

*Great Swamp*  
BAPTIST CHURCH



*July 15, 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 # 514 "When We All Get To Heaven"*

*Special Song*

*Olivia Stanley*

*"If It Had Not Been For The Lord"*

## **Invocation**

*Mack Pope, Jr.*

## **Selections of Praise & Worship**

*"Your Words"*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Special Music

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invitation**

## **Benediction**



### Greeters

*Today: Latrelle Steedly / Krey Lowther*  
*Next Week: Annette Malphrus / Krey Lowther*

### Nursery Workers

*Today: Anita Blanton / Alyssa*

*Next Week: Carol Davis / Taylor Daley*



### Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff*

*Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Mack Pope, Jr.*

*843-726-2000*

*Next Week: Robert O'Dell*

*843-422-9521*



### Toll Committee

*For the month of July*

*Latrelle Steedly*

*Dorthie Armstrong*





*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

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

*Revelation 1:9-20*

*Intro: We've examined for several weeks these verses under the heading, The Voice, The Vision, The Victory. It has been an extremely exciting study for me. Today, however, we are going to try and wrap up our study of these verses so that we can move on further into the Book. We will look at the final way in which the church experiences victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. There are no victories apart from Christ but through Christ there are truly more than we can count. So, let us say with the Apostle Paul, "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 15:57). So, let us now examine the final reason that victory belongs to the church.*

**G. Seventh, let us notice that victory belongs to the church because of the purity that has and will be given to the church.**

*The Word of God is quite clear that God has a definite standard for His church. Now this standard is extremely important not only because the Lord tells us what is expected of us but most importantly the same standard that He lays out for the church is the same standard that applies to Himself. In other words, He is telling us to become what He already and has always been. So, you ask what exactly is that standard that belongs to Jesus and is expected of us? Well, the answer is quite clear. The Lord is calling on His church to be pure and holy just as He is.*

*Listen to just a few of the many verses that reveal this standard that God laid out for us and that He is. I Peter 1:13-16, "therefore prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who has called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"*

*Eph. 5:25-27, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."*

*Heb. 12:4-10, "In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: 'My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son.' Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined and everyone undergoes discipline, then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live. Our father disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness."*

*Now in our present set of verses you may be thinking where does the purity come from that you are referring to? Well, the answer is found again in the Vision of Christ that John experienced. John saw that Christ's head and hair was white like wool and snow. He also saw that Christ's eyes were like blazing fire. We find a similar description of God in the Old Testament. Daniel 7:9-14, "As I looked, thrones were set in place and the Ancient of Days took His seat. His clothing was white as snow; the hair of His head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before Him. Thousands upon thousands attended Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated and the books were opened. Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.) In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."*

*So, the Spirit of God obviously went back to this Old Testament description of God to reveal to John that Jesus Christ is God in all of His power, authority, perfection, purity, holiness and wisdom, which therefore, makes Him alone the only one who is properly qualified to cleanse us; purify us; and discipline us. He does all these things so that like Him we too will become pure and holy as He is.*

*It is the color of His head and hair and the blazing appearance of His eyes that let us know that He has total and complete wisdom and at the same time the ability to penetrate into our very heart, soul and mind. So, with the wisdom He has and the ability to penetrate our very spirits, gives Him the ability to know our short comings and what He needs to do to move us into the direction of purity. Listen to the words of Dr. Oliver Green. "In verse 14, the Spirit describes the head and the hair of the Son of man. His head and hairs were white like wool, as white as the driven snow. His eyes were as a flame of fire. This person is the 'Ancient of Days' (Dan. 7:9). Divine wisdom in all of its perfection and absolute purity...as pure as God Himself...is set forth and symbolized in the dazzling snow-white hair of the Son of man. His eyes like unto flames of fire...burning, penetrating, searching...exposing all sin and evil, no matter how thoroughly covered it may be. Who could hope to escape the scrutiny of those burning eyes of fire seen by John?"*

*Also, when we see that, "His voice was like the sound of rushing water," thus indicating that He means business. He is not playing around. He means for us to be holy and pure and that what He is speaking loud about. Also, it means that because of His wisdom to know all things and His ability to penetrate our very being then He speaks to our lives to work on the areas that are sinful and to shore up the areas of righteousness.*

*Listen, Peter reminds us that, "judgment began with the household of God." (I Pet. 4:17). Also, John tells us that the Lord is going to pull out the pruning knife. Let us rejoice in the great victory. However, you maybe thinking this doesn't sound like victory to me. Oh, but it is because without the purity and holiness we would never be able to see God. So, praise be to our Lord that He is making His church pure and holy.*

*Concl. In closing, let me say that the church has victory because Jesus will not only judge and purify the church but He will also judge and destroy the wicked. He has in His mouth a double edge sword. They were designed for the purpose of killing the enemy effectively. So, by His very words, He will slay His enemies and have total and complete victory and we will reign with Him. Oh, praise be to our blessed Lord. Along with this, His face shines like the sun in all of its' brilliance because He was, is and will ever be the sovereign, victorious God.*

*Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

[Marriage Conference]   
**Look Up Lodge**  
lookuplodge.com



Two houses sit beside each other in a neighborhood. They look very differently from one another. But when the foundations were laid, they looked almost identical. This is the basic idea behind our marriage conference. Sometimes your marriage is your marriage - the way you communicate, the way you show affection, the way you handle conflict all may be very different from your neighbor. However the foundation of every great marriage is very much the same. It must be built on at least a few foundational principles if it's going to survive, let alone rise above the storms of life. These principles are: *understanding real love, understanding the differing values of sex between men and women, and understanding the basic principles of lasting change.* These are some of the principles we will be focusing on during our marriage weekend.

