

Great Swamp  
baptist church



April 22, 2018

# Great Swamp Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

**Prelude**

**The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Call to Worship**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

**Invocation**

*Bjo Mills*

**Selections of Praise & Worship**

*“Victor’s Crown”*

**We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Special Music

*GSBC Praise Band*

*“Jesus Messiah”*

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction**

**Sunday night ~ April 29**  
**Great Swamp Baptist Church**



**The Greg McDougal Family**

**A FREE WILL, LOVE OFFERING CONCERT**

## Finger Food Social

to follow  
Please bring  
your favorite dish  
of finger foods  
to share.

Concert begins  
at 6:30pm.



## Greeters

*Today: Latrelle Steedly / Krey Lowther*  
*Next Week: Annette Malphrus / Krey Lowther*

## Nursery Workers

*Today: Vanessa Smoak / Jennifer Meador*  
*Next Week: Anita Blanton / Alyssa*



## Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole*  
*Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



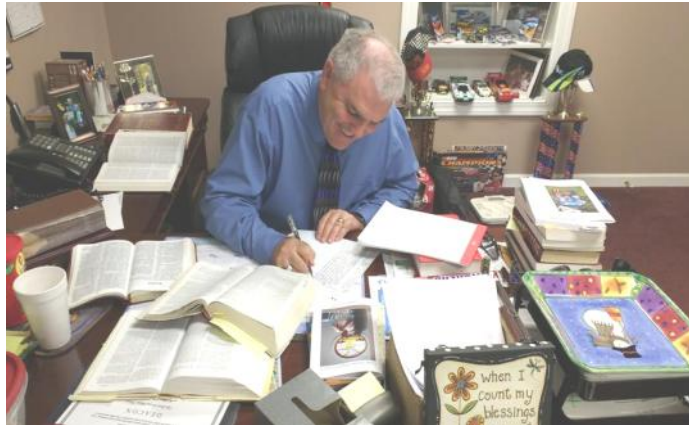
*Today: Bo Mills*  
843-271-2840

*Next Week: Duane Armstrong*  
843-726-6795



## Toll Committee

*For the month of April*  
*Helen Malphrus*  
*Anita Blanton*



*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **The Coming Attraction (Part II)**

*Revelation 1:7-8*

*Intro: Last week we began examining these two verses with the understanding that they are giving us a sneak preview of the primary theme of the entire Book. That theme, of course, is the second coming of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ. I am calling our messages for these verses the coming attraction, The Coming Attraction of Jesus' Return. This truth will take a total of twenty-two chapters to get the whole story out. So, John took these two verses to go ahead and give us a taste of what is about to come, the second coming of Jesus Christ.*

*Now, we've already noticed last week that the coming attraction is to be perceived. We get this point from the very first word, "Look." this word means an undivided attention look. Stop whatever you focused upon and instead focus upon the second coming of Jesus Christ.*

*The second point we looked at last week was that the coming attraction is in the present tense. It doesn't say He might come; or He could come; or He will come. Rather, it says "He is coming." the intent of this is to get us to understand He is already on the way. Therefore, we need to start getting ready immediately. It also is meant to get us to understand that His second coming is an absolute certainty. It is indeed going to take place. Today, we will continue to investigate these two verses to see what else they reveal to us about His second coming.*

### **III. Third, the coming attraction will be with prestige.**

*We must ask, where is the prestige found in these two verses? Well, it is found in the "clouds." He is coming with the clouds. So how do the clouds represent prestige? The answer to that question begins with the Old Testament. When the children of Israel marched through the wilderness in order to guide them and protect them, God made His presence known to them by a pillar of fire at night and a pillar of cloud during the day (Ex. 13:21-22). Then when they built both the Tabernacle and later the Temple. At the opening ceremonies of both of them, God made His presence and acceptance known by filling both of them with the Shekinah cloud of Glory that represented His Holy and Awesome presence.*

*Now, when we come to the New Testament clouds also play an important role. When Jesus took Peter, James and John up on a mountain top and was transfigured before their very eyes, meaning Jesus gave them a glimpse of His glory. His divinity shown through His humanity. Also, Moses and Elijah appeared there and they were carrying on a conversation with Jesus. Now, Peter stepped up to enter into the conversation with a suggestion. As he was making his suggestion, a cloud appeared and it completely enveloped them. Out of the cloud came the voice of God the Father declaring that He was well pleased with His Son, and that the disciples were to listen to Him. This cloud represented the presence of God. This cloud also veiled the glory of Christ and when the cloud left all the disciples saw again the humanity of Christ.*

