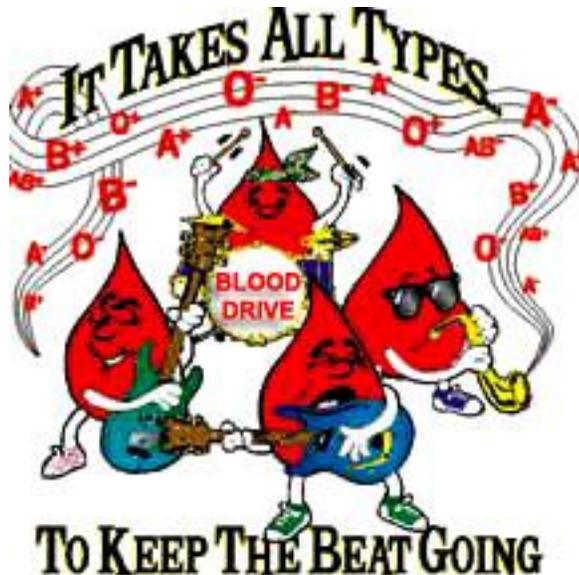
*A Church Council Meeting has been set for **TODAY**, January 31st immediately following Morning Worship Services to finalize these events.*

*Thank You*

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## WATCHMAN PRAYER

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



SFCA  
Blood Drive

*Friday  
February 19th  
Starting at  
Noon*

Please Pray for our  
Southern Baptist Convention  
Chaplains of the Week



**CHAPLAINCY**  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

**Chaplain (Major) Stephen Smith**  
Army Reserve  
Winslow Dr. | Martinsburg, WV 25404  
stephen.j.smith.mil@mail.mil  
Address: Johnstown, Pennsylvania

that God will give me wisdom and grace in my  
I try as a VA Hospital chaplain. Pray also for a  
I am a dual mentor, a prayer partner and for my studies as I  
I return to school.



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**CHAPLAINCY**  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

**Chaplain, Colonel David Sumrall**  
Air Force  
EW/HC | APO AE 09855  
sumrall@asab.afcent.af.mil  
Location: Southwest Asia  
Joyce

for revival among Christians deployed to  
west Asia and that the lost will be saved. Pray for  
the safety of military members and that they will receive  
the love of God and Christian hospitality.



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# Wednesday Night SUPPER

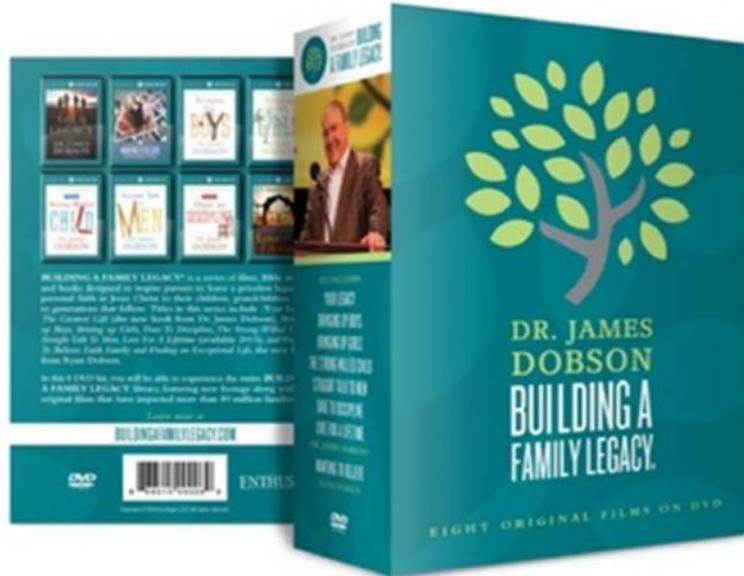
Spaghetti  
Garlic Bread  
Salad/Rutabagas  
Dessert  
Tea & Coffee



Wallace Roberts Cooking Team



# NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE



*Each DVD Session is now available to church members only and can be checked out for 2 weeks at a time. For more information call the church office at (843)726-3631.*



## **Baby Bottle Ministry**

*Our Annual Baby Bottle Ministry has begun. 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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### Church Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.** .....jehu27@gmail.com  
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 Administrative Assistant: **Sybil Reynolds** .....greatswampbc@gmail.com  
 Treasurer: **Faye Lowther** .....kreyleesmom98@gmail.com  
 School Administrator: **Donna Carter** .....dcarter@hargray.com  
 Custodian: **Ann Malphrus** .....ramalphrus@hargray.com  
 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus** .....Josie6@embarqmail.com

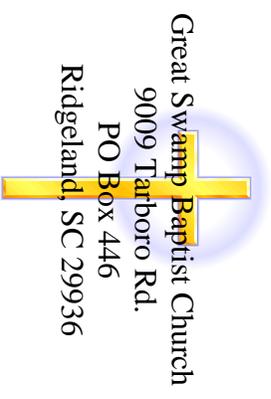
### Calendar of Events

For  
 February 1st through February 7th

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	\$4,981.00	\$ 4,828.76	+\$152.24
<b>Designated Funds</b>			
	<b>This Week</b>	*****	<b>Acct. Balances</b>
WNS	\$207.95	*****	\$509.15
SMB	\$57.00	*****	\$245.78
SFCA Security	\$51.90	*****	\$51.90
SFCA Trash Pick Up	\$125.00	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Electric	\$1,045.50	*****	\$1,045.50
SFCA Janitorial	\$500.00	*****	\$688.86
SFCA Church Repairs (Grayco)	\$101.04	*****	\$4,846.87
Concert Love Offerings	\$60.00	*****	\$1,599.19
OCC	\$1.00	*****	\$262.55



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