



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*November 5, 2017*

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November 5 2017  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

## **Prelude**

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Call to Worship**

*Hymn # 189*

*“The Lily of the Valley”*

## **Invocation**

*Duane Armstrong*

## **Selections of Praise & Worship**

*“Days of Elijah”*

*“Revelation Song”*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory Special

*GSBC Praise Band*

*“He Reigns”*

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invitation**

## **Benediction**



**Today:**  
*Latrelle Steedly*  
*Krey Lowther*

**Next Week:**  
*Annette Malphrus*  
*Krey Lowther*

**Nursery Workers**



**Today:**  
*Latrelle Steedly*  
*Kim & Kimberlyn*

**Next Week:**  
*Debra Daley*  
*Cathryn*



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

**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**

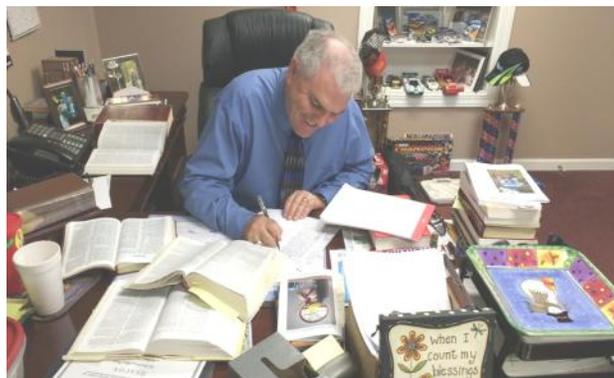


**Today:**  
*Duane Armstrong*  
*843-726-6795*

**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:*

## **The Most Excellent Way (Part 7)**

*(1 Cor. 12:31-13:13)*

*Intro: for several weeks now, we've been examining the properties of love. We have examined many different ones that Paul mentions in this chapter that gives us a description of what we either do or don't do when we are practicing true Biblical love. Today, we will take a look at the last one that Paul mentions, and it is one that truly speaks about where we are as a nation and sadly where we are often as a church.*

*Much of what we call love in our nation and even in our churches has more to do with self-love than just about anything else. Love has dwindled down to whatever feels good to me or makes me happy regardless of whether it is right or wrong. However, true Biblical love cares about what is right and what is wrong. It understands that just because it might feel good, look good, even seem good, doesn't mean it is good or right. As children of God, we want to make sure that our love is always practicing what is true and right. Only this will be true Biblical love. So, let us examine that last property of love.*

**J. The tenth and last property of love that Paul mentions is that love does not delight in evil but rejoice with the truth. (vs. 6)**

*Now, there is no doubt once again that Paul is pointing his fingers straight at the church of Corinth. For many in that church were rejoicing and delighting over evil rather than truth.*

*In the first couple of chapters of the book, they were delighting in the divisions they had created in the church. Then they took delight over the evil of sexual immorality that was taking place between a couple of church members. Again, we find them taking delight over the evil of carrying out lawsuits against one another. Also, they delighted in the*

*evil of using their spiritual gifts in an improper way. Now, we could mention many more but these examples are adequate enough to reveal the problems. There was no shame about these matters at all.*

*Now, the tragedy of the matter is that things have not changed at all. In the church today, we still often take delight in evil instead of the truth. We are laughing when we should be crying. We are sympathizing when we should be denouncing. The world is looking on and trying to figure out what the difference is between the church and the world and it looks the same because we are so delighting over the evil that is in our midst.*

*So, the question we have to ask is, why do we rejoice over the wrong or evil instead of delighting in the truth? Well, there are many answers to that question. For many it is because they want to fit in. For others it is because they want to make themselves feel less guilty over their own evil doing. However, for many, if not most, it is because we ourselves enjoy the evil taking place. It makes them feel good, and we have done it so often that new appear not to be able to distinguish between what is right and what is wrong; what is evil and what is good; what is truth and what is a lie. Just as Isaiah the prophet said, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." (Is. 5:20)*

