

# Great Swamp Baptist Church



January 8, 2017

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

January 8, 2017  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

# Happy New Year

## Prelude

## Call To Worship

*Hymn # 4      “To God Be The Glory”*

The Welcome

Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

# Invocation

Wilbur Daley

## **Selections of Praise & Worship**

*“At The Cross”*

### *“Good, Good Father”*

## We Pray for Special Needs

## Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Offertory Special

Sadie O'Connor

*“In Christ Alone”*

## Message

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Invitation



## Nursery Workers



### Today:

Annette Malphrus  
Krey Lowther

### Today:

Diane Thames

Chesney

### Next Week:

Vanessa Smoak  
Jason Smoak

### Next Week:

Olivia Stanley  
Krey Lowther



## Toll Committee

For January  
Alice Way & Pat Malphrus

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



### Today:

Wilbur Daley  
843-305-0110

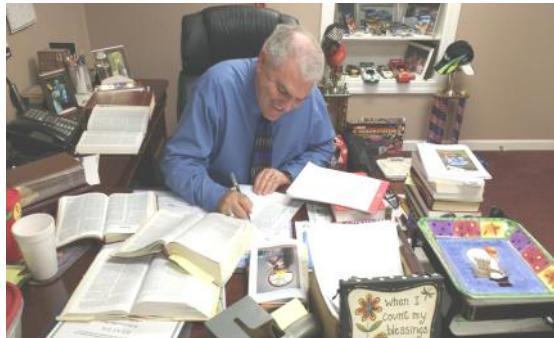
### Next Week:

Bjo Mills  
843-271-2840



### IF YOUR DEACONS

CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,  
CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631



## *From Pastor Ralph's Desk:* **Commemorating the Jewish New Year**

*(Exodus 12:1-17)*

*Intro: The directions God gave Israel for celebrating their new year is not anything like the way we celebrate our new year. As a matter of fact, according to our Scripture text, their new year celebration was nearly a month long celebration and the focus was not so much on the fact that a new year had begun. Rather, it was a celebration that commemorated what God had done for that nation and that celebration begins with commemorating the Passover. When God told the nation that new year's would begin the month that He was setting them free from bondage in Egypt, He began it with the Passover meal. So, today, I want us to examine the very first Passover meal and take note of the important things they commemorated that first New Year and still commemorate at the start of every new year. As Christians, we need to also commemorate some of these same things as we enter into our new year vs. the kind of commemoration we typically have.*

**I. First, commemorating the Jewish new year was and is a time to remember and commemorate the position they held at the time of their very first new year.** *In this chapter, when God told them that this month would be the start of their new year and that they were to start with commemorating with the Passover meal, they were still at the moment enslaved to the Egyptians. Now that was about to change. However, at the moment of the announcement, they were slaves and had been for over 400 years. So, every year they start out remembering where they came from and this helps them to keep from having a haughty spirit. For pride goes before a fall.*

*We, too, must remember the position we once held as well. For we, too, were slaves. The Bible is very clear that we had become slaves to sin, Satan, the flesh and this world. As we enter the new year, let us not forget where we came from lest we, too, become haughty in spirit. By remembering our previous position and where we came from, it will move us to give our amazing God bold*

*praise that we are no longer in that position.*

**II. Second, commemorating the Jewish new year was and is a time to remember and commemorate the problem they held at the time of their first new year.** Well, the problem they had at the time of their first new year was that they did not personally have within themselves to set themselves free from the enslavement they were in. their slave master was too strong for them to overcome. However, the good news is that though the Egyptians were far too strong for the nation to overcome them, they were not and could be too strong for God to overcome them. Their problem was solved by the overwhelming and intervening power of Almighty God.

*We, too, were and are like the nation of Israel was. Our slave masters were and are stronger than we were and are. However, they never were and never will be greater and more powerful than our amazing, Almighty God. By His overwhelming and intervening power He has rescued us from sin, Satan, hell and the grave. Blessed be our Holy God. Through Christ, we do not have to be enslaved to sin or Satan.*

**III. Third, commemorating the Jewish new year was and is a time to remember and commemorate the price paid for them at the time of their very first new year.** We know from the text that God was going to send the death angel through to take the life of every first born son and even male animal from every Egyptian family on the night they were to celebrate the Passover meal. However, every Israelite home was to be spared the judgment but they had to follow God's instructions if they wanted to be exempt from it. The instructions were that each family was to slay a lamb and eat its meat that night and also to take some of its blood and paint it on the side of the door posts and above the door post. Whenever the death angel saw this blood, he would Passover that home. So, it was the price of the sacrificial lamb that saved them. He gave His life and blood to spare them, and every year they commemorate this price paid.

