



# Great Swamp Baptist Church

MARCH 11, 2018

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## Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

**Prelude** *Wayne Cooler*  
**The Welcome**  
Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*  
**Call to Worship**  
*“Revelation Song”*  
**Invocation** *Robert O’Dell*  
**Selections of Praise & Worship**  
*Hymn # 555 “Child of the King”*  
*Hymn # 54 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*  
**We Pray for Special Needs**  
Pastoral & Offertory Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*  
Offertory  
Special Music *Bjo Mills*  
**Message** *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*  
**Invitation**  
**Benediction**

## **Special Sunday Evening Service**

### **Greg McDougal Family**

*Fellowship Meal @ 5 pm*

*(Church members are encouraged to bring  
finger foods & desserts)*

*Concert begins around 6 pm*

*Great Testimony, harmony and stories*

*from this family singing group from Nashville, TN*

*{This is a Free-Will Love Offering Concert}*



## Greeters

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

## Nursery Workers

*Today: Pam Stanley / Olivia*

*Next Week: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak*



## Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff*

*Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Robert O'Dell*

*843-422-9521*

*Next Week: Bjo Mills*

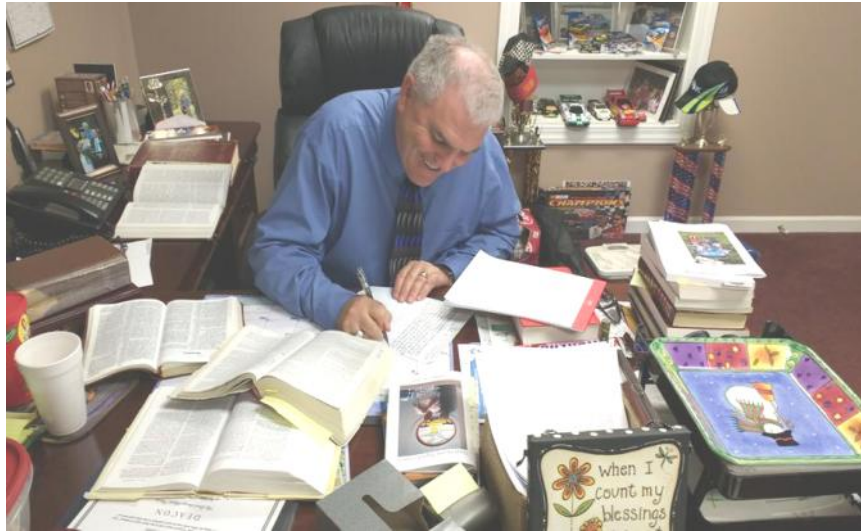
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## Toll Committee

*For March*  
*Latrelle Steedly*  
*Dorthie Armstrong*





*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **The Revelation Salutation (Part II)**

*(Revelation 1:4-8)*

*Intro: Last week we began looking at the Book's salutation. Instead of being only two words long like in most letters, this one is five verses long. It is a very powerful salutation which leads us on a very fast look at the whole of the Book.*

*The first point that we looked at last week was those addressed in the Revelation Salutation. There were seven specific churches addressed. Now we will move on to the next point of the salutation.*

### **II. Second, let us notice those attributed with giving the Revelation Salutation. (vs. 4-5)**

*Of course, John acknowledges that he is the one who is writing the letter. However, he is quick to point out that though he is writing the salutation, what it contains did not originate with him. Rather, he attributed the content of the salutation, as well as the whole Book, came from God Himself. So, when John writes the salutation, he is doing so on God's behalf.*

*Now, as he attributes the words of the salutation to God, he does so with a two-fold point of view. So, we will start looking at that two-fold point of view.*

**A. First, those attributed with giving the Revelation Salutation is one person.**

*That one person is the Blessed Triune God. Or as most people refer to Him as the Holy Trinity. One God made up of three persons.*

*Now, of course, whenever in the Word of God, one person of the Blessed Trinity speaks to anyone, then they all do because of their connection together. But, what I want us to notice is that on this occasion, God revealed Himself in all three person together which is not found often in the Scriptures.*

*Now I believe what God was doing was making sure that the seven churches being addressed and ultimately all of us, would understand just how important we mean to all three persons of the Holy Trinity. Also, I believe that all three persons of the Holy Trinity are addressing us as the one true God so that we would understand just how important this Book is to us, and how important we should heed its' teaching.*