*So, why is it wrong to rejoice over the wrong? Well, obviously because God hates sin and evil. He has always called us to forsake evil and instead follow His commands. It is also wrong because of the consequences that when evil is carried out. So, when we delight in the evil act then we are also delighting in the consequences that will follow. Next thing is the greatest of all reasons why we shouldn't is because it is our sins that nailed Jesus Christ to the cross. We obviously know that it was God's love that sent Jesus to die for us, but the reason why it was necessary to send Him was because of our evil. We need to come to a place in our lives where we are constantly praying that God will lead us to not rejoice over evil but rather the truth.*

*The question that then arises is what is truth that we should rejoice over it. John 18:37-38 says, "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." So, Jesus said that everyone on the side of truth listens to Him. Where do we listen to Jesus at so that we can know the truth to take delight in" well, Jesus answers that as well when He said while praying to the Father, "Sanctify them by the truth; your Word is truth.*

*(John 17:17) So, Jesus stated that God's Word contains the truth. His Word is the final authority on the truth. There is no other source that is given to us, the ultimate truth that comes from God. Psalm 19 begins by declaring that God's amazing creation clearly reveals beyond any doubt that creation is the product of a Creator. However, the next part of the chapter reveals that creation can only go so far in revealing the truth about our Creator but it is limited in its; ability to give all the truth. Then it tells us, however, there is a place to find the complete truth and that is in the Word of God that it is perfect and completely trustworthy for giving to us all that God wants us to know and understand.*

*Let me conclude by saying that if you want to delight in the truth, then we must focus upon God's Holy Word. We have come to a place in our churches where we want to compromise the truth to get along with everybody and to hurt no feelings. The problem with this that when we compromise the truth then we are saying that truth doesn't matter. However, it does matter. What you believe determines your eternal destiny. So, Lord help us to delight in your Word that we might delight in the truth.*

*Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*





You are respectfully invited to attend  
 Thomas Heyward Academy's  
 Veterans Day Music Program  
 "UNITED WE STAND"

on Monday, November 6th, 2017.

The program begins at 7:00 p.m. in the  
 John D. Rogers Gymnasium.

Come join us while we salute our veterans  
 for their years of service to our country.

Admission is free.

Please feel free to share this invitation with others.



### Children's Church Helpers

**Today:**

Kaylee Standard

Evelyn Bradley

**Next Week:**

Emma Mingledorff

Kaylee Standard



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





## Operation Christmas Child

*Collection Totals for September*

***41 and over:***

*Matchbox Cars:68      Jump ropes: 19*  
*Jackstones:0          Yo-Yo's:19*

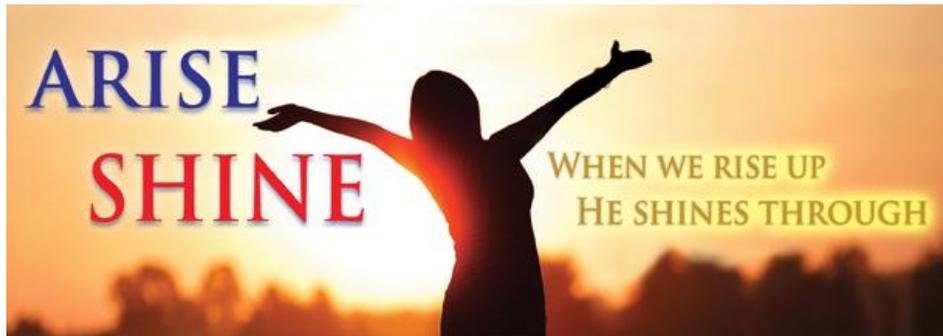
***40 and under:***

*Matchbox Cars:65      Jump ropes:13*  
*Jackstones:0          Yo-Yo's:9*

## Announcement

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

*Thank You*



The Baptist Women's Day of Prayer will be  
Monday, Nov 6th at 6:30 pm at the  
Savannah River Baptist Association.



