



Great Swamp Baptist Church  
July 19, 2015

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

July 19, 2015  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

*“Your Grace Is Enough”*

**The Welcome**

Announcements

**Invocation**

*Wayne Cooler*

**Selections of Praise and Worship**

Song of Praise

*“Happy Day”*

**We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

**A Demonstration of Stewardship**

Offertory

Offertory Response

*Hymn #253*

*“Doxology”*

Hymn of Praise

*“At Calvary”*

Special Music

*Richard Waitt*

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

**A Time to Respond**

Invitation

**Benediction**



*Today:*

*Olivia Stanley  
Duane Armstrong*

*Next Week:*

*Betty Robertson  
Duane Armstrong*

## Nursery Workers



*Today:*

*Cassandra & Evelyn Bradley  
Christina Hagen*

*Next Week:*

*Kea Dennen  
Chelsea Cooler*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today:*

*Wayne Cooler  
843-726-4297*

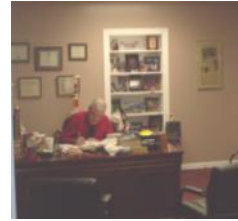


*Next Week:  
Wilbur Daley  
843-305-0110*



**IF YOUR DEACONS  
CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,  
CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631**

*From*  
*Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



## **Examining David's Desire**

*(2 Samuel 7:1-17)*

*Intro: One of my favorite songs is called, "It's My Desire to Live For Jesus." Listen to the words. "It's my desire to live for Jesus. It's my desire to be just like Him. Though often I've failed Him and brought Him much shame, It's my desire to live for Him. If you could see where Jesus brought me from, to where I am today; Then you would know the reason why I love Him so. It's my desire to help someone today. Someone who may have failed to see the way. I, too, was once so lost, but I found my way to God, It's my desire to live for Him."*

*This song reminds us of these first set of verses found in this chapter. These set of verses focus upon David's desire. So, what we are going to do is examine David's desire. I pray that as we examine David's desire that it will stir up within each one of us a similar desire. A desire to live for Jesus.*

**I. First, let us examine what David's desire was.** *His desire, of course, was to build a more permanent and elaborate place for the Ark of the Covenant to dwell. We call it the temple and some called it the House of the Lord.*

*However, God did not allow David to fulfill this desire, not in a direct sense. Indirectly, he got to through his son, Solomon. The question is, therefore, was David's desire in some way wrong? The answer is definitely not. Though God didn't allow him to carry out this desire, He didn't condemn him for having the desire.*

*Rather, David's desire allowed him to get a Word from God. It allowed him to get further instructions. It allowed him to be blessed. Had he not had this Godly desire, he would have missed out on hearing from God. You see, when your heart and your attitude is right, though God may not fulfill your desire, He sees your intentions and to that He will respond. Pray for Godly desires that will allow you to interact with God.*

**II. Second, let us examine when David had his desire.** *There are two answers to when David had his desire. First, his desire arose when he stopped to contemplate the fact that God has given him unbelievable deliverances and incredible victories over his enemies to the point that at that moment he was experiencing total peace. That contemplation gave rise to his Godly desire. God had been so good to the nation that it caused him to want to live for Jesus. Now listen, you and I live on this side of the cross, and that means that we have seen the Lord give us the greatest, most unbelievable deliverance and victory over the enemy of enemies and has given us not just temporary peace but everlasting peace. If we will contemplate on that, it will stir up in each of us Godly desires to live for Jesus. Let us pray that we will never cease to contemplate what great things God has done for us because when we do, we will lose our Godly desire to live for Jesus and seek to do the things that are for Him.*

*Second, David's desire came about when he stopped to focus upon the personal blessings God had directly given to him. God had given the entire nation the victories over their enemies. However, David himself, had personally been greatly blessed by the Lord personally. In this case, he acknowledged that he had been blessed to live in a palace. This personal blessing led him to see that his home was a better place than where the Ark resided, and that didn't seem fair to him. Therefore, this gave rise within him to make a difference for God because God had personally blessed him. We can always find others that have more physical things than us, but with Jesus, we have it all and this should give rise to Godly desires. As we count those blessings one by one, it will surprise us what the Lord has done. Focus on His blessings and you will have desires that will drive you to live for Jesus.*

**III. Finally, I want us to notice who was part of David's desire.** *David brought the prophet, Nathan, into his desire. He shared it with him. Now, the question is why, and the answer is because he desired to be sure that his desire was what God wanted him to do. Was his desire God's specific will for him to carry out? We see that his Godly desire, though he was not able to carry it out yet, allowed him to get the counsel of a Godly man that ultimately allowed him to get his answer. Listen, Godly desires allow us to have a close fellowship with other Godly people with whom we will seek counsel on our desires, which is a good thing and a growing thing for us.*

*I pray that, like David, we will have desires pleasing to Him. Desire to live for Jesus.*

