

Great Swamp Baptist Church

May 1, 2016

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

May 1, 2016  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

## **Prelude**

## **Call to Worship**

CCLI #1056124    *“In the Presence of Jehovah”*

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

## **Invocation**

*Robert O’Dell*

## **Selections of Praise and Worship**

*Hymn #425            “He Keeps Me Singing”*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr*

## **Demonstration of Stewardship**

Offertory

Special Music

*Angell Usher*

## **Message**

*Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr*

## **Benediction**

*The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new SFCA Gymnasium will be immediately following Morning Worship Services and before the Fundraising Dinner.*

***VBS Meeting***  
***4:00pm Today***

# In the Presence of Jehovah

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Psalm 73:23-28

G. D. and B. D.

GERON DAVIS and  
BECKY DAVIS

*Parts*  
♩ - ca. 60

In the pres - ence of Je - ho - vah,

God Al - might - y, Prince of Peace;

Trou - bles van - ish, hearts are mend - ed

in the pres - ence of the King.

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## Proclaimer's Gospel Choir

The Proclaimer's Gospel Choir will practice on this Wednesday night, May 4th, following services, to sing on Mother's Day Morning, Sunday, May 8th.



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

**Nursery Workers**



**Today:**  
*Vandy Amason*  
*Natalie*  
**Next Week:**  
*Cassandra Bradley*  
*Evelyn*



**Toll Committee**  
*For*  
*May*  
 Alice Way & Connie Benton

**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**



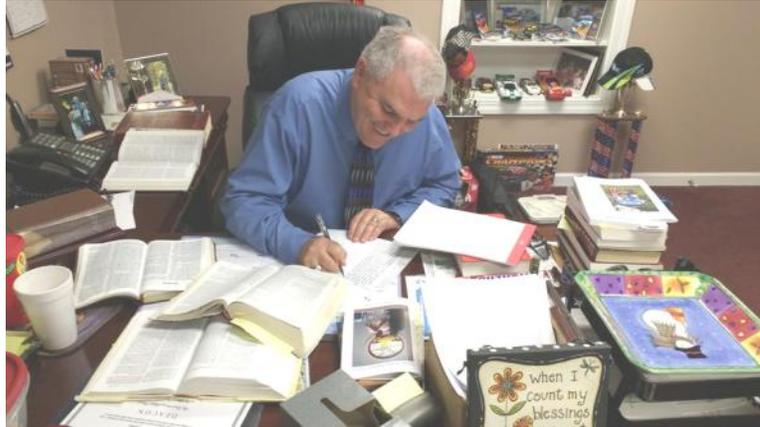
**Today:**  
*Robert O'Dell*  
 843-422-9521



**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:*  
**Wrapping It All Up**

Colossians 2:6-10

*Intro: for a few months now, we've studied Colossians 1:15-23. From these verses we've discovered The Story of Creation in a nut-shell and as well we've discovered The Story of the Church in a nut-shell. However, the most important thing we discovered is that both of these stories come from the same story which is The Story of Christ. There is neither creation or the church without Christ. It is because of who Jesus Christ is that there is creation and there is the church. So, today I want us to wrap it all up by looking at Colossians 2:6-10 because these verses best portray for us just who Jesus is and therefore why He is The Story of Creation and The Church.*

**I. First, we are wrapping it all up by looking at a challenge that Paul gives us, vs 6-7.** *In these two verses, he gives us a number of challenges.*

**A. The first challenge is to remember that you received Jesus Christ as Lord.** *He is not just your Savior. He is not just your Deliverer. He is not just the One who's come to give you abundant life. However and most importantly, He is your Lord. So, we don't just go to Him simply to get things from Him to make our lives easy and trouble free. No, our lives were created and saved for the purpose*

of glorifying Him. That means we must allow His Lordship to have free reign over our lives such that others will know that He is Lord over our lives.

