

*Great Swamp Baptist Church  
July 5, 2015*

# **ONE NATION UNDER GOD**

*"It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without  
God and the Bible." -George Washington*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

July 5, 2015  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

## **Prelude**

**Call to Worship** *Robin Malphrus*  
“*God Bless America*”

**The Welcome**  
Announcements  
“**Presentation of Colors**”

Hymn# 635 “*The Star Spangled Banner*”

**Invocation** *Robert O’Dell*

**Patriotic Hymn**  
Hymn# 633 “*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*”

**We Pray for Special Needs**  
Pastoral & Offertory Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee*

**A Demonstration of Stewardship**  
Offertory  
Offertory Response *Hymn # 253*  
“*Doxology*”

Special Music *The Proclaimer’s Gospel Choir*  
“*In God We Still Trust*”

**Message** *Pastor Ralph Lee*

**A Time to Respond**  
Invitation

**Benediction**



## Nursery Workers



**Today:**

*Latrelle Steedly  
Duane Armstrong*

**Next Week:**

*Annette Malphrus  
Duane Armstrong*

**Today:**

*Ann Malphrus  
Kelly Scherger*

**Next Week:**

*Debra Daley  
Cathryn Daley*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



**Today:**

*Robert O'Dell  
843-422-9521*



**Next Week:**

*Duane Armstrong  
843-726-6795*

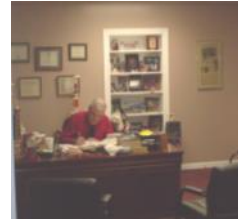


**IF YOUR DEACONS**

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

**CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631**

*From  
Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



### **Celebrating the 4th**

*Celebration is what the 4th of July is all about. As a matter of fact one of our founding fathers, when he signed the Declaration of Independence, pointed out that this day in the life of our country would be an enormous day of celebration. Actually, the Declaration, at first was finished on July the second. However, it was revised and the final approving came on the fourth but John Adams believing that they would sign it on the 2nd of July, wrote to his wife Abigail on that day describing what kind of commemoration and celebration Americans would carry out on that day. "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as a great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parades with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations (fireworks), from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forevermore."*

*It is amazing how accurate John Adams was in his prediction on what would take place to commemorate the 4th of July. It is as though he was able to time travel forward and see just what we would do on this great anniversary.*

*If he really could have time travelled forward and see what we do today for our celebration for the 4th, he would be very pleased that we indeed celebrate as he predicted we would. That would be with, as he said, "pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, bells, bonfires and illuminations (or as we say, fireworks) from one end of this continent to the other..." However, what would very much displease him is the parts that we are leaving out of the celebration. Those parts that we are leaving out are twofold. The first part is the "why aspect". In other words, why do we celebrate this day? To Adams, as well as to the rest of our founding fathers, the why is also found in the letter he wrote to his wife, Abigail. He said, "It ought to be celebrated as the day of deliverance..."*

*Sadly so, many Americans celebrate this holiday with out giving any thought to the fact that our founding fathers laid their very lives, families and fortunes on the line when they signed the Declaration of Independence in the granting of all Americans the right to live in freedom and to be controlled by no other nation other than themselves. The day those men signed that document declared they would do everything with in their power to set Americans free forever delivered from tyranny.*

*Now, let me point out the second part that so many Americans are leaving out is that not only the why but also the “who” and the question is who is the who? Well, Adams answered that question as well in that same letter. He said, “It ought to be celebrated as a day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.” So Adams is saying that the who is God. He is saying that we should celebrate this day honoring God Almighty. So I ask why would Adams bring God into the celebration of the 4th? Why did he believe we should do as he said on this day, “solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty” ? I believe because he knew that deliverance and freedom could only come from God. If we were going to win this fight for liberty, we would need Almighty God to do it. However, instead of doing what John Adams said, our country sadly, is doing just the opposite. Instead of honoring God as Americans on this day, we celebrate as though God had nothing to do with it. Much of our government and judicial leaders want us instead of honoring God Almighty on this day is to honor rather that we have “freedom from religion” not “freedom of religion” which our founding fathers so heavily defended.*

*So, how did you celebrate the 4th? My prayer is that next year and everyday you won't forget the why and the who.*

*Let me conclude however, by saying to Christians if we should celebrate our fourth with so much fanfare as I think we should, because as Adams said, it was a day of deliverance which he concluded that God Almighty should receive the honor for the deliverance then how much more should we be celebrating with even greater fanfare that God Almighty has not only delivered our great nation but more so that he delivered us from sin, Satan, death and hell through the death, burial and resurrection of his glorious only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Sadly, however, when we come together so often you would never know that Christians really believe that they have been delivered by God Almighty through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. We've forgotten both the who and the why. May the Lord help us to recapture how great a deliverance we have been given by God Almighty through His Son and celebrate like no other celebration*