## 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*



*November 5th*     *Barbara Blocker*  
*Audrey Roberts*  
*November 6th*     *Gentry Thames*  
*Amanda Sims*  
*November 7th*     *Lyman Malphrus*  
*November 8th*     *Kelly Scherger*  
*November 9th*     *Jordan Raines*  
*Amanda Anderson*



*November 5th*     *Chris & Stephanie Carter*  
*November 9th*     *Robin & Ann Malphrus*

## Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

*Sunday, November 12th*  
*Following Morning Worship Services*  
*Church will supply the meat & drinks*  
*Everyone is asked to bring their favorite*  
*Side dishes and desserts*  
*Hope to see you there!*



# GSBC Prayer Pages November 5, 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*

## Hospitals

*Peggy Fludd-Bft. Memorial  
Bernard Malphrus-MUSC  
Kevin Youmans-MUSC*

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

## Called to Ministry

*Chris Carter & Family*

## Expecting / Births

### 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)*

### Cancer / Treatments

*Barry Jones (10/12)  
Mitzi Cramer (10/12)  
Wallace Roberts (10/5)  
Diane Thames (10/5)  
Maxie Mason (10/5)  
Mack Pope, Sr (10/12)*

## Other Health Needs

*Lloyd Freeman (10/12)  
Joyce Sutler (10/03)  
Eva Calhoun (10/12)  
Shelby Green (10/03)  
Bobby Harris (10/5)  
Lula Floyd (10/5)  
Jenna Bodiford (10/16)  
Nicole Cole (10/24)  
Shirley Malphrus (10/26)  
Joe Barwick (11/2)  
Burton Lavon Malphrus (11/2)  
Jane Waitt (11/2)  
Kelly Scherger (11/2)*

*Rodney Malphrus, Sr (10/5)  
Dale Robiston (10/5)  
Ron Davis (10/19)  
Lonnie Russell (10/19)  
Vera Floyd (10/19)  
Jan Brewer (10/16)  
Ben Jo Smith (10/26)  
J R Horton (10/26)  
Jeffrey Stanley (10/26)  
Lula Floyd (11/2)  
Alice Way (11/2)  
Patricia Malphrus (11/2)*

## 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*



*The Hymn says, "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word." It reminds one of who Jesus is and trust must be placed in what He says. A strong prayer life brings this into play in everyday situations. The Hymn continues, "Just to rest upon His promise, just to know thus saith the Lord."*

*E.L. Ambrose*

### **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*

# Announcements

**Grandmother's Group**  
*Tuesday, November 7th @ 11:30am*



**Business Conference**  
*Wednesday, November 8th*

**The Quilting Club is meeting in the  
Old Parsonage**  
*Thursday, November 9th @ 10:00am*



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

## **HELP NEEDED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN CHILDREN'S DEPT!**

*Now that school has started and Wednesday suppers will start soon, the GA and RA classes are growing to the point that these classes need to be divided based on age. But we need YOU! Please speak to Diane, Debra, Mike or Kim and let us know, "I can help, show me where you need me."*

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### Church Staff

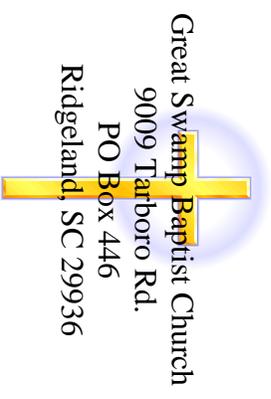
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*Pianist: Michelle Waitt* .....waittfamily@embarqmail.com  
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*School Administrator: Donna Carter* .....dcarter@hargray.com  
*Custodian: Ann Malphrus* .....ramalphrus@hargray.com  
*Landscaper: Wallace 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>	\$3,450.00	\$ 4,943.56	-\$1,493.56
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Youth Look Up Lodge</i>	\$195.00	*****	\$—
<i>Youth WNS</i>	\$186.00	*****	\$1,059.00
<i>Missions</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$634.91
<i>SMB</i>	\$91.00	*****	\$626.37
<i>FAST</i>	\$275.00	*****	\$910.00
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$7.00	*****	\$865.03
<i>Harvest Fest</i>	\$316.00	*****	\$987.63
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$2,651.54	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Janitorial Supplies</i>	\$500.00	*****	\$300.93
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$121.89	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$125.00	*****	\$125.00
<i>SFCA Exterminator</i>	\$197.50	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Repairs (Grayco &amp; Others)</i>	\$260.36	*****	\$630.74
<i>SFCA Office Supplies</i>	\$85.50	*****	\$155.00



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