**B. The second challenge is to remember that you are to live in His Lordship.** When Paul uses the phrase, “Continue to live in Him,” he is referring to the conduct of our lives. In other words, His Lordship must be fleshed out of our lives. If we have received Jesus as Lord, then the result will be seen in the conduct of our lives. So, by our actions do people know that Jesus is Lord of our lives? Paul says that we are to continue to live in Him. So, Paul is saying that it is to be our ongoing process in our lives. It is to be a daily occurrence in our lives. Jesus is to be Lord of our lives always and in all conduct.

**C. The third challenge is to remember that you are rooted in His Lordship.** Paul said after you are to continue to live in Him. You are also to remember that you are, “rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught.” Paul is saying that we must remember now that since we’ve received Jesus as Lord then our lives are now rooted in Him and because of that we are secure and this made it possible for us to grow and build up in Christ.

Paul also reminds us what our Lord used and uses to keep on building us up and keep us strong. He said it was what we were taught, Now there is no doubt what Paul was referring to. For Paul taught only one thing, (The Word of God). For nothing points us to Jesus Christ as Lord like the Word of God. So, we must continue in His Word to continue to grow and be strengthened.

**D. The fourth challenge is to remember that we are to celebrate His Lordship.** Paul says we are to be, “overflowing with thanksgiving.” since we have been privilege to receive Him as Lord and since we have been rooted, built up and strengthened in Him, then our responsibility is to unendingly lift up praise and thanksgiving unto our blessed Lord. According to Paul, it is not to be a once a year deal but daily our lives are to be rivers of praise and thanksgiving.

As we noted in our introduction that the real story is The Story of Christ. So from this first point, we see that The Story of Christ must be real in our lives for He is Lord.

**II. Second, we are wrapping it all up by looking at a caution given by Paul, vs 8.** Now this caution is twofold. Both of which go hand in hand.

**A. First, he cautions us to avoid false teachers.** *He says, "See to it that no one takes you captive," and then he explains that what he means is that no one take you captive by false teachings and doctrines. There are people who have very alluring personalities. They tend to be good or great communicators and are passionate about whatever it is that they teach. We really have to be careful not to allow their strong personalities and skills to simply be the tools that we measure their teachings by. In the Book of Acts, Paul tells of the time he went to Berea to speak. Listen to what he says about the Bereans, "Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures everyday to see if what Paul said was true." (Acts 17:11) We must always measure teachers up by what the Word teaches not by their personalities. For the Word exalts Jesus.*

**B. Second, he cautions us to avoid false teachings, vs 8.** *Now obviously the false teachings and the false teachers go hand in hand. The reason why I made two categories was, first as we looked at, to point out the danger of focusing upon a person's personality. Also, though I created two points here to point out that the false teachers typically get their false teachings from false teachings. There false teachings come from many different directions. Paul names those different directions, "...hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depend on human traditions and the basic principals of this world rather than on Christ." Now we could go over each one of those different directions in detail, but all we really need to understand is that Paul is saying, that false teaching comes at us from every which way and the only way to avoid them is to determine, do they teach us everything that the Word teaches us about Jesus Christ. His Deity and His humanity. False teachers will always de-emphasize Jesus Christ. My final point will greatly help us to avoid the false teachers and false teachings.*

**III. Third, we are wrapping it all up by looking at the completion given by Paul, vs 9-10.**

**A. First, the completion is that Jesus is complete in every way.** *I mean totally in every way.*

**1. He's complete because He's fully God, vs 9.** *That point couldn't be any clearer than what verse nine says, "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form..." You see there is no problem identifying false teaching when you grasp this truth. Any teaching that denies that Jesus Christ is, was*

*and will ever be God is clearly and undeniably false.*

*Also, this is why Jesus Christ is the reason for creation and the church because the fullness of God dwells in Him. Praise be to our blessed Lord.*

