



Great Swamp Baptist Church



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June 11, 2017  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

## Prelude

## Call To Worship

Hymn # 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

## The Welcome

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Invocation

*Robert O'Dell*

## Selections of Praise & Worship

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"*

*"Praise the Name of Jesus"*

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

## We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Special Music

*Randy Smoak*

## Message

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Invitation

## Benediction

with God with others in service  
**connect.**

*TODAY, 5:00 PM*



**Today:**  
*Olivia Stanley*  
*Krey Lowther*

**Next Week:**  
*Betty Robertson*  
*Krey Lowther*

**Nursery Workers**



**Today:**  
*Diane Thames*  
*Chesney*

**Next Week:**  
*Vanessa Smoak*  
*Jason Smoak*



**Toll Committee**

*For June*  
*Bernice Malphrus & Bonnie Pope*

**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:*

#### **It's Going To Be Okay**

*(Rev. 1:9-20)*

*Intro: Things in our world right now don't feel okay at all. All the recent terrorist activity in Europe is right now knocking at our door. Also, with our country's strong stance against radical Islam, will possibly intensify their attacks around the world.*

*Things in our world right now don't feel okay because our nation is divided in Washington DC like we have not seen in a long time. Nothing is getting done because there is so much corruption in Washington and because it seems that they are more concerned about looking out for themselves than for the good of the country. And when someone does try to get things done for the good of the country, they usually fall under attack from the media or opposing political leaders.*

*Things in our world right now do not feel okay because of the general day to day battles that we face in general.*

*However, the greatest reason that it doesn't feel okay in the world right now is because our world is pushing God out of everything and the world that we once knew has become something that we thought we would never see. So, would someone please tell us that everything is going to be okay?*

*Well, the good news is that in our current text, we get that absolute assurance from our Lord Jesus Christ that indeed and in fact everything is going to be okay. The Apostle John is exiled on an isolated island for preaching the Word of God and lifting up Jesus. He is way up in age, possibly close to a hundred. I am sure that for him that it was at this time that our Lord showed up and assured him that it was all going to be okay and He answered it in a loud and bold way. So, it is today that He is saying to us it is all going to be okay.*

**I. First, it is going to be okay because Jesus knows exactly where we are and what is going on with us, vs 9-11.**

*These verses open with a description of the suffering that John was facing for his service to the Lord Jesus Christ. It was at*

*this moment as John was thinking about his suffering that the Lord let John know that He knew right where he was at and what was going on with him. It was no surprise to the Lord that John was exiled on a desolate island for preaching the Gospel. He knew exactly where John was at and what was happening to him and that is why He was able to show up right where he was and say and do what let John know that everything will be okay. So, for John to know that the Lord knows where he was and what was happening to him, let him know that it is going to be okay.*

*Just as with John, the Lord is saying to us as well, I know where you are and what is going on with you and just because he knows, gives us great encouragement that it is going to be okay.*

### **II. Second, it is going to be okay because Jesus speaks to us, vs 9-10.**

*In verse ten, we are told that John heard a loud voice and we know that the loud voice was the voice of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. So, clearly not only did the Lord make His presence known but He also spoke directly to John. For John to hear the voice of our Lord gave him reassuring encouragement that everything was going to be okay.*

*Whenever we need to hear it is going to be okay, we just need to dive into God's Word and let Him speak to us from there. When we are in God's Word, it allows the Holy Spirit to bring to our hearts and our minds what God has said in His Word to us and that is the same as the Lord speaking directly to us. This will give us blessed assurance that everything is going to be okay.*

*When I was a child and something brought fear into my life, all I needed to hear was the encouraging voice of my mom or dad to relieve the fear. Well, if our parents or other folks voices can help, how much more will hearing the voice of the King of kings and Lord of lords assure us it is all going to be okay.*

### **III. Third, it is going to be okay because Jesus lets us know just who He is, vs 12-18.**

*Jesus allowed John to see Him for just who He really is. In the past, John saw Jesus as a man. He saw Him when He dwelt in human flesh with human blood flowing through His veins. He saw Him when He grew tired and required rest. He saw Him when He was hungry and thirsty. He saw Him when it was necessary for Him to have to walk to get to where He was going. He also saw Him when He was taken by wicked men and was cruelly beaten and crucified, and even though John saw Him in His resurrection glory, it had been many years since he physically had seen Jesus in this way.*

