

*Great Swamp*  
BAPTIST CHURCH



*Mother's Day Service*

May 13, 2018

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

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Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

**Prelude** *Wayne Cooler*  
**The Welcome**  
Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*  
**Call to Worship**  
Hymn # 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy"  
**Invocation** *Mack Pope*  
**Mother's Day Recognitions**  
Special Music *Sadie O'Connor*  
"You Raise Me Up"  
**We Pray for Special Needs**  
Pastoral & Offertory Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*  
Offertory  
**Selections of Praise & Worship**  
Hymn # 192 "Soon And Very Soon"  
"Revelation Song"  
**Message** *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*  
**Invitation**  
**Benediction**



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



## Greeters

*Today: Betty Robertson / Krey Lowther*  
*Next Week: Mike Mingledorff / Krey Lowther*

## Nursery Workers

*Today: Vandy Amazon / Natalie*

*Next Week: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn*



## Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley*

*Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Mack Pope*

843-726-2000

*Next Week: Robert O'Dell*

843-422-9521



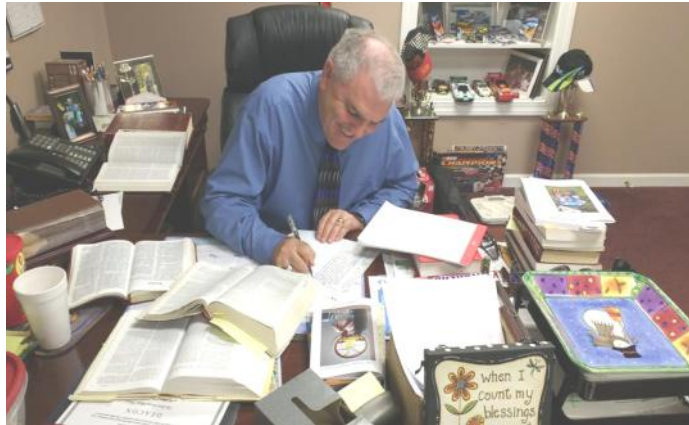
## Toll Committee

*For the month of May*

*Alice Way*

*Pat Malphrus*





*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **The Voice, The Vision, The Victory (Part II)**

*Revelation 1:9-20*

*Intro: Last week as we began our study of these verses,, we noted that it appears that the Apostle John was in the midst of a worship service of his own just praising our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. As this worship experience carried on the Spirit of God took complete control of John and when He did this worship experience took a giant leap. It went from what I am calling an ordinary worship experience to an extraordinary worship experience. It was unlike any worship experience anyone ever had outside of Heaven itself. This Spirit controlled worship service resulted in him hearing the voice of Jesus. It resulted in him seeing the vision of Jesus and finally it allowed him to understand the victory of Jesus.*

*Last week we took a look at the voice of Jesus that he heard. Today we will begin looking at the vision of Jesus which he saw. Our messages in these verses are called simply, "The Voice, The Vision and The Victory."*

**I. First, I want us to understand that the vision of Jesus was real. (vs. 10,12,17).**

*The first thing that John experienced, which we discussed last week, was to hear a voice. After the voice spoke to him, John turned around to see whose voice it was that was speaking to him. Now, I am not so sure that he necessarily expected to actually see someone. For John, being the author of other books in the Bible, had often heard the voice of the Spirit without actually seeing someone. However, on this occasion when John turned around he actually saw that the voice he heard was not just a voice but a literal vision of the actual person whose voice he had heard. Before his very eyes he was beholding the literal Lord Jesus Christ as he had never seen Him before.*

*He didn't see a ghost; or a spirit; or an ideal; or an idol; or an image. No, blessed be the name of the Lord, rather he saw a person. Of course, not just any person, but rather the person of the exalted risen Lord of glory.*

*So our faith is not based upon a non-reality. Rather, it is based upon a real person, the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, though today we do not now see Him in the manner that John saw Him. By our faith we are able to see His reality through the eyes of all who were allowed to have glimpses of His glory which culminated with John's great vision of Jesus in all His glory. From Adam and Eve's experiences with Him in the garden before sin to Moses' experience with Him in the burning bush and on the mount to receive the commandments to Isaiah's experience with Him in the temple and all the times that the disciples had with Him in person, to Paul and John's final encounters with Him where they actually saw Him. Through these people's eyes, we see Him and know like them as the last chapter of Revelation says, we will see His face. We will come face to face with Him in all of His glory. Oh, thank God that He saw Him and so will we! Oh, praise God we serve a real Lord and Savior.*