**2. He's complete because He's fully God in all forms.** *Now I certainly will have to explain this because I don't want anyone to think I am preaching some kind of pantheism in which God is everything. He created all things by the is not in all things. What I am referring to is the fact that Paul says, "for all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form." What I mean is that before Jesus took a physical body, He existed as God in Spirit. However, when He left His heavenly home and came to earth, He took up His residence in a human body which He received in the womb of the virgin, Mary. When He took this body the fullness of God, He was clothed inside of it. On the Mt. of Transfiguration, He allowed Peter, James and John to see His glory shining through His flesh. Then when He arose from the dead, He arose in His glorified and eternal body which forever the Deity will fully live in. So the fullness of Deity has always been His, whatever form He's been in.*

**3. He's complete because He's fully God over all beings, vs 10.** *This verse says of Jesus, "Who is the head over every power and authority." Jesus is not one of many beings. Rather, He is God who created all beings and is over them all.*

**B. Second, the completion is that in Jesus we have completion.** *You see Jesus was God before He had a body. He was God when He took human flesh. He was and is and will ever be God in His resurrected, glorified body and praise the Lord, He's fully God as He indwells us the Body of Christ is the world and us individually in our bodies. Oh blessed be the Lord in whom we have completion because He's complete. We must remember the words of Philippians 1:6, "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

*Jesus Love You, Ralph Lee, Jr.*

# Youth Yard Sale

Saturday, May 7th

8:00am until

*Items are needed for the annual yard sale.*



*Furniture*

*Kitchen Items*

*Appliances*

*Electronics*

*Decorative Items*

*Children's Toys*

*Etc.*

*NO Clothes, Please!*

*Small items will be stored in the  
youth house.*

*Larger items can be picked up prior to the sale.*

**Call or e-mail Michelle Waitt**

**for more info.**

**843-597-1322**

# GSBC Prayer Pages May 1, 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*  
*Max Cole*

## Bereavement

*Family*  
*Of*  
*Daisy Johnson*

## Hospitals

*Jeffrey Stanley-Sav. Memorial*

## Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC*

## Surgery / Recovery

*Brandi Freeman (4/14)*  
*Saylor Moser (4/7)*  
*Alicia Holland(3/31)*  
*Randy Reynolds (4/18)*  
*Becky Malphrus (4/6)*

## Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (4/28)*  
*Lane Malphrus (4/28)*  
*Joyce Sutler (4/28)*  
*Jerry Southers (4/27)*

## Other Health Needs

*Mike Hodge (4/28)*  
*Mary Cope (4/7)*  
*Ellen Langford (4/28)*  
*Patricia Malphrus (3/31)*  
*Judy Wilson (4/01)*  
*Annette Malphrus (4/7)*  
*Ann Malphrus' Father (4/14)*  
*Calvin Bryan (4/14)*

*Eula Cooler (4/21)*  
*Arlette Jones (4/21)*  
*Andrea Daring (4/21)*  
*Phyllis Sutler (4/1)*  
*Mary Daley (4/14)*  
*Cindy Chapman (4/21)*  
*Ray Phillips (4/28)*  
*Nicole Cole (4/28)*

## 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  
Judy Smith*

*Dot Nettles  
Jimmie Mills  
Betty Nettles  
Tom Hinely  
Olivia Stanley  
Teddy Scwab  
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  
Barbara Mills*



*Prayer is designed to make us aware of the power of God. His saving power, sustaining power, directing power, service power, healing power. Through these powers he manifests himself. "And you shall know that I am God."*

*Ezekiel 6:7B*

*E.L. Ambrose*

### Today's Prayer Team

#### Group I

**Patricia Malphrus- Leader  
Truett Vaigneur  
Shirley Malphrus  
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*



*May 1st*

*E.L. Ambrose*

*Connie Benton*

*May 4th*

*Dorthie Armstrong*

*May 6th*

*Josh Ford*



*May 3rd*

*Calvin & Pat Bryan*

*May 5th*

*Mack & Bonnie Pope*

## **Notice**

*In the May Business Meeting, we will be voting on Wallace Malphrus as the Sunday School director of the 2016-2017 church year.*