*Now, However, Jesus comes to John and allows him to see Him in all of His glory He now sees Him not as the suffering servant that he saw Jesus to be many years ago. Rather, now He sees the victorious risen and exalted King of kings and Lord of lords. He sees Him as the one who was dead but now He is alive forevermore.*

*When we take our eyes off of our weaknesses and our problems and instead focus upon the glorified, risen, exalted Lord Jesus Christ and see Him for who He is, we will be able to say everything is going to be okay. Particularly*

when we understand that it is He who holds the keys of death and Hades. Keys represent authority. Jesus is telling John and us that with these keys He has all authority. Oh, Child of God, it is all going to be okay.

**IV. Fourth, it is going to be okay because the past, the present, and the future are in the hands of Jesus, vs 19.**

John told Jesus to write what he had seen (the past), what was now (the present), and what will take place (the future). What Jesus is saying to John is I want you to write about what you experienced in the past because I was there with you. I want you to write about what is happening now because I am here now. Finally, I want you to write about the future because I will be there with you as well. As a matter of fact, the past, present and future are all about Me and because you have just seen who I am, you can count on it that everything is going to be okay for I have always been in the past and will always be in the present and will forever be in the future. I have got the whole thing in my hand.

Our family, friends and community can offer us help and encouragement for only so long because of their human limitations and therefore we can count on Him yesterday, today and forever.

**V. Fifth and let me say finally, that everything is going to be okay because of Jesus' activity with the church, vs 20.**

In previous verses, John saw in the vision that Jesus was giving to him a picture of seven golden lamp stands and seven stars in Jesus' right hand. In our present verse, Jesus reveals to John what the lamp stands and stars refer to. The lamp stands are the churches and the stars are the angels or messengers of the churches.

Now, this answer that Jesus gives John lets us indeed know that everything is going to be okay. For Jesus lets us know what His activities are with the church. The first activity is that He holds the messengers of the church in His right hand. Now, most scholars believe that this is a reference to the leaders and pastors of the church. This lets us know that everything is going to be okay because the pastors and leaders in the churches are being guided along by the Lord Himself.

The second activity that we see Jesus doing is standing in the midst of the churches. Because He is in their midst we know that everything is going to be okay because He is there to watch over us, guide us, empower us and just be there. Oh, praise God, it is all going to be okay.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr

# Four Days of Unspeakable Joy

● ● ● ● OCTOBER 16-19, 2017  
 ● ● ● ● PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE



Monday 7 PM  
Tuesday 9 AM

**DAVID JEREMIAH**  
 With a commitment to teaching the Word of God, Dr. Jeremiah writes gripping books that get right to the point to see the lost saved.

**MÁRK LOWRY**  
 Singer, storyteller, humorist, author and songwriter, Mark is known and loved around the world as a trusted voice in the realm of Gospel music and beyond.

**STAN WHITMIRE**  
 Appearing Monday evening with Mark Lowry, Stan is a Dove Award-winning pianist and an integral part of the music ministry at his church in Atlanta.

**ANNIE MOSES BAND**  
 This talented ensemble of songwriters, singers, and musicians, combines technical skill with exhilarating showmanship.

Tuesday 8 PM

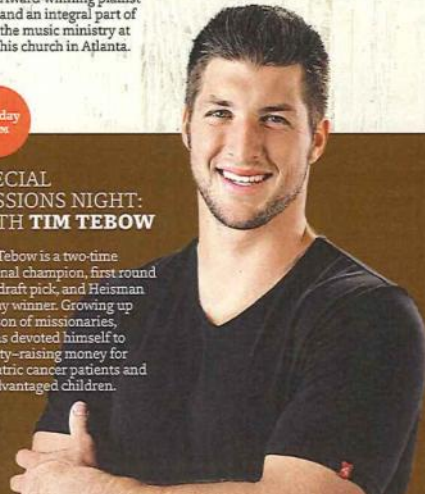
MONDAY	Session 1	7 PM - 10 PM
TUESDAY	Session 2	9 AM - Noon
	Session 3	7 PM - 10 PM
WEDNESDAY	Session 4	9 AM - Noon
	Session 5	7 PM - 10 PM
THURSDAY	Session 6	9 AM - 11 AM

Doors open about 1 hour before each session.



