

*I will praise  
the name  
of God  
with a song,  
and will  
magnify him with*

**THANKSGIVING**

*Psalms 69:30*



**Great Swamp Baptist Church**

**November 19, 2017**

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

November 19, 2017  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

## **Prelude**

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Call to Worship**

*Hymn # 411 "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"*

## **Invocation**

*Bjo Mills*

## **Selections of Praise & Worship**

*"Death Was Arrested"*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Special Music

*Courtney Allen*

*"Thy Will"*

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invitation**

## **Benediction**



**Today:**  
Olivia Stanley  
Krey Lowther

**Next Week:**  
Betty Robertson  
Krey Lowther

### Nursery Workers



**Today:**  
Vicky Roberts  
Emma Grace

**Next Week:**  
Diane Thames  
Chesney



**Toll Committee**  
*For November*  
Latrell Steedly & Dorthie Armstrong

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :

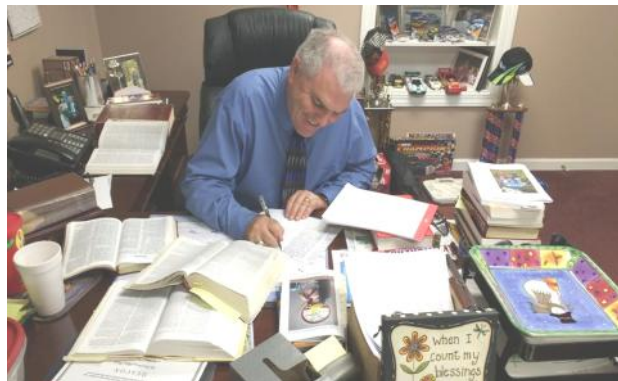


**Today:**  
Bjo Mills  
843-271-2840

**Next Week:**  
Mack Pope  
843-726-2000



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



*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **Thanks For The Ten Years**

*I can't say enough thanks to this church for its' generosity and to me most amazing tenth anniversary gift that I could have ever received. This surprise sport package will allow us not lonely the privilege of watching the race at Martinsville but also the pure joy of going down into the pit area to spend sometime close to the drivers and their teams. As I said Sunday, now I know that you really do love us.*

*Let me say that these last ten years have been a pleasure to have served both a great church and school. It certainly wasn't by chance that I wound up at Great Swamp Baptist Church, and Step of Faith Christian Academy.*

*Just a little more than ten years ago, Tammy and I were living more than a thousand miles away and living in a large city with nearly two million people in the metro area of Kansas City, Missouri.*

*In September of 2000, we began a new church called Discovery Church. This church began primarily as the result of the racing ministry that the Lord had allowed me to become a part of four years earlier. We stayed with the church for seven years. Then both of our girls wound up here in the Low Country attending the College of Charleston, and we felt that we should be closer to them so we prayed about it and felt free to send out resumes to different associations in the Low Country area.*

*At Christmas vacation curing 2006, I came down and visited with the Savannah River Baptist Association director, who at the time was Steve Scudder, after visiting with him, he said with your resume there is only one church in our association that I would recommend you to even though seven of them were open at the time. He told me that the name of the church was Great Swamp Baptist. Like everybody else,*

*I had to have a little laugh about the name, but I then drove out to see the facility and I couldn't believe what I was looking at, four nice size buildings and of course the youth house. I then simply turned around and drove back down the road asking the Lord to work it out if that is where He wanted me to be.*

*Well, not quite a month after pulling away from the church facility, I received a call from the Chairman of the Pastor Search Committee, who at the time was Frank Mills and the rest is history. Al most 9 months after the initial conversation with Frank, the church called me to be their pastor, and not quite 2 months later we were living on the field and I began pastoring the second Sunday of November of 2007.*

*It has been a wonderful journey and still is. I am grateful that the Lord has allowed me to serve a wonderful group of people who love the Lord and are eager to see our church and school move forward for the glory and honor of Jesus Christ.*

*As you have often heard me say that I could never have imagined that I would have served a church with a school because school was indeed something that just didn't go well with me. At the time, I was called here, anyone that knew anything about me, would have been laughing to know that I was going to have anything to do with a school. All I can say is that it was a God thing and where we are weak, He is strong and He has proved that to me. For now, I couldn't imagine not being a part of the lives of all these young people on a daily basis. What a joy and pleasure it has been and is sharing the love of Jesus with them.*

*So again, let me thank both the church and school for the last ten years and for the years that the Lord allows me to have here. Together, we will keep on preaching the Word; exalting the Lord Jesus Christ; sharing the gospel and finding ways to keep on serving Him/. To God be all the Glory, praise and honor. It has all been His doing.*

*Thank you Great Swamp Baptist Church  
Step of Faith Christian Academy  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior*

*Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Notice

*The church office will be closed next week on Wednesday thru Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. All bulletin materials must be in the church office no later than 10:00 am on Tuesday.*

Thank you

## Attention

**Church Family!**

**Help Step of Faith raise money  
to purchase extra equipment**

**for the school**

**by clipping**



**Boxtops for Education**



**and**



**Labels for Education.**

**A collection box is in the Foyer.**

**It will be emptied weekly.**

**A list of products is also available.**

**Thank You**



Support our Troops



Donate \$25 today to support a soldier and his family with the Military Biblestick.





