

# Palm Sunday

GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

March 25, 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**

*Hymn # 215 "Majesty"*

**Invocation**

*Duane Armstrong*

**Selections of Praise & Worship**

*"In Christ Alone"*

*"You Are My King"*

**We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Special Music

*GSBC Praise Band*

*"Love of God"*

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction**

*Easter Egg Hunt  
during Children's Church hour  
for children ages 3-10.*





## Greeters

*Today: Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther*  
*Next Week: Betty Robertson / Krey Lowther*

## Nursery Workers

*Today: Jennifer Meador / Vanessa Smoak*

*Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus*



## Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley*

*Next Week: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Duane Armstrong*

*843-726-6795*

*Next Week: Wilbur Daley*

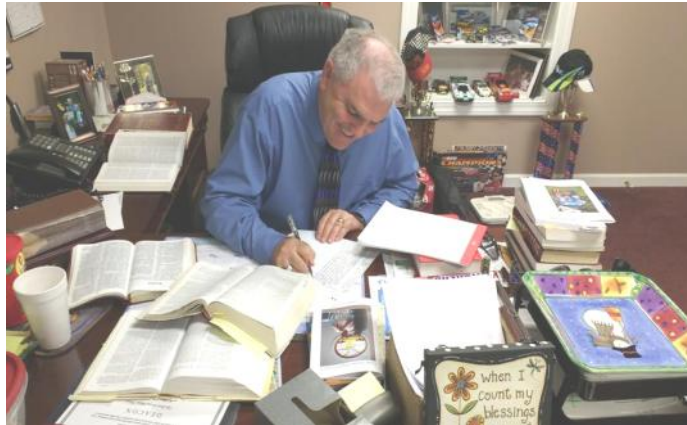
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## Toll Committee

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





*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

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

*(Revelation 1:4-8)*

*Intro: As we have examined the Salutation of this Book, we examined so far for two primary points. The first was to look at those who were addressed in the Salutation. Those seven churches mentioned in verse eleven and in chapters two and three were the ones addressed but they are representative of churches in all ages until Jesus removes us out.*

*Now in the second point, we examined those who are attributed with giving us the Salutation and really the entire Book. Of course, what we discovered was that it was the Holy Trinity of God. Of course, we know that God is One made up of three individual persons. Each person of the Blessed Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit addressed the churches and praise the Lord they each continue and are still addressing us and preparing us for His eventual return. Oh, praise our Holy God.*

*Today, we will look at a new point and His point will be to notice the One who's adored in the Salutation. The One who is adored has several reasons mentioned why we should adore Him. Many rulers in our world are adored but not because they deserve the adoration but because they demand it and if you don't give it, they force you to give it to them at the very threat of your life. Well, the One that we adore doesn't have to threaten us for our worship, for His actions on our behalf speak so loudly that God's people should stand up with all the energy they have and worship and adore Him who John call us to worship and adore.*

**III. Third, let us notice the One who Is adored in the Revelation Salutation.**

*Of course, we don't have to sit around trying to guess or figure out who is the One to be adored. The answer is obvious and the answer is clearly given. It is of course the Lord Jesus Christ, and that is enough said without saying any more. But there is more and that more*

is all the reasons stated why He should be adored. So, let us dive into those reasons and then rise up in adoration and praise forever.

**A. First, we should adore Him because He loves us.**

*“To Him who loves us, Now it is extremely important for us to notice tense in which this phrase was made. Obviously it is the present tense. He is loving us at the moment. He is loving us in the here and now.*

*Now this is important because at the moment that John was writing this salutation to the churches being addresses and pretty much all churches at the time were under a great persecution. John, himself, was among that group as he shares with his own words in verse nine. He said, “I, John your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus.”*

*So, John along with most believers at the time were facing tremendous trials that would obviously test anyone’s faith. But John wanted them to know that regardless of their trials, temptations and troubles, Jesus was still loving them. They were loved in the present always, and nothing would change or stop or prevent Him from loving them in the always present.*

*The Apostle Paul reminds us of this same great truth. “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39).*

*Tragically, we tend to think that if things are tough then that must mean that God isn’t loving us. However, nothing can be further from the truth. It is His love that will pull us through those times. So, let us rise and worship and adore our glorious Savior and Lord because He forever more loves us in the present.*

**B. Second, we should adore Him because He has freed us.**

*So, the question is what has He freed us from? Well, John answers that question quite clearly. He tells us that He has freed us from our sins. Sins are a problem for all of us. We have all been born with a sin nature. (Ps. 51:5; Rom. 5:12,19). We have all committed sins. (Rom. 3:23). We have also been caught in the clutches of its’ consequences, which is death and separation from God. (Rom. 6:23).*

*However, there is one more question to ask how has He freed us from our sins? Once again John answers that question loud and clear. He has freed us from our sins by His blood. Our sins against God required punishment and payment. Jesus did both by going to the cross and pouring out His blood on our behalf. With His death, He took our punishment and paid our debt. (Heb. 9:11-28; I Pet. 1:18-19). So, by His blood He has freed us from the punishment of sin; the power of sin’ the place of sin and the person of sin. Oh, what a Savior! Oh, what a Lord! Oh, what a Redeemer!*

