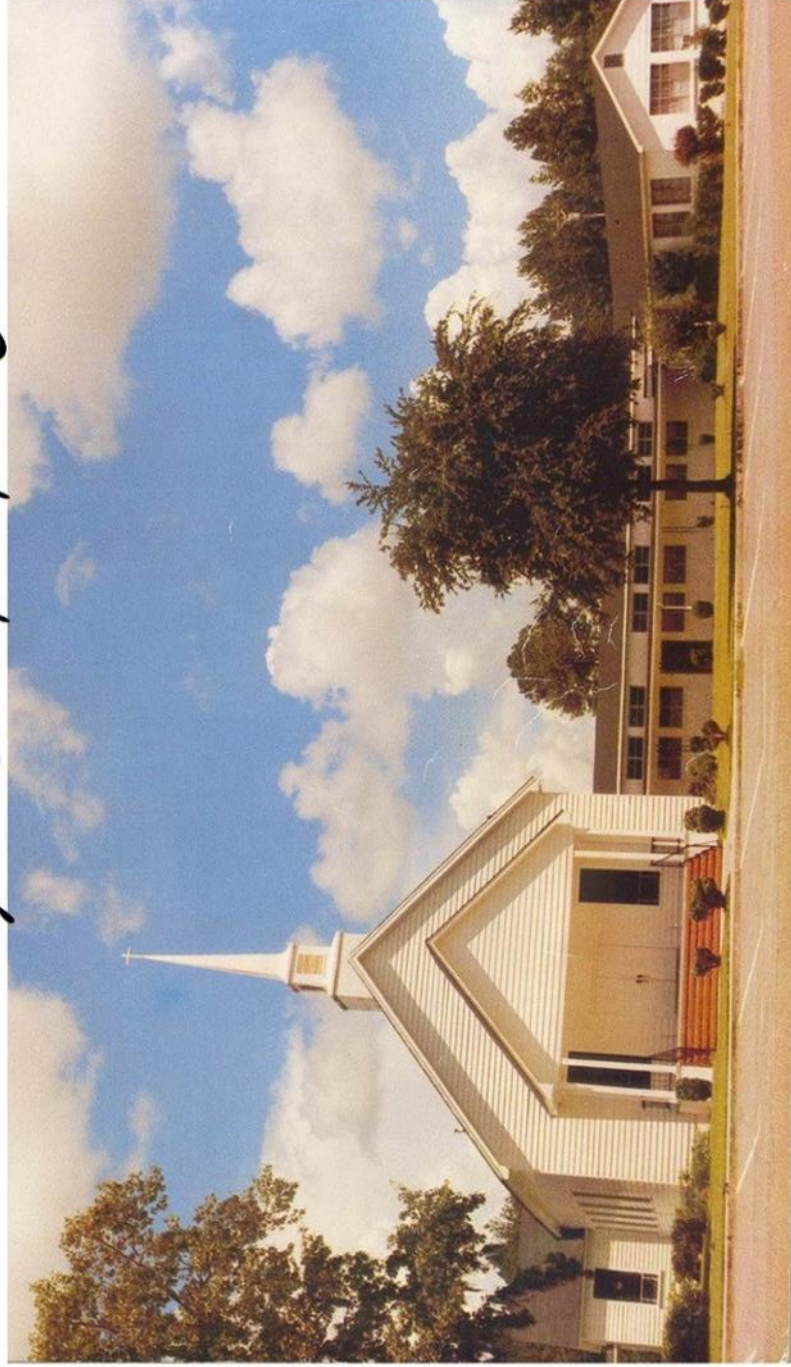


*Great Swamp Baptist Church*



*May 6, 2018*

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*Sunday Morning Worship*  
*11:00 AM*

**Prelude**

**The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Call to Worship**

Hymn # 516    *“When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”*

**Invocation**

*Wilbur Daley*

**Selections of Praise & Worship**

Hymn # 544    *“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It”*  
*“What A Beautiful Name”*

**We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Offertory Special

*Proclaimer’s Choir*  
*“Jesus Is Coming Soon”*

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction**



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



### Greeters

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

### Nursery Workers

*Today: Carol Davis / Taylor Daley*  
*Next Week: Vandy Amason / Natalie*



### Children's Church Helpers

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

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Wilbur Daley*  
843-305-0110

*Next Week: Mack Pope*  
843-726-2000



### Toll Committee

*For the month of May*  
*Alice Way*  
*Pat Malphrus*





*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

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

*Revelation 1:9-20*

*Intro: There are times that we have what we consider some amazing worship experiences that just seem to, as the expression goes, just blows us away.*

*Well, John had one of those worship experiences that literally blew him away, so to speak, and we have the privilege of enjoying the experience with him because he recorded for us to be able to know what he saw. If we had been there with him, we too would have been blown away as well. Let our prayer be that our study of this awesome worship experience will give us the sense of being there with John.*

