

Great Swamp

BAPTIST CHURCH



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SERVICE

May 20, 2018

Great Swamp Baptist Church

May 20, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

Call to Worship

“Steps of Jesus”

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invocation

Robert O’Dell

*Graduate Processional***

Recognition of Graduates

Selections of Praise & Worship

“Blessed Be You Name”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

GSBC Praise Band

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction

*Graduate Recessional***

***Please Stand*



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

Graduate Recognition

Colleges & Universities

Cathryn Daley

Technical College of the Lowcountry

Associates of Applied Science

Physical Therapist Assistant

Michael Humbert

Anderson University

Bachelor of Arts—Criminal Justice

Courtney Thames

Bachelors of Science—Business Accounting

Haley McClaine Langford

Liberty University

Bachelors of Science—

High Schools

Step of Faith Christian Academy

Haley Cribbs

Sarah Olivia Ferguson

Aaron Patrick Mason

Nicole Polk

McKenzie Danielle Sykes

Selena Ann Morris

Thomas Heyward Academy

Victoria Standard

Kindergarten

Step of Faith Christian Academy

Hannah Beth Bowen

SFCA Graduates

Class of 2018

Brittani Tianna Brown
Haley Nicole Cribbs
Sarah Olivia Ferguson
Griffin Adley Humbert
Alexis Tyler Jarrell
Aaron Patrick Mason
Selena Ann Morris
Charity Nicole Polk
Collyn S. Rounds
MaKenzie Danielle Sykes

6th Grade Moving Up

<i>Abigail Bonds</i>	<i>Cooper Bonds</i>
<i>Da'Layzia Bush</i>	<i>James Cleland</i>
<i>Kaylee Criss</i>	<i>JoAnna Horrell</i>
<i>William Hunt</i>	<i>Abigail Hunter</i>
<i>Stephany Isham</i>	<i>Mason Losgar</i>
<i>Kensley Mason</i>	<i>Joey Mazzocchi</i>
<i>Summer Mestey</i>	<i>Leilah Mitchum</i>
<i>Kearstin Murray</i>	<i>Jannah Palco Lang</i>
<i>Katelin Primus</i>	<i>Aubrey Rowell</i>
<i>Cade Smith</i>	<i>Behjamin Spikes</i>
<i>Alexus Williams</i>	<i>Ruth Zaragoza</i>

K5

<i>Ariana M. Arzillo</i>	<i>Kaylynn Marie Blatchley</i>
<i>Hannah Beth Bowen</i>	<i>Faith Victoria Boyles</i>
<i>Henry Jacob Bradley</i>	<i>Nathan John Criss</i>
<i>Misael A. Garzon, II</i>	<i>Noah Levi Gray</i>
<i>Donivin Messiah Green</i>	<i>Hayden Hair</i>
<i>Coleman Hodges</i>	<i>Conner Horrell</i>
<i>Owen Wyatt Lucas</i>	<i>Briley Karinne Mole</i>
<i>Lauryn Olivia Pollins</i>	<i>MaKayla C. Scovronski</i>
<i>Luke Joshua Simcox</i>	<i>Kadir Stevens</i>
<i>Annabelle Tindal</i>	



Greeters

Today: Mike Mingledorff / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Dorthie Armstrong / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

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



Children's Church Helpers

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

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Robert O'Dell
843-422-9521

Next Week: Bjo Mills

843-843-726-4344



Toll Committee

For the month of May
Alice Way
Pat Malphrus





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Best Things You Can Do For Your Children

Ex. 2:1-10

Intro: Moses was indeed one of the greatest leaders of all time. There is no one that I know who would argue that point. For through God's leadership he led possibly as many as two to four million people through the wilderness for forty years. This was one of the greatest accomplishments of all time.

Now the man that he was clearly was the result of God's work in his life. However, of course, one of the ways God worked in his life and ours is through other Godly people. One of the persons that God used to greatly impact Moses' life was his mother as well as his father. These two persons show us how to do the right things for our children both before and after they are conceived and born that will impact their lives for God's glory. So, let us look at what are the best things we can do for our children.

I. First, let us notice the best things we can do for our children before we have our children.

There are three or four things I want us to notice that we should do for our children before they are born. These are the things that Moses' parents did for him before they had him.

A. The first thing Moses' parents did and we should do before having our children was and is to have a Christian home.

Both of Moses' parents were of the house of Levi. This was the tribe that went on to serve as priests and workers in the Tabernacle. Clearly, however, the author of Hebrews tells us that, "By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born..." (Heb. 11:23). So, this verse lets us know that they were people of faith. That faith was centered in God and this made their home a Christian home. A home built on faith.

If you want your children to be children of faith, then the best thing you can do is to do is to become people of faith so that you then can instruct them in and guide them by the faith that you have already established before they even come along. So, have you moms and dads committed your life to Jesus Christ to begin your life of faith?