*Oh, let God's people rise up and worship and adore Him who has freed us from our sins by His blood.*

*The fact that He has freed us from our sins by His blood is the proof of His continuing love for us. In other words, we know He loves us because He loved us and died to forgive our sins. His death is all the proof we need to know to be able to say, no matter how tough it may get, I know because of His past act of love in shedding His blood for us, that HE will always love us in the now. I like the way Dr. Leheman Strauss said it. All the redeemed can sing of His love that is current and changeless. At the tomb of Lazarus we are told that "Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how He loved him!" (John 11:35-36) The word "wept" (Gr. Dakruo) is used only of the Lord Jesus, and it appears only this once in the New Testament. The word for "weep" (Gr. Klaio) in John 11:31,33 is merely a loud expression of grief as one might mourn for the dead. But those Jews saw in the tears of Jesus an expression of divine love. And as Christ felt for that little family in Bethany, even so does He now sympathize with us in all our sorrows (Heb. 4:14-16; 7:25). His continuing love brings Him to the aid of those who are tempted and tried (Heb. 2:18). The surroundings of our age may be somewhat different, but His heart of love is the same. (Heb. 13:8).*

**C. third, we should adore Him because He made us.**

*So, the question here is, what did He make us? Well. Obviously, we know that from John 1:12-13, that through faith in Him, He made us the Children of God. However, in our present set of verses, we find out that He has made us a kingdom and priest to serve Him, by serving His God and Father.*

*As we will discover at the end of this Book, that at the end of the tribulation period, Jesus will return in His second coming. After He has defeated the wicked rulers and armies of the world in the Battle of Armageddon, He will set up His literal kingdom here on the redone earth and will literally reign from here.*

*However, today, His kingly rule is carried out in the world through the life of His church in the world. We are the priest of that kingdom carrying our spiritual service and sacrifice to God in our world. We must rejoice that Christ has made us His kingdom in the world. At the same time, we must pray that He will empower us to represent His kingdom well in this world. May it be said of us that it is obvious to the people of this world that we belong to Christ's kingdom and that we represent it well.*

*Concl. Since He loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and has made us a kingdom and priest to serve His God and Gather, let us give Him adoration and praise; honor and worship. Let us adore Him.*

*Jesus Loves You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*



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**

**Sign-Up today**

*The church will be covering the cost of the tickets  
for the men in our church family.  
Donations will also be accepted.*

# Easter Blessings



## *In Honor Of:*

*Katie & Devin Mock  
By: Sam & Chyleen Mock*

*Ron & Lucille Degler  
Rhonda & Paul Sims & Family; Barbara & Tamp Graves & Family;  
Ronald J. & Katina Degler & Family  
By: Ron Degler*

*Our Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren  
By: Dorthie & Duane Armstrong*

*Dorothy Smart,  
Eric & Kellie Chapman & Family, Jared & Trish Bryan & Family  
By: Calvin & Pat Bryan*

*Maureen Malphrus  
By: Teresa Malphrus*

*Our Children & Grandchildren  
Julie, John, Brianna, Brandon, Stevi and Jase  
By: Mack & Bonnie Pope*

*A special thank you to those who provided Easter Lilies to  
decorate the Church for Easter. They added greatly to create a  
beautiful setting for worship.  
Plants may be picked up after Morning Services, April 1st.*



## *In Memory of:*

*Poppee*

*By: Jennifer Meador*

*Dorsey & Minnie Lee Vaigneur / Jimmy Vaigneur / Joe Vaigneur  
Van Morrison*

*By: Cheryl V. Morrison*

*Al & Aydrey Altman / Travis Altman / Jesse Mock*

*By: Sam & Chyleen Mock*

*Charles W. & Marie Degler / Carl & Annie B. Lowery  
Don Degler / Lowery Family*

*By: Ron & Lucille Degler*

*Curtis Smart / Donald Knowles / Kim Knowles*

*Cora Hughes / Donnie Hopkins*

*By: Calvin & Pat Bryan*

*Thelma Allen*

*By: David Meador*

*Bruce Malphrus*

*By: Teresa Garbade*

*Melton & Augusta Fogle / Mack & Mary Pope*

*By: Mack & Bonnie Pope*

*Rabun Lew Malphrus / Rueben Lee Malphrus*

*Twin sons of Rodney & Patricia Malphrus*

*By: Rodney & Patricia Malphrus*

*Harold Stanley*

*By: Fredrick, Pam & Olivia*

*Lula Floyd*

*By: Nancy Rivera, Pam, Fredrick and Olivia Stanley*

*Foreman Malphrus*

*By: Nancy Rivera, Pam, Fredrick and Olivia Stanley*

## GSBC Prayer Pages March 25, 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  
Jack Nettles*

**Hospitals**  
*Betty Nettles –NHC  
Dean & Cookie Daley grandchild-  
MUSC  
Dot Dean-Walterboro Regional*

**Surgery / Recovery**  
*Lloyd Freeman (4/23)  
Emma Mingledorff (3/1)  
Carol Davis (3/1)  
Milton Woods (3/5)  
Jeanie Raven (3/8)  
Helen Malphrus (3/22)*