*I know that the teaching of the Trinity is not easy to grasp, but it is powerful. I like what one author said about our experience he had with his son a number of years back. Here is what he said. "Several years ago, my oldest child, Joshua, and I were spending time together. While I was sitting in my glider, Joshua went over to his toy bag and grabbed a tennis ball and brought it to me. He then went back to the bag and got a small nerf ball and returned to me with it. Lastly, he went and picked up a mini basketball. He then tried to take all three of them out of my lap and hold them, but no matter how hard he tried, he just couldn't hold all three. He wasn't capable of handling all three because he wasn't big enough. The*

*Trinity is just like that—three-in-one is just more than our small, finite minds can grasp. The Trinity is above reason. It cannot be explained by logic; it is a teaching that we must grasp only by faith. And that is okay! Let us look into the Godhead.”*

*Let the church rejoice that the Holy Trinity has reached out to us, the churches, with His grace and peace and also with knowledge, wisdom and instruction found in this Book. When rarely will we be addressed by a famous person, here we are addressed by Holy God. Oh, praise be to our awesome God.*

**B. Second, those attributed with giving the Revelation Salutation is three persons. (vs. 4-5)**

*Of course, we all know what I am referring to here are the actual three distinct persons that make up the Holy Trinity. There is but one God but He is made up of three real distinct persons, whom we all know to be the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. Today, we will only look at the first person mentioned of the three, which is the Father.*

*Now, the term Father, or Heavenly Father, is not mentioned in the two verses that we are focused upon. However, the Spirit is mentioned and the Son is mentioned. So, the first person who is referred to as, the One, “Who is, and who was and who is to come,” obviously is referring to the Heavenly Father. Of course, I must say that what is true of each applies to them all.*

*Now, this phrase, “...from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come...” is not found exactly like this no where else except in the Book of Revelation. However, the teaching of it, is amply taught throughout the Word of God.*

*Now, there are at least two things this phrase refers to. First, it is referring to the fact that our Blessed God is eternal. There has never been a time which there's not been God. He dwells in eternity with no beginning and no ending.*

*As Christians, we often either just live in the past or just in the moment. This determines how we respond to things and how we act and think. Logically, sometimes this becomes a big hindrance to our ability to move forward in our service to our Blessed Lord. If we could just grasp the fact that our God is the God of our past, present and future, then, we could move forward in victory because we know He has already got it all worked out. Our present will all be wrapped up in our future because God is the God of it all.*

*Second, this phrase means not only that God is eternal but ia also means He is Almighty. Verse eight says, "I am Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God, "Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty." Because God is eternal, He is Almighty. Therefore, because He is Almighty, He will be able to bring all things to the final and glorious conclusion that He prophesies in this Book. Also, because He is Almighty in all times, He has all the power He needs to lead us to be able to fulfill His purpose for us in the present and the future.*

*Let God's people understand that because God is eternal and Almighty, we are more than conquerors and we must stand up and take notice of His address to us for we stand in His Almighty, Eternal Presence.*

*Blessed be our glorious Lord.*

*Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



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

At the March Business Meeting, the church will vote on adding the online donation/tithing service Tithely to the GSBC website.



# TITHE.LY

Tithely is used by over 3,300 churches and ministries nationwide and supports donations via credit card, debit card, and checking account.

Donors have the option to set up recurring donations and can designate that their donations go to specific church funds.

Tithely does not charge any setup or monthly fees.  
Tithely simply deducts a transaction fee when a donation is made.

Credit/Debit Card: 2.9% + 30¢ per transaction  
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In other words, for a credit card donation of \$100.00, Tithely would deduct \$3.20, and the church would deposit the remaining \$96.80.

Donors have the option to cover these card fees themselves if they choose.

Learn more at <https://get.tithe.ly>  
Contact Alex Sineath or Timmy Sauls with any questions.





## **MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT**

**For All Men of Allendale-Hampton, Barnwell-Bamberg  
and Savannah River Baptist Associations**

**APRIL 13—14, 2018**

**CAMP JACKSON, ALLENDALE, SC**

- A time of spiritual fellowship and fun
- A time to grow closer to God
- A time to get to know other men in the churches across the associations
- A time to enjoy inspirational speakers, music and great food

**Guest Speaker: Gerald Driggers**

Cost: \$20.00/person—Includes Meals, Steak Dinner, Lodging & Activities

Times: Begins 7:00 pm Friday, ends at Noon on Saturday

(May arrive anytime after 2:00 pm on Friday)

*Registration Deadline: April 9, 2018*

For more information or to register contact:

Lonnie Russell, SRBA, (803)842-1903

Bernie Richburg, AHA, 943-8726 Camp Jackson (803)584-5996

**Sponsored by Savannah River Baptist, Allendale/Hampton  
and Barnwell-Bamberg Associations**

## GSBC Prayer Pages March 11, 2018

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

### **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

### **Hospitals**

*Betty Nettles –Sav. Memorial  
Dean & Cookie Daley grandchild-  
MUSC*

### **Nursing Centers**

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

### **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

### **Church Needs**

*Sunday School  
Small Groups  
SFCA-Donna Carter*

### **Unspoken**

*Tim Cramer Family*

### **Surgery / Recovery**

*Lloyd Freeman (2/15)  
Emma Mingledorff (3/1)  
Carol Davis (3/1)  
Tom Sparado (2/15)  
Milton Woods (3/5)  
Jeanie Raven (3/8)*

### **Special Requests**

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

### **Other Health Needs**

*Sue Orr (2/12)  
Tom Benton (2/15)  
Wallace Roberts (2/15)  
Jeffrey Sims (3/5)  
Trip Fogle (3/8)  
Lanelle Smith (3/8)*

### *Ministries*

*Outreach Ministry  
Finance Committee  
Annie Armstrong Offering*

### **Bereavement**

*Family Of  
Frances Bell Moore  
Susan L. Vaigneur  
(Spouse is Keith)*

### **Expecting / Births**

*Sophia Sineath & Baby Boy*

### **Cancer / Treatments**

*Maxie Mason (2/15)  
Ricky Tindal (2/15)  
Mitzi Cramer (2/22)  
Amy Robertson (2/15)  
Becky Broxton (2/23)  
Stan Mortimer (3/5)*

### **Praise Report**

*Vera Floyd (2/15)  
Irwin Malphrus (3/1)  
Butch Bivins (2/15)  
Josephine Moore (2/23)*

## 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*



**100%**  
of your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
supports North American missionaries.

NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 Million

*Praying for missions in North America is part of our responsibility and privilege. Giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is essential also. Pray and Give. Our Goal as a church is \$850.00*

*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*



Chicken 'n fixins'

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Dorthie Armstrong

Cooking Team

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

# This Weeks Birthdays



*March 11th*

*Debra Daley  
Wallace Malphrus*

*March 12th*

*Libby Pendrak*

*March 13th*

*Irwin Malphrus  
Alice Way*

*March 14th*

*Jeremiah Dennen*

*March 15th*

*Wallace Roberts*

*March 16th*

*Don Van Curen*

*March 17th*

*KayCee Goethe  
Chyleen Mock*

*May your marriage be blessed with love,  
joy and companionship for all the years of your lives.*

*A very happy  
Wedding Anniversary  
to both of you*



*March 11th*

*Davey & Barbara McGill*

## **Gifts**

*A gift of \$100.00 was given to Benevolence in Memory of  
Charlie & Ada Malphrus by Sarah Malphrus Vaigneur.*

# Announcements

*Deacon's Meeting  
Monday, March 12th*



*Business Meeting  
Wednesday, March 14th*

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



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



## Thank You

*Peace often begins with an  
act of kindness...  
Thank you for yours.*

*Your expression of sympathy will  
always be remembered by the  
family.*

*A Special Thank You  
For all the prayers, phone calls,  
visits and food during Mama's  
final days. We love each and  
everyone of you.*

Family of Lula Floyd

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**GSBC Goal: \$850.00**

**NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 Million**

## 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; Offerings</i>	\$5861.21	\$4,973.36	+\$887.85
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$23.00	*****	\$61.60
<i>Annie Armstrong</i>	\$105.00	*****	\$125.00
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$349.50
<i>Easter Lilies</i>	\$15.00	*****	\$15.00
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$3.00	*****	\$831.03
<i>SMB</i>	\$124.00	*****	\$309.00
<i>Youth WNS</i>	\$221.00	*****	\$1213.40

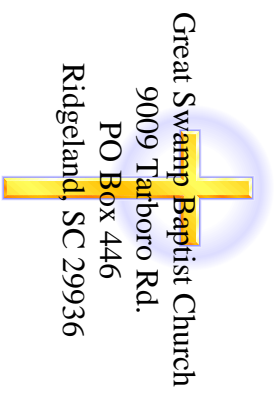


## Calling all Knitters & Crocheters

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

*Dorthie Armstrong @ 843-726-6795  
 For more info.*





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

*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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