### Children's Church Helpers

**Today:**

Olivia Stanley  
Angel Cole

**Next Week:**

Evelyn Bradley  
Olivia Stanley



*Come join us for the  
Proclaimers Choir  
Practice every  
Wednesday Evening  
following  
Bible Study.*



*November 19th*    *Mallory Lynch*  
*November 20th*    *Leonard Steedly*  
                          *Ricky Maldonado*  
*November 22nd*    *Nathaniel Morgan*  
*November 24th*    *Margaret Floyd*  
*November 25th*    *Randy Reynolds*



## **Family Info Updates**

*It's that time of year again! The church office is updating everyone's records. If the office does not have your correct birth date, anniversary date, or you have a change of phone numbers or addresses, please*



*At the church office:  
843-726-3631  
e-mail : [greatswampbc@gmail.com](mailto:greatswampbc@gmail.com)  
Or leave information in offering plate.  
Your promptness is greatly appreciated.  
Sybil Reynolds*

## **Announcement**

*All 2017-2018 Leadership Committees need to elect new chairpersons and turn into the church office NOW.  
Thank You*





## Menu

NO Supper this week



### Nursery Volunteers needed!

*Our nursery is growing and we are in need of volunteers. Below is a list of our current workers. Please contact Vanessa Smoak if you would like to add or remove your name from our rotation schedule.*

*Vandy Amason / Natalie*

*Pam Stanley / Olivia*

*Donna Carter / Amanda Hodges*

*Debra Daley / Cathryn*

*Diane Thames / Chesney*

*Natalie King*

*Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn*

*Pat Bryan / Alice Way*

*Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus*

*Vicky Roberts / Emma Grace*

*Anita Blanton / Alyssa*

*Thanks!*

*Vanessa Smoak*

*Cell (843) 637-7677*

*Email [mcclendonv26@gmail.com](mailto:mcclendonv26@gmail.com)*

# Christmas Country Store Gift Bags

## Women

1. *Ponytail sponges / Bangle Bracelets/Hairbows*
2. *White Socks*
3. *Lotion*
4. *Hair Brush*
5. *Tissues*
6. *Chapstick*
7. *Toothpaste*

## Men

1. *Aftershave*
2. *White Socks*
3. *Lotion*
4. *Comb*
5. *Tissues*
6. *Chapstick*
7. *Toothpaste*

*All items need to be placed in a Christmas gift tote bag  
and brought to the church by Sunday, November 20th.  
The Christmas Country Store will be held at the Nursing Home  
on Saturday, December 2nd.*

*Thank You  
Grandmother's Group*

# *Christmas packets for prisoners*

(They're due at the association office by Nov. 30)

List of Approved Items

## **2017 Christmas Prisoner Packets**

- (1) BLACK non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color pens)
- (1) Writing tablet 5" x 8" (no wire bound or composition books)
- (5) First class #10 STAMP EMBOSSED envelopes (no regular stamps accepted)
- (1) ADULT toothbrush (factory sealed, no multipacks)
- (1) 4 oz. - 6 oz. toothpaste (no travel size)
- (1) 3.2 oz. - 6 oz. bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped/unboxed bars)
- (2) ROLLS OF HARD CANDY like LifeSavers/BreathSavers/Mentos (no Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- (1) GALLON zipper bag (no other sizes accepted)

# GSBC Prayer Pages November 19, 2017

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

**Church Needs**  
*Sunday School  
Small Groups  
SFCA-Donna Carter*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
Finance Committee*

**Leadership**  
*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

**Unspoken**  
*Tim Cramer Family  
Kevin & Nicki Gwinn*

**Bereavement**  
*Family Of  
J.R. Horton  
Jerry Nadeau*

**Hospitals**  
*Bernard Malphrus-Bft. Memorial*

**Surgery / Recovery**  
*Duane Armstrong (10/12)  
Robert Sauls (11/6)  
Dora Reynolds (10/19)  
Allen Perry (11/2)  
Donnie Pinckney (11/2)  
Hayride Accident (11/2)  
Kevin Youmans (11/9)  
Sheila (11/9)*