## **Baccalaureate-2016**

*Baccalaureate Services will be held on Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm. We will be needing help with food, setting up and cleaning up afterwards. A sign-up sheet is in the Vestibule. For more info contact Ann Malphrus.*

# Announcements



## **Grandmother's Group**

*The Grandmother's Group will meet Tuesday, May 3rd at 11:30am in the Multi-Purpose Building.*

*It is our Mother's Day Meeting. Bring a picture of your Mother and bring another lady with you. We'll have our usual Chicken Salad Luncheon. If you don't have an assignment, let me know.*

*See you at the group meeting.*

*Patricia @ 843-645-9005*



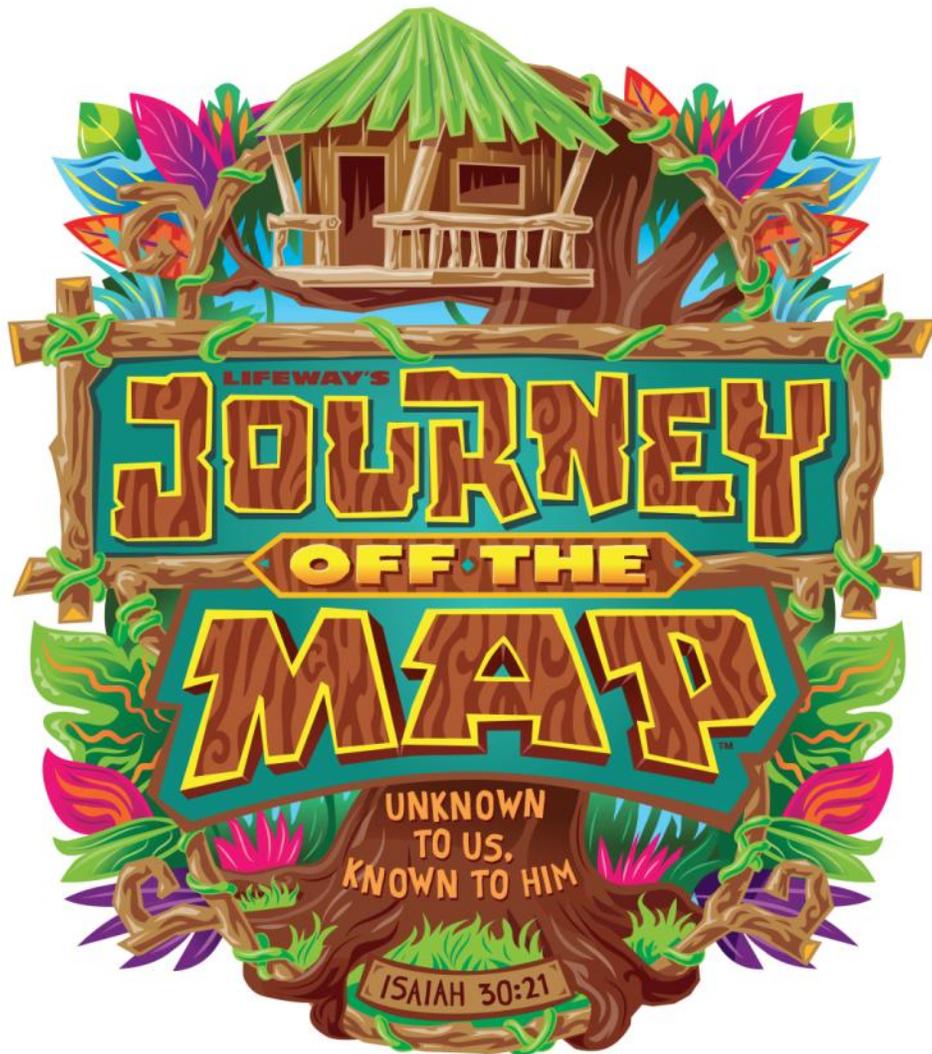
## **Quilting Club**

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the Old Parsonage Thursday, May 5th @ 10:00am*