**II. Second, we need to understand that the vision of Jesus was complete. (vs. 12-18).**

*Now, what I want us to see and understand here is that the vision of Jesus that John saw was Jesus in every aspect of His personhood. Every aspect of His being was presented to John on this occasion. If we were buying a new car and we asked for the one with all the options, we would call that car the top of the line. So, when John saw Jesus, he was looking at the absolute top of the line because Jesus came to John with all and I mean absolutely all of the options bar none. From the clothing that He was wearing to the descriptions of various features of His body, we see the many aspects of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Today, we won't cover all the details that tell us those things, but we will look at them in the weeks ahead. Suffice it to say though that John saw Jesus in His humanity; His deity; His authority; His redemption; His power; His purity; His concern; His control; His judgment; His conquest; His involvement; His victory; His possession and on and on. John saw Jesus in His complete, total and absolute glory.*

*I want to point out the dangers and actually horrific sin to belittle the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many religious groups declare loyalty to Jesus Christ but then they will turn around and say that He alone is not enough. Their slogan would be or is "Jesus Plus."*

*They would say Jesus plus baptism; or they would say Jesus plus commitment to the sacraments; or they would say Jesus plus commitment to their denomination; or they would say which is the most often used one, Jesus plus good works. Well, this slogan and line of thinking is straight out of the pit of hell. The Bible is absolutely clear that in Jesus alone are we made complete because He is complete. "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority." ( Col 2:6-10).*

*In these verses we discover that it is not human tradition or the secular view of our world that makes us complete before. No, it is only the One who is complete and full that makes us complete and full and that One is only Jesus. So, if you want to stand complete and full in God's sight, then you must come to the only One who can make you that way, the One who is complete and full Himself, Jesus Christ. The Bible says that apart from Him we can do nothing.*

### **III. Third, we need to understand that the vision of Jesus was spell bounding.**

*When John saw the vision of our Lord in all of His glory, he was awestruck to the point of realizing that there is no way he could have the privilege of standing before the Lord in all of His glory. There was no way that he deserved this. As a matter of fact, seeing Jesus in all of His holiness probably struck him with such conviction that he was overtaken and thrown into shock.*

*However, an amazing thing happened to John as he lays there in total shock. Our blessed Lord in all of His glory and holiness touched John and said, "do not be afraid. I am the first and the last. I am the Living One: I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever: And I hold the keys of death and Hades." we should be struck by His glory and amazed by His grace. Let me close with what one write said, "This is a vision of Jesus Christ that is both awesome and comforting. The feelings I have in this vision are like the feelings that Peter seemed to have in the fishing incident of Luke 5. he finally discovered Jesus so that now he understands the majesty of who Jesus Christ really is, and in the presence of that discovery he can only say, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man..." (Luke 5:8). But the words that Peter then hears from his Lord are the same words that John hears: "Fear not." we must be careful to keep the two feeling together in the interpretation of this experience of John.*

*The vision is frightening, but not devastating. He is struck down by its impact, and then quickly lifted up. He discovers both the sovereign, divine otherness of Jesus Christ, so vast that words fail to describe the wonder, and also the kindness and sensitivity of Jesus. Jesus is not a ghost, a vapor from the realm of death, and this is the first great fact John is told. "Fear not, I am...the Living One" (vs. 18, RSV). The result for John, as it was for Peter at Galilee, is not despair, but joy. The Lord who found John and the disciples on that first day of the week after Good Friday has again found His friend at the rock quarry of Patmos on the first day of the week. What a reunion!"*

*Concl. My prayer is that we all will become awestruck by the vision that John literally saw with his own eyes. If we are born again, we too, will literally see Jesus face to face in all of His glory.*

*Jesus Love You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Baccalaureate Meal

*Baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, May 16th @ 7:00 pm. We will be needing help with food, setting up and cleaning up afterwards. A sign-up sheet is in the Foyer. See Timmy Sauls for more info.*