**Expecting / Births**  
*Sophia Sineath & Baby Boy*

**Nursing Centers**  
*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Wofford Malphrus-Effingham  
County Rehab. Center  
Doris Blackmon-Morningside  
Thelma Ashing-RNC  
Maureen Malphrus-RNC  
Shirley Jean Wing-Hospice of  
Sav.*

### Special Requests

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

### Cancer / Treatments

*Ricky Tindal (3/15)  
Mitzi Cramer (3/15)  
Becky Broxton (2/23)  
Stan Mortimer (3/5)  
Allen Perry (3/15)  
Jenna Bodifer (3/22)*

### Called to Ministry

*Chris Carter & Family*

### Other Health Needs

*Wallace Roberts (3/15)  
Jeffrey Sims (3/5)  
Trip Fogle (3/8)  
Lanelle Smith (3/8)  
Vanessa Carter (3/22)*

### Praise Report

*Vera Floyd (3/15)  
Irwin Malphrus (3/1)  
Josephine Moore (2/23)  
Bobby Mohn (3/15)  
Wayne & Alice Malphrus (3/22)*

## 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*



*Visions are important to taking us from where we are to where God wants us. This is essential in us as individuals as well as collectively as a church. Prayer is a great definer of God's perspective for His work. It will help us to "catch" the vision.*

*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*



## Smorgasbord

*(A little of this and a little of that)*

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Youth

Cooking Team

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

# This Weeks Birthdays



*March 25th*

*Judy Smith*

*Sam Mock*

*March 27th*

*Tammy Maldonado*

*March 29th*

*Barbara Mills*

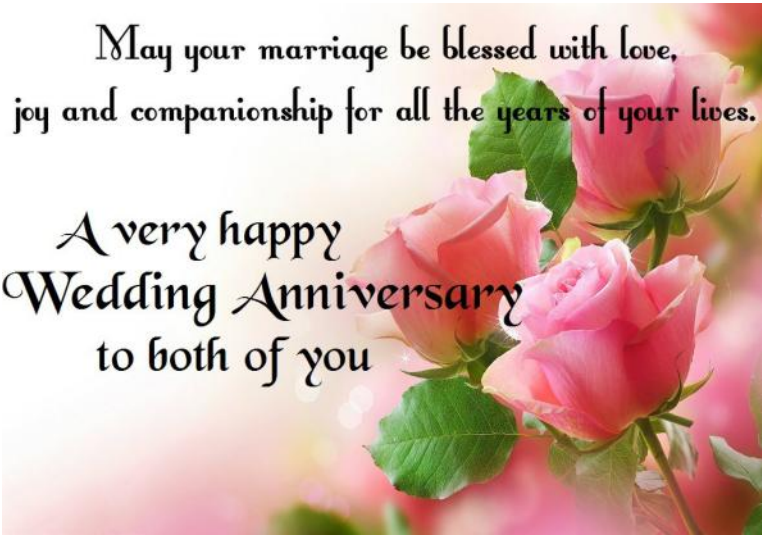
*James Hamner*

*March 31st*

*Donnie Pinckney*

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 30th*

*Mike & Debbie Hodge*

# Announcements

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the  
Old Parsonage  
Thursday, March 29th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group  
Saturday, March 31st @ 8:00 am*

## Gifts

*A gift of \$100.00 was given to  
General Fund in  
Honor of Sam & Chyleen Mock  
for the Birthdays  
by Bess Parnell.*



## 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.*



## Church Staff

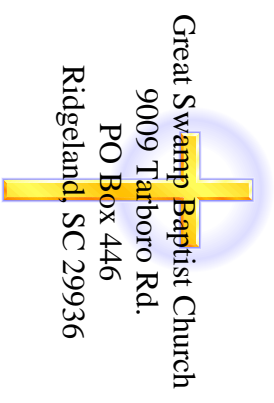
*Pastor: Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.* ..... *jehu27@gmail.com*  
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*Sunday School Director: Wallace Malphrus* ..... *Josie6@embarqmail.com*  
*Pianist: Michelle Waitt* ..... *waittfamily@embarqmail.com*  
*Administrative Assistant: Sybil Reynolds* ..... *greatswampbc@gmail.com*  
*School Administrator: Donna Carter* ..... *dcarter@hargray.com*  
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*Finance Director: Timmy Sauls* ..... *greatswampbc@gmail.com*

## Stewardship

Budget Offerings	Last Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>	\$4,194.00	\$4,973.36	-\$779.36
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Annie Armstrong</i>	\$255.00	*****	\$587.00
<i>Easter Lilies</i>	\$235.00	*****	\$250.00
<i>Youth Camp</i>	\$210.00	*****	\$1,423.40
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$2.00	*****	\$933.03
<i>SMB</i>	\$65.00	*****	\$135.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$169.00	*****	\$403.00
<i>Senior Fund</i>	\$23.00	*****	\$1,027.46
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$91.55
<i>OCC</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$291.51



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



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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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