## **Watchman Prayer Group**

*Saturday, May 7th @ 8:00 am*



SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS

FOR

CRAFTS  
DECORATING  
SECURITY

SIGN UP SHEET IN LOBBY



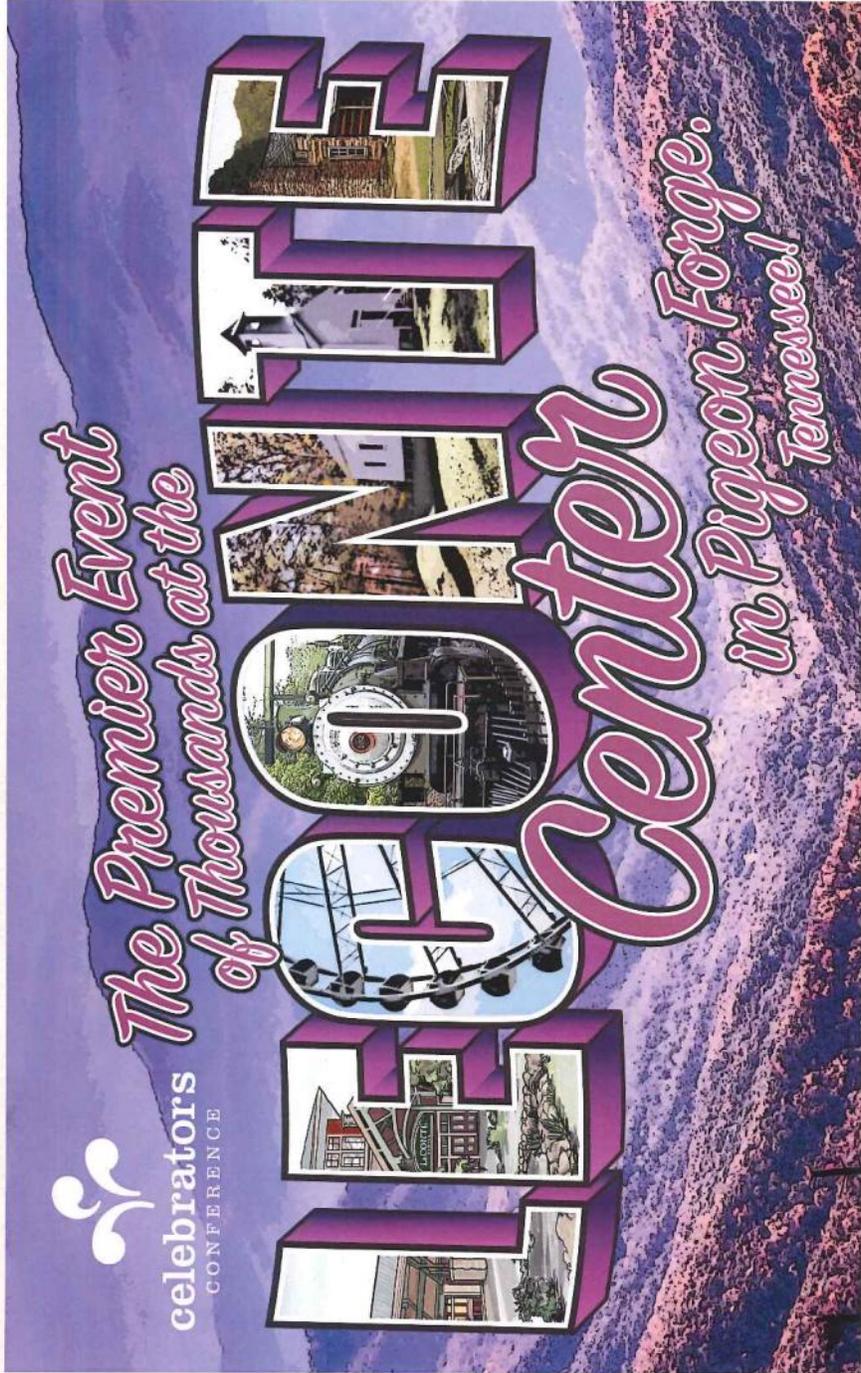


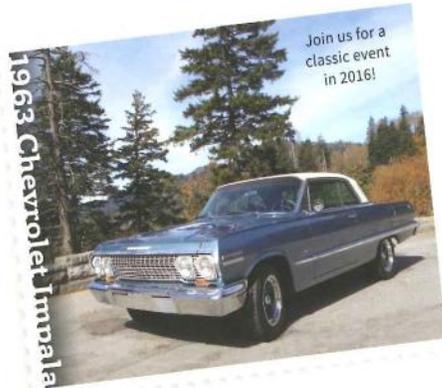
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THE CONFERENCE ONLY RATE IS \$125 PER PERSON

CONFERENCE PLUS STANDARD LODGING FOR 3 NIGHTS:

Choose from available hotels in the Pigeon Forge, Tennessee area	4 per room	\$199 per person
	3 per room	\$219 per person
	2 per room	\$259 per person
	1 per room	\$379 per person

CONFERENCE PLUS DELUXE LODGING FOR 3 NIGHTS:

Hampton Inn Spring Hill Suites Music Road Comfort Inn Apple Valley	4 per room	\$219 per person
	3 per room	\$249 per person
	2 per room	\$309 per person
	1 per room	\$479 per person

All lodging prices shown are the EARLY BIRD RATES.  
 Add \$20 per person after **July 20, 2016**.

All prices include the \$25 non-refundable deposit.  
 Any balances are due by **August 31, 2016**.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17**

7:00 p.m. .... Charles Billingsley  
 Message by David Jeremiah  
 9:00 p.m. .... Dennis Swanberg

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18**

9:00 a.m. .... Charles Billingsley  
 Message by David Jeremiah  
 10:30 a.m. .... Break  
 11:00 a.m. .... Greg Buchanan  
 12 noon .... Free time begins  
 7:00 p.m. .... The Gaither Vocal Band

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19**

9:00 a.m. .... Charles Billingsley  
 Message by Phil Waldrep  