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## Graduation Recognition

*Sunday, May 20th @ 11:00 am*

*Forms in foyer.*

*Please See*

*Michelle Wait*

*for more info.*



# SFCA UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Baccalaureate**

*Wednesday, May 16th @ 7:00pm / Sanctuary*

## **SFCA Sports Banquet**

*Thursday, May 17th @ 6:00pm / MPB*

## **K-5 Graduation**

*Friday, May 18th @ 7:00pm / Gymnasium*

## **Senior Graduation**

*Saturday, May 19th @ 4:00pm*

## **Graduation Recognition**

*Sunday, May 20th @ 11:00am*

## **Piano Recital**

*Sunday, May 20th @ 3:00pm*

## **6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony**

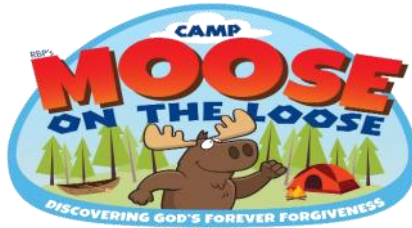
*Thursday, May 24th @ 8:30am*

## **Awards Day / Last Day of School**

*Friday, May 25th @ 8:15am*



**WATCH OUT!!!**



**THERE'S A  
MOOSE ON  
THE LOOSE...  
WHERE???**



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**at Great Swamp Baptist Church**

**WHEN???** Sun., Jun. 3 thru Wed., Jun. 6, 2018  
5:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

*Join us for supper beginning at 5:30 each night  
followed by music, crafts, fun and fellowship!  
(Ages 4 to 12)*

**PRE-REGISTER NOW  
ON-LINE at  
[greatswampbaptist-  
church.com](http://greatswampbaptist-church.com) or in person on**



**Sun., Jun. 3, beginning at  
5:00 p.m. at Great Swamp Baptist Church,  
9009 Tarboro Rd.**

**Any questions, please call (843) 726-3631**

# GSBC Prayer Pages May 13, 2018

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

**Church Needs**  
*Sunday School*  
*SFCA-Donna Carter*

*Ministries*  
*Outreach Ministry*

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

**Unspoken**  
*Tim Cramer Family*  
*Cheri Ellis*  
*Laurie Norman*

**Bereavement**  
*Family Of*  
*Jenna Bodiford*

## Hospitals

### Surgery / Recovery

*Lloyd Freeman (4/23)*  
*Gay Littleton (3/29)*  
*Fred Stanley (4/16)*  
*Jessie Mae Crapse (4/12)*  
*Joanna Daring (5/2)*

### Cancer / Treatments

*Mitzi Cramer (5/2)*  
*Allen Perry (5/2)*  
*Jane Chapman (4/5)*  
*Rickey Tindal (5/10)*  
*Betty Broxton (5/10)*  
*Jeanie Raven (5/10)*

### Nursing Centers

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

### Called to Ministry

*Chris Carter & Family*

### Expecting / Births

*Amanda Fletcher*  
*Stevi Mingledorff & Baby Ella*

### Other Health Needs

*Wallace Roberts (5/2)*  
*Vera Floyd (5/2)*  
*Trip Fogle (5/2)*  
*Bobby & Judy Smith (4/12)*  
*Wilbur Daley (5/10)*  
*Iris Noelle Duque (4/20)*  
*Rosemary Carter (4/20)*  
*Kirk Malphrus (4/26)*  
*Lanell Smith (4/26)*  
*Ellen Langford (4/26)*  
*Joyce Pope (5/2)*  
*Krylin Standard (5/2)*  
*Alice Malphrus (5/2)*  
*Cheri Ellis (5/7)*  
*Laurie Norman (5/7)*  
*Joyce Sutler (5/8)*  
*Dot Tindal (5/10)*  
*Mike Hodge (5/10)*

### Special Requests

*Amy O'Connor-Selling Home*  
*Leigh Laycock-House*

## Pray For Our Military



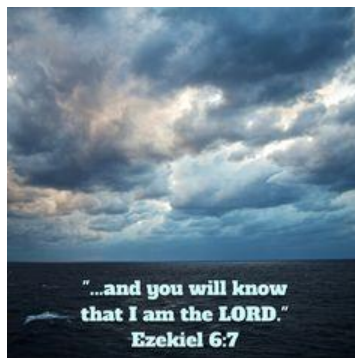
*Bobby Emerson– South Korea-Army  
Jared Blanton-Fort Benning  
Isaac Martin Malphrus Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard  
Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines  
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force / Oklahoma City. OK*