## SPECIAL MISSIONS NIGHT: WITH TIM TEBOW

Tim Tebow is a two-time national champion, first round NFL draft pick, and Heisman trophy winner. Growing up as a son of missionaries, he has devoted himself to charity—raising money for pediatric cancer patients and disadvantaged children.



## Senior Adult News

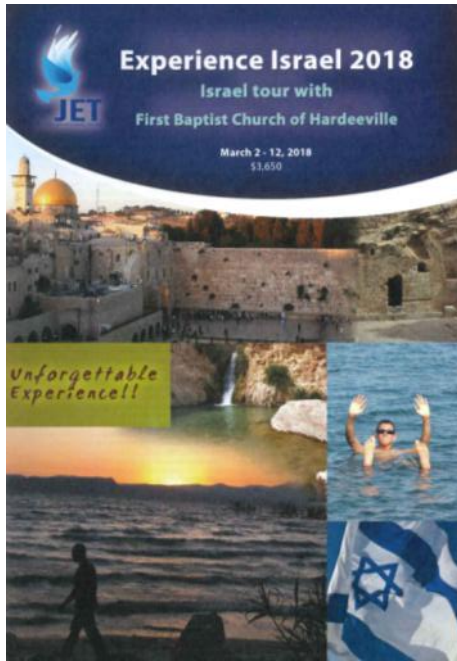
It is that time of year again. A sign-up sheet is in the Lobby for those who plan on attending. A non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 is due NOW. We need you to sign up as soon as possible so that we may put together a room list with balances. October 16-19.

We will be staying at the Willowbrook Lodge.

Early Bird Rates are:

- 4 per room \$199.00
- 3 per room \$219.00
- 2 per room \$259.00
- 1 per room \$379.00

Bus Fee is a separate \$50.00



*If you have never been to Israel or would like to visit again, here is your opportunity. First Baptist Church of Hardeeville along with Jet Tours will be going to Israel in the Spring of 2018. Payment schedules have been arranged. Literature for this trip is available in the Lobby. Call the first Baptist Church office @ 843-784-2239 for more info.*



## **Birthday Party**

*We would like to invite our GSBC family to a Birthday Party for Lane Malphrus on Saturday, June 24th at 6:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Building.*





June 19-22  
5:30pm-8:00pm

# Vacation Bible School

Great Swamp Baptist  
Church



*Thank you is not adequate for the efforts that the ladies and gentleman of our church put forth to ensure a beautiful shower for Taylor Burnette followed by the Baccalaureate for Step of Faith Christian Academy seniors four days later.*

*Thank You All!*

*God Bless*

*Ann Malphrus*

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*Ladies of Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*I am truly grateful to all those who helped to make Taylor's bridal shower a success. It was clear that a lot of planning, time, and effort went into the decorations, menu, and all the other details. The beautiful coastal décor, countless white balloons, and delicious brunch foods came together to create a unique and memorable day both for the bride-to-be and all the family and friends who attended. The shower was proof of what a group of godly women can accomplish when they work together! Thanks so much for allowing me to participate in this with you all.*

*God Bless*

*Katrina Stanley*

*June 13th*

*Margie Malphrus*

*June 15th*

*Maureen Malphrus*

*June 16th*

*Johnny Malphrus*



*June 11th*

*Wayne & Wanda Cooler*

*June 12th*

*Wallace & Audrey Roberts*

*June 15th*

*Sam & Chyleen Mock*

*Dennis & Alicia Holland*



**FUN**  
FOR THEM.  
**PEACE**  
OF **MIND**  
FOR **YOU.**

# After School Care

*A safe place for your children to stay  
while you finish up your work day.*

*Now enrolling*

*2017-2018 School Year*

*K3—6th Grade*

*Call School Office @ 843-726-6100*

*for more info*

*and*

*to sign up.*

# GSBC Prayer Pages June 11, 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  
Nominating Committee  
Youth Camp 6/11-16  
VBS 6/19-22*

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

**Unspoken**  
*Ryan Tuyls  
Tim Cramer Family  
Margaret & Keith Floyd & Family*

**Bereavement**  
*Family Of  
Libby Boyles Sauls  
Billie S. Langford*

## Hospitals

**Expecting / Births**  
*Victoria Keiffer*

**Nursing Centers**  
*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham  
County Rehab. Center  
Doris Blackmon-Morningside  
Thelma Ashing-RNC*