*You know there is a very important lesson to learn from John's experience and that is that you will miss out on great experiences with God when you are not worshipping Him as John was doing on the Lord's day. The Bible says that God inhabits the praises of His people. So, as John was worshipping, the Holy Spirit took control of him. This allows John to hear the voice of Jesus. It also allowed him to see the vision of Jesus and finally it allowed him to understand the victory of Jesus Christ. Today, we will begin our study of the remainder of this chapter by examining the voice that John heard and in the following weeks we will look at the vision he saw and victory he revealed. I am simply calling these messages, "The Voice, The Vision, The Victory."*

### **I. First, let us take a look at the voice that John heard.**

*The first thing that John experienced during his unbelievable worship experience was that he heard a voice. Now, we know without any*

doubt that the voice, vision and victory belong to Jesus. We know this because, first, no one else could be described in the manner that John describes Him unless it is the glorious Son of God.

Second, however we know that this is Jesus because the context itself reveals that the voice, vision and victory belongs to Jesus. It doesn't mention His name Jesus in the verses that we are examining but they do give us a description that we know to be facts that only belong to Jesus. Verse seventeen tells us that this person is the one who is "the Living One." He is the One who was dead but is now, "alive forever and ever." Now, no one has conquered death but Jesus Christ our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

Now we learn an important lesson right here about the Book of Revelation and that is that when we find a vision or symbol in the book, keep reading because almost always the context will eventually have the answer to the vision or symbol we've read. If you don't find it in the immediate context then you will probably find it a chapter or two later. If not, then it can be found in the Word of God somewhere.

Now, let us examine what these verses tell us about the voice of our Blessed Lord that John heard.

**A. First, I want us to recognize that His voice was meant to be clearly recognized. (vs. 10,15)**

By this I mean that His voice was clearly heard. Regardless of the fact that John by this time, it's believed to be in his nineties possibly even a hundred, thus most likely hard of hearing, he had no problem picking our Savior's voice. To John, it sounded like a trumpet was being played, or as he said in verse fifteen, like the sound of rushing waters.

Both of these sounds are very familiar to me. I grew up in the mountains around many waterfalls and my daughter Amanda played the trumpet in band.

Now trumpets were used for many, many years to get people's attention that either someone of great importance was coming through or was about to speak. What this tells us is that the Lord is speaking loudly because He wants us to understand that He and His message is to be taken seriously. He is not just a person of renown but rather He tops the scale of all who are considered renown. As a matter of fact, no one else is even in the same boat. Therefore, He must have our attention.

The rushing water reminds us of being near a large water fall. When you are close to one the only voice you hear is the falls themselves. So, it is that Jesus is letting us know that the only voice we need to hear is His. It is the only one that matters. Are you listening? Are

you paying attention?

Also, I believe that His voice is loud because He wants all to hear His message. Our Lord is not trying to hide Himself. No, He is speaking loudly. As a matter of fact, He's been speaking loudly for a long time. All the way back to the Book of Psalm, we are reminded from King David that, "The heavens declare the glory of God. The skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day, they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. "There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." (Ps. 19:1-4)

So His voice is heard in creation loudly. It is heard from His Word strongly. It is heard from His people and finally it is heard through His Spirit. Oh, praise His name that HE cares enough to get His voice out to all of us. Help all to be good listeners.

**B. Second, I want us to recognize that His voice was to be recorded and was recorded. (vs. 11,19)**

The Lord told John to write down what he saw on a scroll. This was the first of twelve times in the Book of Revelation that he was told to write down what he saw and heard. So, once again, God is saying that what He was saying was to be taken so seriously that it had to be written down.

Also, it was written down not only to indicate that the Lord's message was totally serious, but also so that the message wouldn't be forgotten and so the message could be passed on down to following generations until Jesus comes back again.

Eventually what John recorded from the things he saw and heard and experienced became a part, as a matter of fact the closing part, of God's Holy Word, the Bible. So, when we open the pages of the Book of Revelation and as people we must, we do with excitement because this blessed book came from the Lord and we do in a serious manner. Also, Because John is recording what he received from the Lord God Almighty. This blessed book we call the Bible should and should alone be our only source of authority. Oh, praise be to our blessed Lord that He made sure that His Word was recorded for our benefit.

**C. Third, I want us to recognize that His voice was and is meant to be read.**

God told John to write down what he saw and send it to the seven churches in Asia Minor. Now the question is, what were those churches suppose to do with these writings that John sent them? Were they suppose to place them in a good canister and then display that canister in some kind of see through display and then allow the people to parade by and say wow we got to see the canister that holds the sacred writings that the Apostle John received from the Lord.