*Jesus Loves you!*

*Pastor Ralph*

*The Bible teaches that any nation that blesses Israel will be blessed but in contrast it also says that any nation that curses Israel will be cursed.*

*Iran has unashamedly declared it's intentions to blow Israel off the map and that 's why they want a nuclear bomb. Therefore they can't be trusted and our nation should reject this agreement that the current administrators has created. So, I am encouraging you to write our Senators and our Congressman to encourage them to reject this deal.*

*When you contact all these people, please use respectful terms and language.*

*These are the names and addresses of those who represent Jasper County in Washington, DC*

*To contact them by e-mail, you must go to their web pages.*

### **6<sup>th</sup> District Congressman for Jasper County**

***Representative James E. Clyburn***  
*242 Cannon House Office Building*  
*Washington, DC 20515*  
*Phone: (202)225-3315*

### **SC Senate**

***Senator Lindsey Graham***  
*290 Russell Senate Office Building*  
*Washington, DC 20510*

*Phone: (202)224-5972*

***Senator Tim Scott***  
*167 Russell Senate Office Building*  
*Washington, DC 20510*

*Phone: (202)224-6121*

**President Obama**  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

### **Call the President**

PHONE NUMBERS

Comments: 202-456-1111

Switchboard: 202-456-1414



# CELEBRATE AMERICA

## “Senior Celebration”

August 13 • 10:00 am  
Port Royal Baptist Church



### Keynote Speaker

Capt. H. Tom Hiers, Retired Navy Chaplain & Pastor

### Mini Concert

The Beaufort High School Voices

### Special Presentations

Carol Erb, Ph.D.—*Forgiveness*

Peggy Mathis—*Yes! This is Us*

Join us for

Great Food! Great Fellowship! Great Fun!

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# GSBC Prayer Pages July 19, 2015

## 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*  
*Percy Sauls*  
*Jesse Cleland*  
*English Ambrose Malphrus*  
*Tom Saxon*

## Hospitals

*Sue Stiver-MUSC*  
*Paul Detrick-MUSC*  
*Braiden Gilbert-MUSC*  
*Don Rodgers-St. Joseph's*  
*T J Smith-Spartanburg Regional*  
*Lois Bootle-CCH*

## Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC*

## Surgery / Recovery

*Mack Pope, Sr. (7/29)*  
*Kitty Burke (6/19)*  
*Helen Malphrus (6/19)*  
*E L Ambrose (6/24)*  
*David Daring (6/19)*  
*Herbert Jones (6/18)*  
*Justin Malphrus (7/2)*  
*Olivia Stanley (7/9)*  
*Tex Lowther (7/9)*

## Cancer / Treatments

*Lane Malphrus (7/2)*  
*Barry Jones (7/2)*  
*Billy Langford (6/18)*  
*Virginia Wells (7/9)*

## Other Health Needs

*Dot Tindal (7/2)*  
*Rodney Malphrus (7/2)*  
*Rosa Lee Sauls (7/2)*  
*Katelyn Morgan (6/25)*  
*Lynn Glasser (7/2)*  
*Saylor Moser (7/2)*  
*Grace Boyles (7/9)*  
*Clarice Van Curen (7/9)*  
*Beverly Ann Byars (7/16)*

*Billy Benton (7/9)*  
*Mary Cope (7/01)*  
*Dwaine Malphrus (7/16)*  
*Pat Azzarelli (7/16)*

## Expecting / Births

## Called to Ministry

*Chris Carter & Family*  
*Robin Gray-Central Asia*  
*Bjo Mills-USA*



## Pray For Our Military



*Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army*

*If you have someone who needs listing, call either the church office @726-3631 or E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479.*

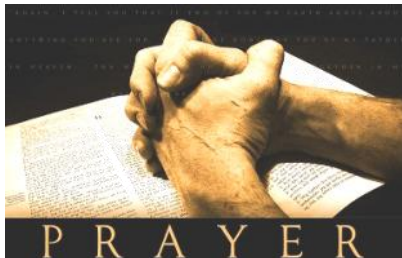
*Thank You*

### Please Continue To Remember

*Ricky Cleland  
Mike Hodge  
Shirley Malphrus  
Rose Boyles  
Myia Angala Ellis  
Susan L. Vaigneur  
Norris Sauls  
Lula Floyd*

*Dot Nettles  
Jimmie Mills  
Betty Nettles  
Tom Hinely  
Olivia Stanley  
Joyce Sutler  
Kevin Roach  
Wofford Malphrus*

*Myrtle Rowell Smith  
Billie Langford  
Lisa Koon  
Mitzi Cramer  
Gary Way  
Christy Gagel  
Vera Miles  
Mary Daley*



### 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*

*How's your prayer life?  
Have you developed regular  
prayer times? Why not commit for  
the month of August to one of the  
special prayer times? You'll be  
strengthened and your walk with  
the Lord will take on a freshness  
you'll appreciate. Consult your  
bulletin for the times and if you  
need information call E L  
Ambrose at 726-5479. Good  
Praying!*