*Jesus Loves you!  
Pastor Ralph*

# Announcements



*Tuesday, July 7th*  
*Grandmother's Group*  
*11:30 am / MPB*  
*Bring Finger Foods*



*Wednesday, July 8th*  
*Business Conference*  
*7:00 pm*



*Thursday, July 9th*  
*Quilting Club*  
*10:00am*



*Saturday, July 11th*  
*Watchman Prayer Group*  
*8:00 am*



*Saturday, July 11th*  
*Sauls Family Reunion*  
*8:00 am*



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

**8** SUNDAY NIGHT SESSIONS



DR. JAMES DOBSON BUILDING  
A FAMILY LEGACY



*This Week:*

*July 5th*

*Vandy Amason*

*July 6th*

*Truett Vaigneur*

*July 7th*

*Jane Hodges*

*Amanda Fletcher*

*Olivia May*

*July 8th*

*Cindy Collins*

*July 10th*

*Kea Dennen*



*Anniversary*

*This Week:*

*July 7th*

*Paul & Diane Malphrus*



*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.*

# GSBC Prayer Pages July 5, 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*  
*Gary Hodges*

## Hospitals

*Sue Stiver-MUSC*  
*Paul Detrick-MUSC*  
*Braiden Gilbert-MUSC*

## Nursing Centers

*Percy Sauls-VA Hospital/Charleston*  
*Elaine Degler-RNC*  
*Wofford Malphrus (RNC)*  
*English A. Malphrus-The Village, Summerville*

## Surgery / Recovery

*John Sloss (7/2)*  
*Lester Daring (6/22)*  
*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)*

## Cancer / Treatments

*Lane Malphrus (7/2)*  
*Barry Jones (7/2)*  
*John Faulkner (6/4)*  
*Dean Goen (6/16)*  
*Billy Langford (6/18)*

## 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)*

*Mildred Sheffield (6/04)*  
*Billy Benton (6/04)*  
*Greg Fryman (5/29)*  
*Eve Calhoun (6/11)*  
*Dot Nettles (6/16)*  
*Mary Cope (7/01)*

## 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.*

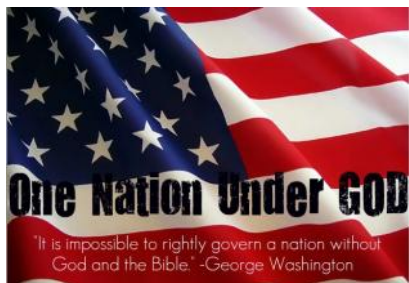
*Thank You*

### 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  
Jesse Cleland  
Kevin Roach*

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



*“One Nation Under God”  
Perhaps you’ve said or heard the above phrase. It speaks to the past when our Nation was young and depending on God was part of our founding philosophy. Today we have reached a turn in the road and the cru of many is one nation without God. Sad commentary. Oh, that our Nation would return to God and humble ourselves before Him in prayer.*

### 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*

Columbia, SC



Julio Delgado  
Lander

Southeast Asia



Rachel Droze  
Francis Marion

*Weekly prayer  
for  
Summer Missionaries*

Southeast Asia



Adam Ebeling  
Winthrop

Sports Traveling



Lindsey Eubanks  
USC Columbia

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### Church Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.**.....jehu27@gmail.com  
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 Sunday School Director: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com  
 Pianist: **Michelle Waitt**.....waittfamily@embarqmail.com  
 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

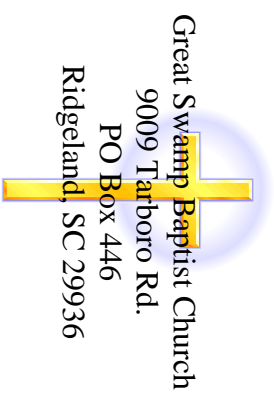
### Calendar of Events

For  
 July 6th through July 12th

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 + / -
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>	\$2,284.00	\$ 4,616.28	-\$2,332.28
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$1,837.50	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Janitorial</i>	\$500.00	*****	\$
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$125.00	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$51.90	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Church Repairs</i>	\$172.06	*****	\$184.01
<i>Mission Dignity</i>	\$16.00	*****	\$16.00
<i>Cemetery Maint.</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$310.00
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$555.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$1.00	*****	\$725.55



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