*Also, in the New Testament, we are told that when Jesus ascended back to Heaven, He was taken back in the clouds and the clouds hid Him from them. However, the angels who were present at that event told the disciples that He would also come back with the clouds (Acts 1:9-11).*

*Now when Jesus returns with clouds this time, there will be no hiding of Him with the clouds. Rather, the clouds themselves will light up with all of His glory, majesty, Holiness, righteousness, and might and every eye will see Him and have no doubt as to who is coming. The Heavens will light up as never before and all will know that it is Jesus coming again.*

*Listen to John MacArthur's description of how it will be. "...in the future when Christ returns, the glory won't be veiled. The first thing that God will do is turn out the universe. The sun goes out, the moon goes out, the stars go out, and the entire universe goes pitch black. And we'll see that in the Book of Revelation. And in the pitch-black universe, the glory comes out of heaven, the blazing glory of Jesus Christ like a million suns. So we see, then, the glory of His coming. By the way, do you know what makes up that cloud? The very blazing brightness of Christ, who is the express image of the Father, who is the brightness of His essence, Hebrews 1 says. And you add to that 10,000 times 10,000, and thousands and thousands, which means an innumerable number of holy angels in blazing glory, and you add to that all of the glorified saints of the Old Testament and the New Testament, who are in blazing white robes riding blazing horses."*

*Let all of God's people say Amen and Praise the Lord.*

#### **IV, Fourth, the coming attraction will involve two sets of peoples.**

*As we found out in the last point Jesus will return with the clouds in all of His glory so that as he goes on to say, "every eye will see Him." so it makes no difference who you are, or where you are, or even what your condition is you will indeed see Him and know who He is. However, John goes on to tell us that the Lord breaks down everyone who sees Him into two distinct groups of people. The first group mentioned that will see Him is the ones who pierced Him, and the second group is everyone else that will be on the earth at that time besides the ones who pierced Him.*

***A. So, first let's consider the ones who pierced Him.** The simple question is just who are they? Well the answer is that it is the Jewish people or if you would, the nation of Israel that will be on the earth at the time of His return. There is an ample number of Scripture that clearly leaves us no doubt that it is referring to Israel. Zech. 12:7-12 contains the very same phrase which we are examining. "The one they have pierced" (vs. 10). In this same verse the prophets tells us that it is the home of David that will look upon the one they have pierced.*

*Then in the New Testament, Peter on the day of Pentecost also leaves us no doubt that it is the nation of Israel. Acts 2:22-23, 36, Peter directly told the house of Israel that it was them with the help of wicked men who put Jesus to death. In verse thirty six, Peter basically says the same thing when he said all of Israel was responsible for crucifying Him.*

*Now, John lets us know that when every person sees the Lord in all of His glory at His second coming, they, "will mourn because of Him." however, there will be two different kinds of mourning at that time. For the nation of Israel it will be a mourning of repentance and salvation. For at that time every Jewish person who's not already been*

*saved by the witnessing of the 144,000 selected out of the nation of Israel to spread the Gospel everywhere will be fully saved at the moment of Jesus Christ's return. They will look on Him whom they have pierced and realize that He is their Savior and will repent and put their trust in Him. We find the Scriptures support once again in Zech. 12:7-12. in these verses, he tells us that God will pour out on the home of David (Israel) "a spirit of grace and supplication," when they see the one they've pierced and they will mourn. They will mourn because of their guilt but also mourn with tears of joy because with the spirit of grace they will be saved.*