B. The second thing Moses 'parents did and we should do before having our children was and is to have a Christian marriage. (vs. 1)

“Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman.” it doesn't say that they decided to live together for a while. It doesn't say that they decided just to shack up together. No, it says they got married , end of story.

So, you ask why is this so important? What's so important about a wedding ceremony and signing the marriage license” Well, the answers are first of all that the wedding ceremony , whether small or large, in a church, courthouse or outside, says to those who witnessed it that you have made the commitment before God and man that lets them know you are married. Secondly, it brings a far greater commitment to the marriage because you do go through the ceremony and sign the marriage license which declare you are husband and wife. If you just live together you can easily walk out any time you want because you didn't make the vows toward one another before God and man.

There are two other important matters in their Christian marriage. First, they chose to marry persons of like faith. They were a man of the house of Levi and a woman of the house of Levi. Now, let me point out that I am not saying that you have to marry someone of the same denomination or same church but I am saying be sure to marry someone else who indeed is a born again Believer in Jesus Christ. This will greatly enhance your ability to raise your children for Christ.

The other thing that tragically we have to deal with today is when it comes to having a Christian marriage is that it must be only between a man and a woman. It says a man of the house of Levi married a woman of the house of Levi. There is not one place in all of the Word of God that condones marriage between persons of the same sex. As a matter of fact, it only and I emphasize only condemns any act of homosexuality. Our Lord loves the person that struggle with this form of sin and if they turn to Him, He can help them to rise above the struggle of this sin and live victoriously.

C. The third thing Moses' parents did and we must do before having our children is to decide to have our children.

The children of Israel had been in bondage to the Egyptians for nearly four hundred years. However, even though they were slaves they managed to continue to multiply and this frightened the Egyptians. They were afraid they would be able to get enough of their own people to conquer them. Therefore, they demanded that anytime a baby boy was born to an Israelite family, they were to take that boy and throw him in the Nile River

Well, praise God for the faith of Moses' parents, that would not allow them to feed their son to the crocodiles. Against the edict of the king, they made the only choice that godly parents can make regardless of the outcome and that was and is to let your children live. For God is the One who created the means by which children are brought into the world and that begins at conception. Let me list some of the references for you to go and read. Here they are: Psalm 51:5; 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:4-5; Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:31. So, a Christian home and marriage will lead you not to abort your children but instead rejoice at receiving them.

Abortion is a sin that our God certainly can forgive but we must understand that it carries with it some terrible consequences. As a nation and indeed on the people of God, we must reject it and seek to defeat it. If you are hurting because you have had one, then cry out for forgiveness and healing from the Lord.

II. Second, let us notice the best things we can do for our children after they are born.

There are three things I want us to see that Moses' parents did after he was born that we too should do for our children after they are born.

A. The first thing that Moses' parents did and we should do after they are born is to look at them with real admiration. (vs. 2)

This verse tells us that when Moses' mother gave birth to him she saw that he was a fine and good child. They saw that their child They saw that their child was a gift from God. I did not see him as a disturbance

to their lives or as an inconvenience. As hard as it was, they were grateful and loved him. How do you see your children? My prayer is that you see them with admiration.

B. The second thing that Moses' parents did that we should do for our children after they are born is to have the right attitude.

Now the right attitude that they had was to determine that they would do everything within their human power that they possibly could do to protect their children. They fed him, clothed him, rocked him and hid him to the best of their ability. Humanly speaking, they couldn't do any more than they were doing. Now ultimately it wasn't enough but it was their absolute best.

We too, need to have the right attitude that we humanly too will do our absolute best for our children. Our attitude must be that our children are our responsibility and we must do everything we can to provide for them and protect them. Can you say that is what you are doing for your children?

C. The third thing Moses' parents did that we should do after our children are born is to take the right actions.

Now the action that I am referring to is what Moses' mother did once she realized that all of her own human effort was not enough to protect her son from being discovered. At that point the Bible tells us that she got a basket made from papyrus reed and then she water proofed the basket with tar and pitch. She then placed baby Moses in the basket and took him down to the edge of the Nile River and placed him among the reeds that grow on the edge of the river. She then walked away.

Now let me tell you what she was doing. She was placing her son in the arms of Jesus. When God told Noah to build an ark, He told him to waterproof it with tar and pitch. Noah did as God had instructed him. So, when the floods came, the only persons safe were Noah and his family because they were in the ark. What Noah and his family had done was to place themselves in the hands of Jesus because they had listened to Him. I believe that maybe Moses' mother had thought about the story of Noah and his family. She thought how God took care of

Noah and his family in the ark. So, I believe that Moses' mother said I have done everything I humanly possibly can and it is still not enough. So, like Noah, she decided to build her own ark and waterproof it with tar and pitch and place her son in it trusting him now to the care of our Lord. That is why she was able to walk away because she knew he was safe in the arms of Jesus.