## Please Continue To Remember

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

*Dot Nettles  
Tom Hinely  
Olivia Stanley  
Lois Bootle  
Grace Boyles  
Patricia Malphrus  
Scott Boyles  
Dot Dean*

*Gary Way  
Christy Gagel  
Vera Miles  
Mary Daley  
Leonard Steedly  
Barbara Mills  
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.  
Lanell Smith  
Brian Freeman*



*Prayer is designed to make us aware of the power of God. His saving power, sustaining power, directing power, service power, healing power. Through these powers he manifests himself. "And you shall know that I am god." Ezekiel 6:7B*

*E.L. Ambrose*

## Today's Prayer Team

### Group III

*Timmy Sauls-Leader  
Mary Daley  
Gail 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*



## Senior Celebrator's Trip

*It's that time of year again for getting prepared for our Annual Trip. A sign-up sheet and brochure is in the foyer. We are putting together our room list. Your \$25.00 deposit is due NOW. See Timmy Sauls for more info.*



*To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.*

*Thank you for the beautiful plant, the wonderful meal, and your loving attention to so many details surrounding the service.*

*We love you,*

*The family of Elizabeth "Betty" Nettles*

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*A gift of \$50.00 was given to the Quilting Club in Memory of Miss Shirley Jean Wing by the Grandmother's Group.*

## This Weeks Birthdays

*May 14th*

*Royce Malphrus*

*May 15th*

*Kenneth Cleland*

*Haley Langford*

*May 17th*

*Chesney Thames*

*May 19th*

*Calvin Bryan*

*Courtney Thames*

*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*

*May 18th Frank & Renee Mills*



## 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.*



# Announcements

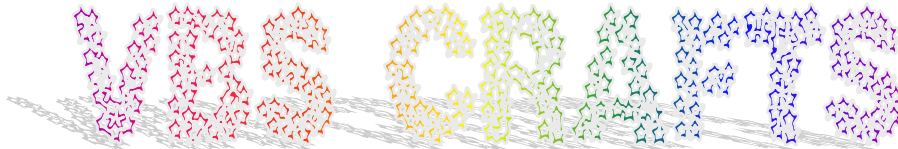
*The Quilting Club is meeting in the  
Old Parsonage  
Thursday, May 17th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group  
Saturday, May 19th @ 8:00 am*

## VBS Meetings

*The VBS Teachers & Volunteers will meet on  
Sunday, May 13th, 20th and 27th  
following Morning Worship Services.*



*Items are needed for VBS this year.*

*A sign up sheet is in the foyer with a listing of what is needed.*

*If you can help provide for this need, sign up.*

*A box is in the foyer in which to place the items.*

*If you would like to help supply these needs but don't have time to  
go shopping, you may donate money to help out.*

*Just put in an offering envelope and mark VBS Crafts.*

*For more info, please contact Amanda Hodges.*

## 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	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
Tithes & General Budget	\$4,926.28	\$4,973.36	+\$152.92
Online Offerings	\$200.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
Dot Lee Scholarship	\$100.00	*****	\$620.00
Cemetery Maint.	\$500.00	*****	\$610.00
WNS	\$139.00	*****	\$352.71
Special Events (Baccalaureate)	\$40.00	*****	\$57.80
SMB	\$78.00	*****	\$323.00
Youth Yard Sale (Camp)	\$1,719.03	*****	\$1,949.53
George Pepper Scholarship	\$102.00	*****	\$347.03
VBS (SFCA Jean Day)	\$109.60	*****	\$1,539.96

## Gifts

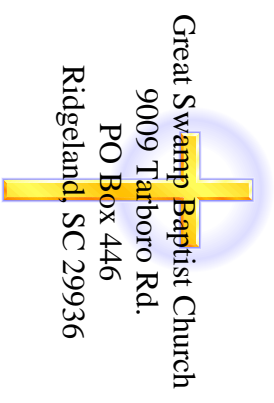
A Gift of \$500.00 was given to the Cemetery Fund in Honor of Our Mothers and Grandmothers by Pat & Irwing Malphrus.

A Gift of \$10.00 was given to the General Fund in Memory of Betty M. Nettles and Donnie Smith By Dwaine & Becky Malphrus.

A Gift of \$50.00 was given to the Dot Lee Scholarship Fund in Memory of Betty Nettles and her many years in Education by Frankie & Margie Malphrus.

## 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.



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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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