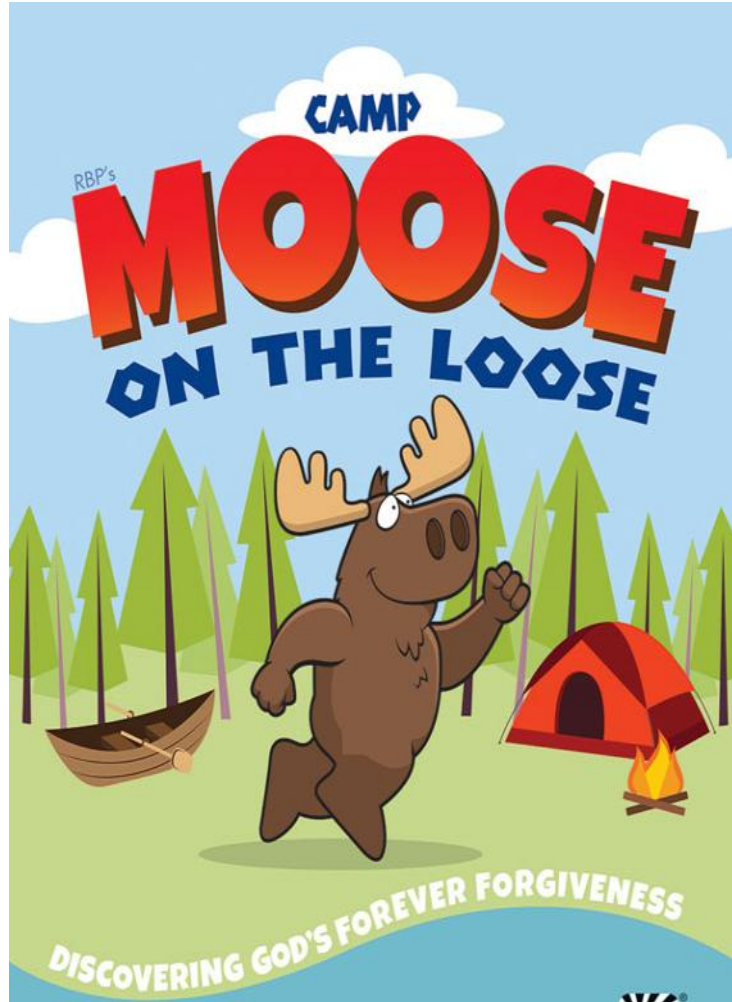
*In the New Testament, Paul tells us in Romans 11:25-32, that for now because of Israel's refusal as a nation when Christ first came to believe in Him, then God turned to the Gentiles to give them the opportunity of grace and salvation. However, when He through reaching the full number that opportunity will come to a close. So, in order not to ever become a part of that group who will mourn but not be saved at His second coming, respond now while the opportunity is available. 2 Cor. 6:1-2 says, "As God's fellow workers, we urge you no to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "in the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. I tell you now in the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." so, now not later is the day to be saved. So, don't wait until it is too late for today, right now, this very moment is the day of salvation.*

**V. Fifth, the coming attraction will draw exciting and ecstatic praise.**

*Verse seven concludes by saying, "So shall it be! Amen." in the Greek this really means two simple yet ecstatic words and they are, "Yes! Amen." For those who suffer through the tribulation period, as Believers, their lives will be tougher than anything we've ever seen. So, when they see Jesus coming in all of His glory, they will know that finally their suffering is over and that they from that moment will forever be on the winning side. They will know at that moment that they will get to spent eternity worshipping and praising their glorious Lord and Savior who delivered them from their sins, sorrow, suffering and Satan himself. We too must say "Yes, Amen" for we have too been delivered from our sins, sorrow, sufferings and Satan and soon we will be delivered from this world before the tribulation begins. So, let us know, lift our voice in exciting and ecstatic praise with a big oh "Yes, Amen." As a matter of fact, the Book of Revelation ends with this same ecstatic declaration: "He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon. Amen, Come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20). We can now and we will then say, "Yes. Amen."*

*Concl. John concludes this coming attraction of our Lord's return by assuring us that there is no if, ands or buts concerning our Lord's second coming. It is a certain fact that will happen and that certainty is based upon who our God is and because of who He is, we can know that Jesus is coming again. So, who is our God? Well, verse eight gives us that answer. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord, "Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty" (Rev. 1:8). Need I say any more this verse confirms that nothing or no one will prevent our Lord's return from happening. He's on the way. Are you ready?*

*Jesus Love You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*





VBS 2018

Camp

**Moose**

On The Loose

Sunday, June 3rd

Thru

Wednesday, June 6th

A VBS Fellowship Meal  
Will be on Sunday, June 10th  
Following Morning Worship

A sign-up sheet is in the  
Foyer.