Like Moses' mother, we must do all that we can for our children but we must also realize that it is never enough. There comes times in our lives that we must say Lord , all my efforts are not enough but you are so to the best of our ability we want to place them in your hands and ask you to do what we can't. Have you placed your children in the arms of Jesus?

Concl: The good news is that when she put Moses in the hands of the Lord, He took over. He rescued Moses by placing everybody in the bright placer at the right moment. If we will keep on taking our children to Jesus, we can trust Him with the places and the times and the persons . There is no better place then being safe is the arms of Jesus.

*Jesus Love You
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



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.





Coming Soon

Sunday, June 10th
11:00am

SFCA UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

Gifts

A Gift of \$20.00 was given to Operation Christmas Child in Memory of Shirley Jean Wing by Bernice Malphrus.

A Gift of \$25.00 was given to the General Fund in Memory of Betty M. Nettles By Charlie & Beth Martin.

Reminder

There will be

NO

Sunday Morning Breakfast or Wednesday Night Suppers

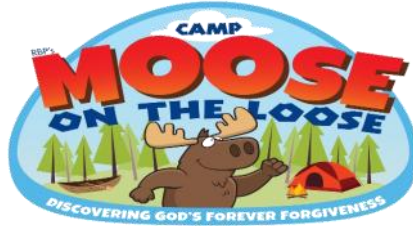
during the summer months. Meals will resume

the 1st week of September.

(Last Wednesday Night Supper will be May 30th)

There will be NO SMB on May 27th

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 20, 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
Suzanne E. Catterton Bower.

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)
Lyman Malphrus (5/17)

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

s

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*



How can one be alert to the ways of Satan? One must first know the ways of God. A good cure for sin is to take His word to heart and fortify that with prayer for protection from the evil one.

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



Pork Loin
Baked Chicken
Rice w/Gravy
Vegetable
Casserole



Dessert
Tea & Coffee
Youth Cooking Team

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

This Weeks Birthdays



May 20th *Travis Amason*

May 21st *Jed Carter*

May 22nd *Maddison Malphrus*

Max Cole

May 25th *Kim Malphrus*

T.J. Broschard

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 20th *Gary & Alice Way*

May 21st *Chad & Asley Duncan*

May 23rd *Randy & Sybil Reynolds*

May 25th *Daniel & Andrea Brock*

Announcements

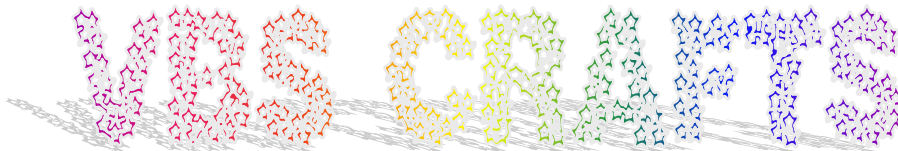
*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, May 24th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, May 26th @ 8:00 am*

VBS Meetings

*The VBS Teachers & Volunteers will meet on
Sunday, May 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

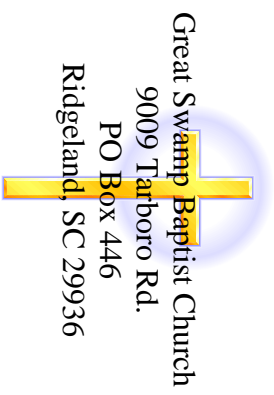
Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.**jehu27@gmail.com
 Music Director: **Richard Waitt**waittfamily@embarqmail.com
 Sunday School Director: **Wallace Malphrus**Josie6@embarqmail.com
 Pianist: **Michelle Waitt**waittfamily@embarqmail.com
 Administrative Assistant: **Sybil Reynolds**greatswampbc@gmail.com
 School 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 + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$3,281.52	\$4,973.36	-\$1,666.84
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$25.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Mission Fund</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$694.91
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	\$145.00	*****	\$1352.46
<i>WNS</i>	\$156.00	*****	\$303.35
<i>Special Events (Baccalaureate)</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$77.80
<i>SMB</i>	\$77.00	*****	\$400.00
<i>Youth Yard Sale (Camp)</i>	\$170.00	*****	\$2119.53
<i>OCC</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$224.83
<i>VBS</i>	\$10.40	*****	\$1550.36
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$1,707.57	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Janitorial</i>	\$500.00	*****	\$500.00
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$123.89	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$125.00	*****	-\$125.00
<i>SFCA Repairs</i>	\$42.52	*****	\$46.78
<i>SFCA Office</i>	\$11.20	*****	\$11.20

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.



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

Email: greatswampbc@gmail.com
Website: greatswampbaptistchurch.com
Church Office: (843) 726-3631