**Surgery / Recovery**  
*Robin Holmes (6/8)  
Duane Armstrong (6/8)  
Timmy Sauls (5/11)  
Kellie Chapman (5/16)  
Steve Higgins (5/16)  
Ryder Smith (6/8)*

**Cancer / Treatments**  
*Barry Jones (6/8)  
Mitzi Cramer (6/8)  
Susan L. Vaigneur (6/1)  
Becky Floyd (6/8)  
Wallace Roberts (5/18)  
Diane Thames (5/18)  
Maxie Mason (5/24)  
Chris & Marie Buck's  
Niece, Bella (5/18)  
Susan Smith (5/21)  
Lawrence Smith (5/21)  
Jimmie Ckleland (5/24)*

**Called to Ministry**  
*Chris Carter & Family*

## Other Health Needs

*Raymond (Lloyd Freeman's Friend) (5/18)  
Brandy Freeman (5/11)  
Donnie Pinckney (5/11)  
Paul Malphrus (5/11)  
Joseph Laycock (5/19)  
John D. Rogers (5/21)  
Mark Boyles, Sr. (5/21)  
Lloyd Freeman (6/1)  
Ronnie Malphrus (6/1)  
Justin Lane (6/1)*

*Ron Davis (6/8)  
Vera Floyd (6/8)  
Abaigail Kidwell (5/22)  
Wilma Jean McGill (5/24)  
Dana Cooler (5/24)  
Bonnie Pope (5/24)  
Mike Mingledorff (5/24)  
Taylor Floyd (6/8)  
Ralph, Betty & Janet Smith (6/8)  
Leigh Laycock (6/8)*

## Pray For Our Military



*Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army*

*Jared Blanton-Home*

*Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines*

*Jericho Malphrus-Air Force*

*If you have someone who needs listing, call either the church office @ 726-3631 or E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479.*

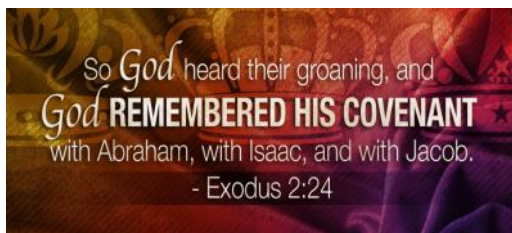
*Thank You*

### **Please Continue To Remember**

*Ricky Cleland  
Mike Hodge  
Shirley Malphrus  
Rose Boyles  
Lula Floyd  
Mary Cope  
Judy Smith  
Jeffrey Stanley  
Joyce Sutler*

*Dot Nettles  
Betty Nettles  
Tom Hinely  
Olivia Stanley  
Lois Bootle  
Lane Malphrus  
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*



*Ever notice how God is on the scene at just the right time? God is always on time; never behind and never ahead. It is necessary to learn to wait as you pray, and never lose patience with God.*

*E.L. Ambrose*

### **Today's Prayer Team**

#### **Group III**

*Timmy Sauls-Leader  
Mary Daley*

**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

with God with others in service  
**connect.**

*“Connect”*  
*TODAY, June 11th*  
*5:00 pm*

*Deacon’s Meeting*  
*Monday, June 12th*



*Business conference*  
*Wednesday, June 14th*

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the*  
*Old Parsonage*  
*Thursday, June 15th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group*  
*Saturday, June 17th @ 8:00 am*

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### 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  
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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

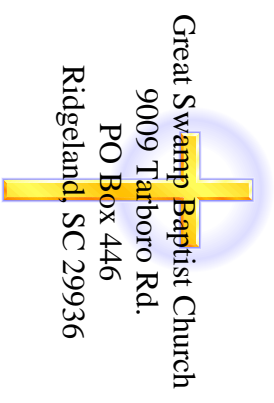
### Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>	\$5,316.00	\$ 4,943.56	+\$372.44
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$213.00	*****	\$2,856.94
<i>Hanshew Offering</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$75.00
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$688.03
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$570.00



*A gift of \$30.00 was given to the General Fund by Katrina Stanley in Honor of the Taylor Burnette Bridal Shower.*

*A gift of \$50.00 was given to the General Fund in Memory of Clifford Gaylord by the Gleaners Sunday School Class.*



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