# Announcements



*Thursday, July 23rd*  
*Quilting Club*  
*10:00am*



*Saturday, July 25th*  
*Watchman Prayer Group*  
*8:00 am*

**FAMILY REUNION**



*Saturday, July 25th*  
*Altman Reunion*



**BEGINNING**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**20th**

**8 SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS**



**DR. JAMES DOBSON BUILDING A FAMILY LEGACY**



*This Week:*

*July 19th Zach Hagen*  
*July 20th Jeff Laycock*  
*July 23rd Katie Mock*  
*Bobby Smith*  
*Rodney Malphrus, Sr*  
*July 25th Tim Malphrus*  
*Lois Bootle*



*Anniversary*

*This Week:*

*July 21st Fred & Pam Stanley*  
*Alex & Sophia Sineath*  
*July 23rd John & Julie Mingledorff*  
*July 25th Duane & Dorthie Armstrong*



*Attention Seniors!*

*It is that time of year again. It is time to sign up for the Senior Celebrators Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN. Sign Up sheets have been placed in the foyer. Make sure you write in an updated phone number. A **\$25.00 non-refundable deposit is due no later than Monday, July 20th.** Bus Fee will be \$50.00 each person. Brochures are available in the lobby. Contact Timmy Sauls at 321-0789 for more info.*

## DEACON ELECTION NOTICE

On Sunday, August 9, 2015, during the Morning Service, we will select one deacon to serve until 2018. If you wish to have your name removed from the following list or your name was omitted in error, please contact the church office at 726-3631.

<i>E.L. Ambrose</i>	<i>Kistler Malphrus</i>
<i>Tom Benton</i>	<i>Lane Malphrus</i>
<i>Gerald Boyles</i>	<i>Patrick Malphrus</i>
<i>Calvin Bryan</i>	<i>Paul Malphrus</i>
<i>Bill Carter, Jr.</i>	<i>Rodney Malphrus, Sr.</i>
<i>Ken Cleland</i>	<i>Rodney Malphrus, Jr.</i>
<i>Michael Daley</i>	<i>Wallace Malphrus</i>
<i>Wilbur Daley</i>	<i>Bjo Mills</i>
<i>Mike Davis</i>	<i>Sam Mock</i>
<i>Ron Degler, Sr.</i>	<i>Ronnie Nettles</i>
<i>Andre Goulet</i>	<i>Robert Sauls</i>
<i>Zachary Hagen</i>	<i>Timmy Sauls</i>
<i>Mike Hodge</i>	<i>Leonard Steedly</i>
<i>Krey Lowther, Sr</i>	<i>Gentry Thames</i>
<i>Andy Malphrus</i>	<i>Truett Vaigneur</i>
<i>Robin Malphrus</i>	<i>Christopher Waitt</i>
<i>Charles Malphrus</i>	<i>Jonathan Waitt</i>
<i>Frankie Malphrus</i>	<i>Richard Waitt</i>
<i>Irwin Malphrus</i>	<i>Gary Way</i>

## Deacon Rotation

*Wilbur Daley*

**This is the covenant that our Deacons adopted for their  
ministry at Great Swamp Baptist Church  
Read it, Encourage your Deacons, and stay in  
prayer for them.**

**The Deacon Covenant**

**We will be accountable to God and to each other.**

**We will ask the hard questions about faith and ministry to this church and will provide honest answers.**

**We must be men of peace.**

**We will strive to allow the Spirit of Christ to rule in our relationships with our families, with each other, and with the members of our church.**

**We will be shepherds of the Family of God that worships at Great Swamp Baptist Church.**

**We will be servants in the model of Jesus who tenderly watched over his sheep.**

**We will be vigilant in our personal life.**

**We will put on the whole armor of God as a necessity to help guard against the attacks of Satan.**


**We will seek an intimate relationship with God through His Son Jesus.**

**We will try to live a life that is above reproach in speech, love, faith, and purity.**

**We will support the ministries of this church with our finances, our influence and with our prayers.**

**We will partner with the pastor of this good church to meet the spiritual needs of all of our members, our guests and the community as God leads us.**

Sports Traveling



Rashad Hancock  
Francis Marion

Central Asia



Kelsey Hearn  
USC Columbia

*Weekly prayer  
for  
Summer Missionaries*

Canada



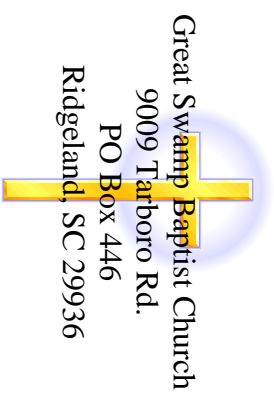
Andrew Hendricks  
Clemson

Scotland



Jonathon Jordan  
Florence Darl. Tech





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