 10:30 a.m. .... Break  
 11:00 a.m. .... Steve Green  
 12 noon .... Free time begins  
 7:00 p.m. .... Good Ole Memories Service with  
 Max Lucado and Michael W. Smith

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20**

9:00 a.m. .... Charles Billingsley  
 Message by Max Lucado  
 10:30 a.m. .... Adjourn for home

(Doors open approximately 1 hour before each session.)

VBS Fundraising Dinner

**TODAY**

(Following Morning Worship)



Chicken & Fixins

Cost: Donations

## **Operation Christmas Child**

*For the month of April, we are collecting:*

*Soap*

*&*

*Wash Cloths*



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### Church Staff

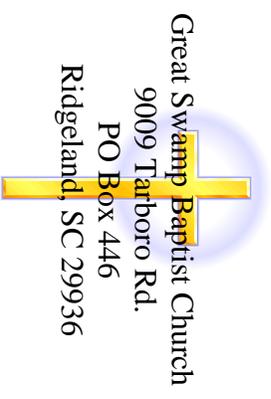
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 Custodian: **Ann Malphrus** .....ramalphrus@hargray.com  
 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus** .....Josie6@embarqmail.com

### Calendar of Events For May 1st through May 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 + / -
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>	\$4,697.90	\$ 4,828.76	-\$130.86
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>WNS</i>	\$159.00	*****	\$868.79
<i>SMB</i>	\$78.00	*****	\$698.13
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$35.00	*****	\$248.35
<i>Annie Armstrong</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$705.00
<i>Kitchen Supplies (Kairos)</i>	\$200.00	*****	\$254.77
<i>OCC</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$791.55



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