Also, Registration Cards

1st VBS Meeting will be on  
Sunday, April 8th  
Following Morning Worship

Any questions or info needed

Please see:

Amanda Bowen

Or

Terri King

## GSBC Prayer Pages April 22, 2018

*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  
Annie Armstrong Offering*

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

**Unspoken**  
*Tim Cramer Family*

**Bereavement**  
*Family Of*

### Hospitals

*Redden Tuten-BMH*

### Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham  
County Rehab. Center  
Doris Blackmon-Morningside  
Thelma Ashing-RNC  
Maureen Malphrus-RNC  
Betty Nettles-NHC  
Becky Jones-Anderson*

### Surgery / Recovery

*Lloyd Freeman (4/23)  
Gay Littleton (3/29)  
Fred Stanley (4/16)  
Jessie Mae Crapse (4/12)*

### Cancer / Treatments

*Mitzi Cramer (4/19)  
Becky Broxton (3/29)  
Allen Perry (4/19)  
Berma Coleman (3/23)  
Jane Chapman (4/5)*

### Other Health Needs

*Wallace Roberts (4/19)  
Bob Malphrus (3/29)  
Vera Floyd (4/19)  
Bobby Mohn (4/19)  
Dot Dean (4/5)  
Trip Fogle (4/5)  
Scottie Graham (4/5)  
Omer Dubose (4/5)  
Mary Cope (4/5)  
April Malphrus (4/5)  
Bernard Wynn (4/5)  
Redden Tuten (4/5)  
Bobby & Judy Smith (4/12)  
Erma Cooler (4/12)  
Wilbur Daley (4/12)  
Kimberlyn Malphrus (4/12)  
Elena Brannen (4/12)  
Iris Noelle duque (4/20)  
Rosemary Carter (4/20)*

### Called to Ministry

*Chris Carter & Family*

### Special Requests

*Lee Laycock—Home  
Amy O'Connor-Selling Home*

### Expecting / Births

*Amanda Fletcher*

## Pray For Our Military



*Bobby Emerson– South Korea-Army*

*Jared Blanton-Fort Benning*

*Isaac Martin Malphrus Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard*

*Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines*

*Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force / Oklahoma City. OK*

## Please Continue To Remember

*Ricky Cleland  
Mike Hodge  
Shirley Malphrus  
Rose Boyles  
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*



*A report in 2014 Christian Today Magazine said the average Christian spends only 10 minutes a day on prayer. Is this a cause for our lack of love, power and grace in our daily living?*

*E.L. Ambrose*

## Today's Prayer Team

### Group IV

*E.L. Ambrose-Leader  
Mack Poe, 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*



Spaghetti Bake  
Green Beans  
Salad  
Bread  
Dessert  
Tea & Coffee  
Youth Cooking Team



\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more

# This Weeks Birthdays



*April 22nd*

*Joyce Sutler  
Andrew Malphrus  
Michael Daley  
Trista Daring*

*April 23rd*

*Rose Boyles  
Franklin Fryman  
Sybil Reynolds*



**100%**

of your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering\* supports North American missionaries.

**NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 Million**



# Announcements

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the  
Old Parsonage  
Thursday, April 26th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group  
Saturday, April 28th @ 8:00 am*



*Kairos  
Thursday, April 26th—Sunday, April 29th  
MPB*

## Online Giving

*The Online giving on the church's website is up and running. If you have problems or questions, please contact Alex Sineath or the church office.*



## Calling all Knitters & Crocheters

*Anyone who would like to participate  
in a craft project for  
Operation Christmas Child,*

*please contact*

*Dorthie Armstrong @ 843-726-6795*

*For more info.*

*If you need yarn, we have plenty to share.*



## 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  
*Finance Director: Timmy Sauls*.....greatswampbc@gmail.com

## Stewardship

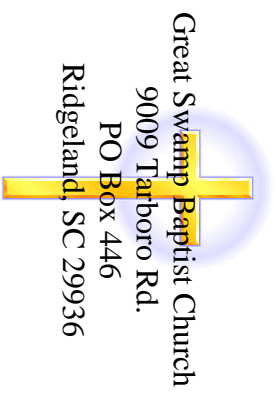
Budget Offerings	Last Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes &amp; General Budget</i>	\$4,350.00	\$4,973.36	-\$598.36
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$25.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$1,087.46
<i>VBS</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$ 951.08
<i>WNS</i>	\$185.50	*****	\$185.50
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$1.00	*****	\$1,043.03
<i>SMB</i>	\$67.00	*****	\$67.00

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



## Recommendation

*The Nominating Committee recommends to the church for  
 Wallace Malphrus to be the Sunday School Director for the 2018-  
 2019 church year. It will be voted on at the May Business Meet-  
 ing.*



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*Sunday Morning Breakfast* ..... 8:30AM  
*Sunday School* ..... 9:45AM  
*Morning Worship* ..... 11:00AM  
*Evening Worship* ..... 6:00PM  
*Wednesday Night Supper* ..... 6:00PM  
*Wednesday Night Service* ..... 7:00PM  
*Saturday Watchman Prayer* ..... 8:00AM

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