**Expecting / Births**

**Cancer / Treatments**  
*Barry Jones (11/16)  
Mitzi Cramer (10/12)  
Diane Thames (11/9)  
Maxie Mason (11/9)*

**Nursing Centers**  
*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham  
County Rehab. Center  
Doris Blackmon-Morningside  
Thelma Ashing-RNC  
Mack Pope, Sr.-RNC  
Ellen Langford-NHC*

**Special Requests**  
*Jeffrey Stanley—Mobile Home  
Lee Laycock—Mobile Home  
Tony & Colleen Standard—  
Purchase a home*

**Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

**Other Health Needs**

*Lloyd Freeman (11/16)  
Joyce Sutler (11/16)  
Eva Calhoun (11/16)  
Nicole Cole (11/16)  
Shirley Malphrus (10/26)  
Joe Barwick (11/2)  
Burton Lavon Malphrus (11/2)  
Jane Waitt (11/2)  
Kelly Scherger (11/2)  
Nell Freeman (11/9)  
Sherry Reynolds (11/9)  
Collette Fogle (11/16)  
Lloyd Freeman's Wife (11/16)*

*Rodney Malphrus, Sr (11/9)  
Dale Robiston (11/9)  
Ron Davis (10/19)  
Lonnie Russell (10/19)  
Vera Floyd (10/19)  
Ben Jo Smith (10/26)  
Jeffrey Stanley (10/26)  
Lula Floyd (11/2)  
Alice Way (11/2)  
Patricia Malphrus (11/2)  
Freddie Malphrus (11/9)  
Barbara Solley (11/9)  
Pdgy Fludd (11/16)  
Tasha Ard (11/16)*

**Praise Report**

## Pray For Our Military



*Bobby Emerson— South Korea-Army*

*Jared Blanton-Fort Benning*

*Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines*

*Jericho Malphrus-Air Force*

*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  
Lula Floyd  
Mary Cope  
Judy Smith  
Jeffrey Stanley  
Joyce Sutler*

*Dot Nettles  
Betty Nettles  
Tom Hinely  
Olivia Stanley  
Lois Bootle  
Grace Boyles  
Patricia Malphrus  
Scott Boyles*

*Gary Way  
Christy Gagel  
Vera Miles  
Mary Daley  
Leonard Steedly  
Barbara Mills  
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.  
Lanell Smith  
Brian Freeman  
Susan L. Vaigneur*



*Let us go to Philippians 1:10 for more of Paul's prayer language. It is my prayer "you may approve (try) what is excellent (best) and be pure (genuine) and blameless (free of bad reports) to the glory and praise of God. (Parenthesis are mine.)"*

*E.L. Ambrose*

### **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*

# Announcements



*Watchman Prayer Group  
Saturday, November 18th @ 8:00 am*



*The Marcus Lattimore Foundation will be have a complimentary Thanksgiving Day meal for anyone who doesn't have a place to go for Thanksgiving It will be held at the Bar-B-Que Grill. Pass the word on to anyone who has a need.*



Great Swamp Baptist Church  
 9009 Tarboro Road, Ridgeland, SC  
 Office - 726-3631 Fax - 726-3294  
 Email: greatswampbc@gmail.com  
 Website: greatswampbaptistchurch.com

## Church Staff

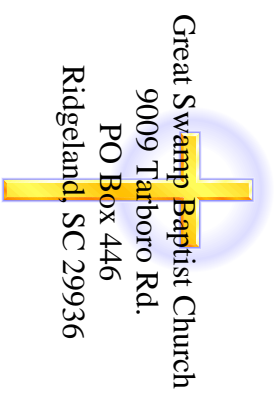
*Pastor: Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.* .....jehu27@gmail.com  
*Music Director: Richard Waitt* .....waittfamily@embarqmail.com  
*Sunday School Director: Wallace Malphrus* .....Josie6@embarqmail.com  
*Pianist: Michelle Waitt* .....waittfamily@embarqmail.com  
*Administrative Assistant: Sybil Reynolds* .....greatswampbc@gmail.com  
*School Administrator: Donna Carter* .....dcarter@hargray.com  
*Custodian: Ann Malphrus* .....ramalphrus@hargray.com  
*Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus* .....Josie6@embarqmail.com

## Calendar of Events

*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>	\$2,709.20	\$ 4,943.56	-\$2,234.36
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Lottie Moon Offering</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$50.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$226.00	*****	\$308.50
<i>George Pepper Fund</i>	\$1.00	*****	\$624.03
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$628.22
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$15.00	*****	\$135.00



Great Swamp Baptist Church  
9009 Tarboro Rd.  
PO Box 446  
Ridgeland, SC 29936