*So, it is with us as well. Only we should commemorate and celebrate this point as we enter the new year on a scale even far greater than the Jews did because the price paid to spare us from the death angel is by far and will never be topped was the sacrifice of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He gave His life and shed His blood so we could be spared death, hell and the grave. This was a price far greater than all the rubies and diamonds put together. Also, a price far greater than all human effort*

*put together. It alone is the only price that brings us out of judgment and into the protection and family of God. So, celebrate the new year by remembering the price paid for our freedom.*

**IV. Fourth, commemorating the Jewish new year was and is a time to remember and commemorate the path they were given at the time of their first new year.** *They were told by God to eat their Passover meal, dressed and ready to take off on the new path and direction that God had for their lives. His desire was not for them to continue to live in slavery to the Egyptians but rather to be free to follow and serve Him. So, He set them free and started them on the new path of commitment and service to Him.*

*So, it is with us as well. God has set us free so that we could get started on the new path He has laid out for us to follow. God has called us to follow His path and to continue to grow in our faith and commitment toward Him. Let us start this new year out with the desire to not only be free from our slave masters but to also be walking in the new pathway God has laid before us.*

**V. Finally, commemorating the Jewish new year was and is a time to remember and commemorate the promise given at the time of the first new year.** *The promise was to see the nation all the way through to the promise land and that He did. Because of their sins it took them longer to get there. However, God keeps His promise. He brought them out of bondage and brought them to a land flowing with milk and honey. So, each new year as they celebrate and commemorate the Passover meal, they commemorate the fact that God promises not only set them free from slavery, but also gave them a land of their own, which He did.*

*We, too, every new year, should stop and celebrate and commemorate the fact that God has also promised us a permanent home built not by human hands but rather built by God Himself. A home free of all sins, sorrows, sickness, suffering and Satan. A home spent in the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Father and Spirit for all eternity. Oh, what a Savior. Oh what a God we serve and may every new year we start out focusing upon His promises to us.*

*Jesus Love You,  
Ralph Lee, Jr*

*January 10th*

*Sadie O'Connor  
Rylee Fitzhugh*



*January 13th*

*Leigh Laycock*

*Celebrating  
Anniversary* Jim & Chon Madison \* January 12th  
Ralph & Tammy Lee \* January 14th

## *Wednesday Night SUPPER*

### Menu



Grits

Eggs

Bacon/Sausage

Biscuits/Muffins

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Ann, Robin & Timmy

Cooking Team

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

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## PROCLAIMER'S GOSPEL CHOIR

will sing the good ole gospel song "Jesus Is Coming Soon"

on **Sunday, January 15th** and we will practice this song  
on **Wednesday, January 11th**, so come join us for practice,  
then sing it with us the following Sunday.



**DISCLAIMER:** All this providing the Lord doesn't return before then.



*National  
Sanctity  
of  
Life  
Sunday*

*Baby  
Bottle  
Ministry  
Begins  
01/08/2017  
Ends  
02/12/2017*

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Marriage enrichment weekend getaway  
(For more info, Brochure in church office)



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**February 10-12, 2017**

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**More Information:** (click here) <http://www.familylife.com/pastor>

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# JACOBS BROTHERS

*A Legacy of Praise*



**MORE THAN 55 YEARS OF GOSPEL MUSIC MINISTRY**

I N C O N C E R T

DATE: Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Great Swamp Baptist Church

## Ten Little Christians

Ten little Christians came to church all the time,  
one fell out with the preacher, then there were nine

Nine little Christians stayed up late,  
One overslept on Sunday then there were eight.

Eight little Christians on their way to heaven,  
One took the low road then there were seven.

Seven little Christians chirping like chicks,  
One didn't like the singing then there were six.

Six little Christians seemed very much alive,  
One took a vacation then there were five.

Five little Christians pulling for heavens shore,  
One stopped to take a rest and then there were four.

Four little Christians each as busy as a bee,  
One got his feelings hurt then there were three.

Three little Christians couldn't decide what to do,  
One couldn't have his way then there were two.

Two little Christians each won one more,  
Now don't you see two and two make four.

Four little Christians worked early and late,  
Each brought one and now there were eight.

Eight little Christians if they double as before,  
In just seven Sundays we have one thousand, twenty-four.