Well, obviously we know that's not the reason why John sent the letters to the churches. Yet that's how we often treat not only the Book of



*Revelation but the whole Bible. It is only meant to be for display purposes. Well, of course, it is not. It is meant to be read, studied, preached and lived. In our present chapter, we are told, "blessed is the one who reads the Words of this prophesy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it because the time is near." (1:3)*

*Also, in the last chapter of the Book, God told John, "Do not seal up the words of the prophesy of this book because the time is near." (22:10)*

*In other words, don't put it in a display but rather record it; read it; share it; and be blessed by it. Are you reading and sharing it?*

**Fourth, I want us to recognize that His voice ultimately is meant to bring redemption. (vs. 12,17-18)**

*John, when he heard the voice and saw the visions, he fell on his face fearing for his very life. However, the Lord reached over to John with His right hand touching him 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." (vs. 17-18) So, as we see from this God is primarily speaking the words of the Book of Revelation and the words of the entire Bible because He wants to draw all men unto Him. He wants to bring redemption to their lives.*

*Concl. So, let us read this book and share this book and preach this book so that it will lead people to the One who was dead but now is alive forevermore giving eternal life to those who call upon Him for redemption.*

*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.*

## Graduation Recognition

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

*Forms in foyer.*

*Please See Michelle Wait for more info.*



# SFCA UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Muffins For Moms**

*Friday, May 11th @ 8:30am / MPB*

## **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**

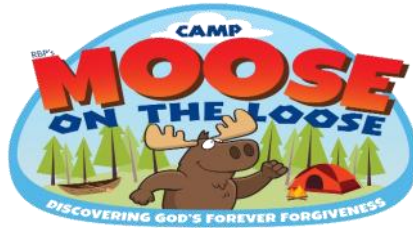
*Thursday, May 24th @ 8:30am*

## **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 6, 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*  
*Betty Nettles*  
*Annette Cleland*

### 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)*

#### **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)*  
*Erma Cooler (4/12)*  
*Wilbur Daley (4/12)*  
*Kimberlyn Malphrus (4/12)*  
*Elena Brannen (4/12)*  
*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)*

#### **Special Requests**

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

## Pray For Our Military



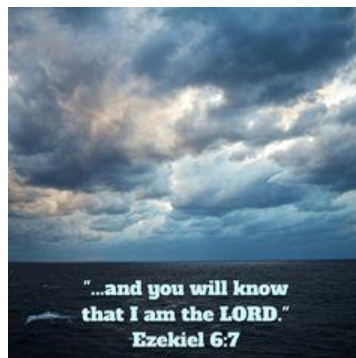
*Bobby Emerson– South Korea-Army*  
*Jared Blanton-Fort Benning*  
*Isaac Martin Malphrus Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard*  
*Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines*  
*Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force / Oklahoma City. OK*

## 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 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*



Baked Chicken  
Potato Salad  
Green Beans  
Dessert  
Tea & Coffee  
Dorthie Armstrong  
Cooking Team



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

## This Weeks Birthdays

*May 6th*                      *Josh Ford*  
*May 10th*                     *Amy O'Connor*  
                                      *Tony Roberts*  
*May 11th*                     *Reggie Huskey*

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 7th*      *Gentry & Diane Thames*

## 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.*

# Announcements



**Deacons Meeting**  
Monday, May 7th

**Grandmother's Group**  
Tuesday, May 8th  
Mother's Day Meeting  
Bring pictures of your mothers  
11:30am



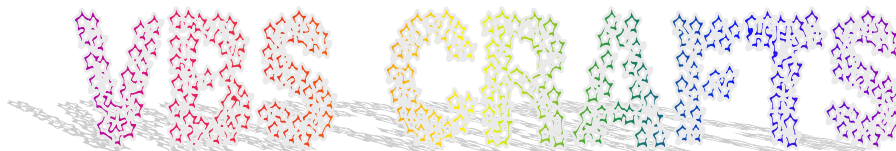
**Business Conference**  
Wednesday, May 9th

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



**Muffins For Mom**  
Friday, May 11th  
8:30 am

**Watchman Prayer Group**  
Saturday, May 12th @ 8:00 am



*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 &amp; General Budget</i>	\$3,231.95	\$4,973.36	-\$1,741.41
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$25.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$1,250.00	*****	\$1,649.50
<i>Cemetery Maint.</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$110.00
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$177.00	*****	\$230.50
<i>Special Events (McDougal's)</i>	\$430.50	*****	\$17.80
<i>SMB</i>	\$71.00	*****	\$245.00
<i>Seniors</i>	\$120.00	*****	\$1,207.46

## Gifts

*A Gift of \$100.00 was given to the Benevolence Fund in Memory of Betty Nettles (Former Class Teacher) by the Gleaners SS Class.*

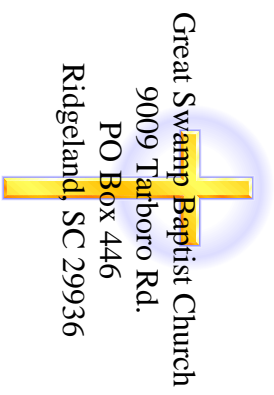
## Online Giving

*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.*

## Recommendation

*The Nominating Committee recommends to the church for Wallace Malphrus to be the Sunday School Director for the 2018-2019 church year. It will be voted on at the May Business Meeting.*





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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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