



Great Swamp
BAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 4, 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

"We Believe"

Invocation

Mack Pope, Jr

Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn # 514 "When We All Get To Heaven"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Children's Church Special

Special Music

Sadie O' Connor

"Dry Bones"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Dorthie Armstrong / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn
Next Week: Pam Stanley / Olivia



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley
Next Week: Emma Mingledorff / Kaylee Standard

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Mack Pope, Jr.
843-726-2000

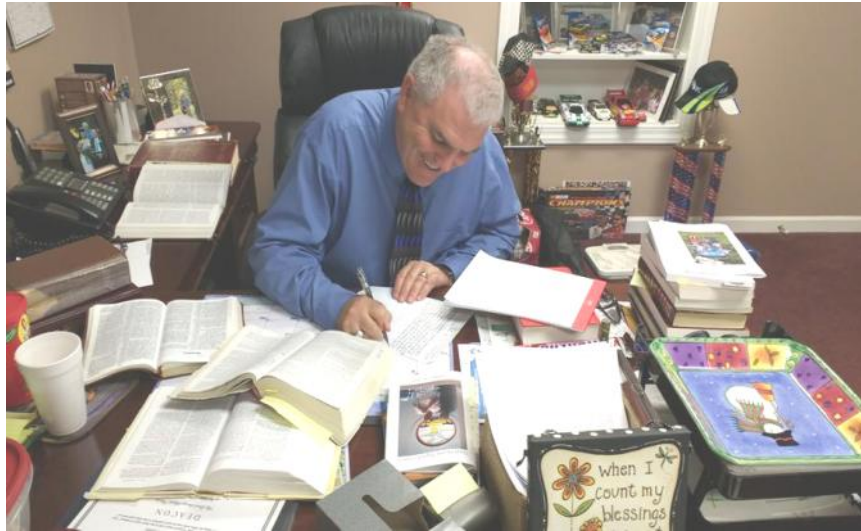
Next Week: Robert O'Dell
843-422-9521



Toll Committee

For March
Latrelle Steedly
Dorthie Armstrong





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Revelation Salutation

(Revelation 1:4-8)

Intro: When we write our letters, we almost always begin with what we call the salutation. The salutation is the greeting which we begin letters with. In the majority of letters, the salutation is usually only two words long. Those two words are usually "Dear and the person's name." Well the Book of Revelation was a letter that John, under God's leadership, wrote to the churches mentioned in the letter. Ultimately, this letter became a part of the Word of God, therefore, it also applies to all of us. However, when he wrote it to the seven churches mentioned, his salutation to them was much longer than two words. Rather, his salutation became five verses long.

This salutation given in this set of verses is a very quick picture of the entire book. we are going to examine for a couple of Sundays. I am calling it the Revelation Salutation. Today, we will only examine one point of these verses.

I. First, let us notice the persons addressed in the Revelation Salutation. (vs. 4)

It was written to seven specific churches. These churches were located in the province of Asia. These are their names as found in chapters two and three. They are Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.

Now, the question should be asked , why these particular churches? There were many others in existence at the time. Well, some tell us that god chose these seven churches because each one of them happen to symbolize a different period of time in the life of the church. Beginning with Ephesus, representing the church at the time John wrote the letter and ending with the last church mentioned, the church at Laodicea representing the life of the church just before Jesus comes back to take the church out.

However, I don't believe that this is why God used these particular churches. For all seven of them were in existence at the time of the writing of the letter and they were chosen to receive the letter. Rather, I believe that these seven churches represent the church in every age of its' existence. In other words, in every age of the church, you will find churches like the seven found in this letter. Until the rapture of the church, there will be churches like the church at Ephesus; like the church at Sardis or Philadelphia; Laodicea or the others mentioned.

So, I believe that the Lord is saying to the churches today, that if we look at the letters to each of the seven churches and take heed to the message God has given to them, that we can become more of the church that He wants us to be. Seven is the number of completion and these seven churches represent the complete picture of how the churches are, can be and should be. Our prayer should be that we learn the complete picture represented by these seven

churches and ask the Lord to help us become what He said was good and right about each of them.

Finally, notice that John greets those seven churches with grace and peace. Grace is what God has done for us that we didn't deserve when He sent His precious Son, Jesus Christ our Lord to die at Calvary's cross to pay the price of our sins. Because of His grace, we can experience peace. His grace makes us right with God which in turn gives peace because we know we are right with Him. Oh, what a God we serve that at all times is pouring out His grace and peace to us. And we know He can because He is One, One who is and who was and who is to come. Oh, how blessed we are because of Who He is and that is what Revelation is about.

*Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



New Arrival

James Alexander Sineath

February 28, 2018 @ 4:09 am
9 lbs 8 oz. 21.75 in. in length

Congratulations

To Parents

Alex & Sophia Sineath

&

Grandparents

Ralph & Tammy Lee



**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**

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.

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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.



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

NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 Million



GSBC Prayer Pages March 4, 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
Ricky Cooler*

Hospitals
Betty Nettles –Sav. Memorial

Surgery / Recovery
*Lloyd Freeman (2/15)
Emma Mingledorff (3/1)
Carol Davis (3/1)
Tom Sparado (2/15)*

Expecting / Births
Sophia Sineath

Cancer / Treatments

*Maxie Mason (2/15)
Ricky Tindal (2/15)
Mitzi Cramer (2/22)
Amy Robertson (2/15)
Becky Broxton (2/23)
Susan L. Vaigneur (3/1)*

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

Special Requests

Lee Laycock—Home

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

*Sue Orr (2/12)
Tom Benton (2/15)
Wallace Roberts (2/15)*

*Vera Floyd (2/15)
Irwin Malphrus (3/1)
Michael Daley (2/5)
Butch Bivins (2/15)
Josephine Moore (2/23)*

Praise Report

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



How are you tending your place? That is where you are now. Is your life in order according to God's desires? Prayer will get you where you need to be in caring for your "Place".

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group I

Patricia Malphrus-Leader
Truett Vaigneur
Shirley Malphrus
Vera Miles

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



Dessert

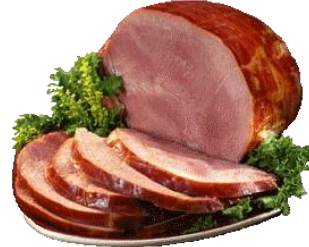
Tea & Coffee

Baked Ham

Baked Beans / Potato Salad

Biscuits

Roberts Family Cooking Team



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

Medical Equipment For Sale

Call Pam Stanley for more info
843-226-5643

Electric Wheelchair Scooter, Bathroom equipment, etc.

This Weeks Birthdays

March 4th

Jeffrey Stanley

March 7th

Latrelle Steedly

Alyssa Goethe

March 8th

Pat Malphrus

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 7th

Ben & Cheryl Mills

March 10th

Jason & Vanessa Smoak

Gifts

*A gift of \$15.00 was given to the General Budget in
Memory of Bonnie Malphrus Warren by G. Dwaine and Becky
M. Malphrus.*

Announcements



Grandmother's Group
Tuesday, March 6th @ 11:30 am

**The Quilting Club is
meeting in the
Old Parsonage**
Thursday, March 8th @ 10:00am



Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, March 10th @ 8:00 am



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



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
 Music Director: **Richard Waitt**waittfamily@embarqmail.com
 Sunday School Director: **Wallace Malphrus**Josie6@embarqmail.com
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 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**Josie6@embarqmail.com
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Stewardship

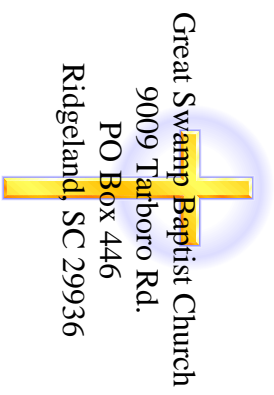
Budget Offerings	Last Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & Offerings</i>	\$2,509.10	\$4,973.36	-\$2,464.26
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$30.60	*****	\$38.60
<i>Children's Ministry</i>	\$30.00	*****	\$838.20
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$249.50
<i>SFCA (Grayco) Repairs</i>	\$109.81	*****	\$109.81
<i>SMB</i>	\$93.00	*****	\$185.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$169.00	*****	\$325.00
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$123.89	*****	\$123.89
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$125.00	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$3,421.42	*****	\$3,421.42
<i>SFCA Janitorial Supplies</i>	\$500.00	*****	\$617.42
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$318.58	*****	\$383.58
<i>Sojourners SS Class</i>	\$46.00	*****	\$46.00

Remember



**Clocks
go
AHEAD
1 Hour
NEXT**

Sunday



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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