In this jingle there is a lesson true,  
you belong either to the building or to the wrecking crew.

Author Unknown



## GSBC Prayer Pages January 8, 2017

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

**Leadership**  
President Barack Obama  
United States of America

**Hospitals**  
Barbara Jones-Greenville Hosp.

### Nursing Centers

Elaine Degler-RNC  
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham  
County Rehab. Center

### Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

### Other Health Needs

Franklin Taylor (12/8)  
Reed Smith (12/8)  
Jimmie Cleland (1/5)  
Caitlyn Owens (12/14)  
Jacob Christenson (12/14)  
Shirley Jean Wing (12/22)  
Ted Nettles (12/23)  
Heather Cartin (12/23)  
James Lang (12/23)  
Gail Malphrus (1/6)

### Church Needs

Sunday School  
Small Groups  
SFCA-Donna Carter

Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
Nominating Committee

### Unspoken

Max Cole  
Ray & Peggy Michael  
Clarice Van Curen  
Chet Egerdahl & Family

### Bereavement

Family Of  
Ed Lowther, Sr.

### Expecting / Births

### Surgery / Recovery

Brandy Freeman (1/5)  
Ron Davis (12/15)  
Kelly B. Chapman (12/29)

### Cancer / Treatments

Barry Jones (12/8)  
Dale Robiston (1/5)  
Mack Pope, Sr. (1/5)  
Mitzi Cramer (1/5)  
Erma Steedly (12/19)

**GSBC Goal: \$2,000**

**To Date: \$2,225.82**



the gospel resounds

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## Pray For Our Military



**Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army**

**Jared Blanton-Home**

**Matthew Mills-Parris Island**

*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  
Judy Smith  
Jeffrey Stanley

Dot Nettles  
Betty Nettles  
Tom Hinely  
Olivia Stanley  
Lois Bootle  
Lane Malphrus  
Grace Boyles  
Patricia Malphrus  
Scott Boyles  
Brian Freeman

Myrtle Rowell Smith  
Billie Langford  
Gary Way  
Christy Gagel  
Vera Miles  
Mary Daley  
Leonard Steedly  
Barbara Mills  
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.  
Lanell Smith



We are several days into 2017. Have you taken stock of your life as suggested last week? Involve yourself in this New Year? Have you become an expert in serving God but remained a novice at being HIS friend? Are you working harder but no fruit? Have you placed service ahead of intimacy with HIM? Make the changes today!

*E.L. Ambrose*

### Today's Prayer Team

#### **Group I**

*Patricia Malphrus-Leader  
Truett Vaigneur  
Shirley Nalphrus  
Vera Miles*

**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*

# Announcements



*Deacon's Meeting  
Monday, January 9th*

*Grandmother's Group  
Tuesday, January 10th / 11:30 am*



*Business Meeting  
Wednesday, January 11th*

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the  
Old Parsonage  
Thursday, January 12th @ 10:00am*



*Thursday thru Saturday  
January 12th—14th*



*Watchman Prayer Group  
Saturday, January 14th @ 8:00 am*

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### Church Staff

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<i>Pianist: Michelle Waitt</i>	<i>waittfamily@embarqmail.com</i>
<i>Administrative Assistant: Sybil Reynolds</i>	<i>greatswampbc@gmail.com</i>
<i>School Administrator: Donna Carter</i>	<i>dcarter@hargray.com</i>
<i>Custodian: Ann Malphrus</i>	<i>ramalphrus@hargray.com</i>
<i>Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus</i>	<i>Josie6@embarqmail.com</i>

### Calendar of Events

**For**

**January 8th through January 14th**

<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast (September thru May Only)</i>	<i>8:30AM</i>
<i>Sunday School</i>	<i>9:45AM</i>
<i>Morning Worship</i>	<i>11:00AM</i>
<i>Evening Worship</i>	<i>6:00PM</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Supper (September thru May Only)</i>	<i>6:00PM</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Service</i>	<i>7:00PM</i>
<i>Saturday Watchman Prayer</i>	<i>8:00AM</i>

## Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>	\$3,410.25	\$ 4,943.56	-\$1,533.31
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>WNS</i>	\$165.00	*****	\$787.81
<i>Lottie Moon Offering</i>	\$201.25	*****	\$2,225.82
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$1,188.03
<i>Gymnasium</i>	\$5.00	*****	\$0.00
<i>Youth Camp</i>	\$65.00	*****	\$2,148.83
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	\$	*****	\$
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