## Details:

<b>Dates:</b>	October 12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$139.00 per couple
<b>Days:</b>	Friday - Sunday	<b>Deposit:</b>	\$69.50 [50% of total cost] NON-REFUNDABLE
<b>Arrival Time:</b>	Friday around 6pm [Dinner at 6:30pm]	<b>Balance Due:</b>	Upon Arrival
<b>Departure Time:</b>	Sunday around 1pm	<b>Includes:</b>	Food, Lodging & Conference
<b>Reservations:</b>	(864) 836-6392	<b>Address:</b>	100 Look Up Lodge Rd. Travelers Rest, SC 29690
<b>Reservation Name:</b>	Great Swamp	<b>Taylor Daley:</b>	(843) 505-7066 or tdaley2017@gmail.com
<b>Forms Due:</b>	Upon Arrival		

"Please see Taylor Daley for any questions  
(843) 505-7066 or  
[tdaley2017@gmail.com](mailto:tdaley2017@gmail.com)".



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



# Announcements

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the  
Old Parsonage  
Thursday, July 19th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group  
Saturday, July 21st @ 8:00 am*

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



*July 17th Thomas & Erma Cooler  
Donnie & Burnette Pinckney*

*July 21st Fred & Pam Stanley  
Alex & Sophia Sineath*

**Congratulations!**

**Levi  
Jerry  
Malphrus**

*Teays Valley High School  
Ashville, Ohio*

July 1, 2018







## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Where Love Wins Big!*

### Small Group Meeting on Sunday Mornings - anyone welcome

Where: Mobile unit by playground

When: ....

Come at 9:30am and enjoy coffee, snacks and social time

9:45am prayer concerns

10:00am start study entitled "I am a Church Member"

Nursery will be provided.

### **Deacon Election List—2018**

*On Sunday, August 5, 2018, during Morning Worship Services, we will select a deacon to serve until 2021. If you wish to have your name removed from the following list or your name has been accidentally omitted, please contact the church office @ 843-726-3631.*

*Bill Carter*

*Michael Daley*

*Wilbur Daley*

*Keith Gamo*

*Kevin Malphrus*

*Paul Malphrus*

*Wallace Malphrus*

*Alex Sineath*

*Jason Smoak*

*Tony Standard*

*Fredrick Stanley*

*Gary Way*

### **Deacon Rotation**

*Wilbur Daley*

# GSBC Prayer Pages July 15, 2018

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

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

*Ministries*  
*Outreach Ministry*  
*Nominating Committee*  
*Bjo Mills-Missionary Trip*  
*Robin Holmes-Missionary Trip*

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

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

**Bereavement**  
*Dale Thornton*  
*Lonnie Cleland*  
*Theresa Cozart*

## Hospitals

*N/A*

## Special Requests

*N/A*

## Surgery / Recovery

*Judy Smith (7/12)*  
*Gary Sons (6/21)*  
*David Raines (6/21)*  
*Joyce Sutler (7/12)*

## Cancer / Treatments

*Mitzi Cramer (6/28)*  
*Allen Perry (6/28)*  
*Jane Chapman (6/28)*  
*Rickey Tindal (6/21)*  
*Becky Broxton (6/21)*  
*Jeanie Raven (6/21)*  
*Tom Hiers (7/12)*  
*Bertha Kinard (6/28)*

## Nursing Centers

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

## Other Health Needs

### Called to Ministry

*Chris Carter & Family*

*Wallace Roberts (6/28)*  
*Vera Floyd (6/28)*  
*Dot Tindal (6/21)*  
*Bonnie Pope (6/28)*  
*Bobby Mohn (6/21)*  
*Rodney Malphrus, Sr. (6/28)*  
*Cathryn Daley (7/12)*

*Nicole Cole (6/28)*  
*Gary Sons (6/28)*  
*Mervin & Diane Coker (6/28)*  
*Wallace Roberts (6/28)*  
*Marie Malphrus (7/12)*  
*Vera Miles (7/12)*

### Expecting / Births

*Amanda Fletcher*

## 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*

*Michael Sottile-Depolyed*

*Owen White-Fort Benning*

### 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  
Ellen Langford*

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



*Prayer is the humbling of oneself before authority (God) for one's life. Self must yield to the greater purposes of God. Only prayer can bring us to this submission.*

*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  
752 Great Swamp Rd.  
Ridgeland, SC 29936*

## 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.*

## Reminder

*There will be  
NO*

*Sunday Morning Breakfast or Wednesday Night Suppers  
during the summer months. Meals will resume  
the 1st week of September.*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

# Senior Celebration

August 16, 2018—10:00 am

Port Royal Baptist Church



## *Celebrating Friends*



*"What a friend we have in Jesus"*

Meet new friends, say hello to old ones. Enjoy fellowship, music, inspiration, door prizes and a delicious meal. Surely hope to see you there. Call Cindy Rhodes for more information or to register: 843-726-8294

**Savannah River Baptist Association**

Sign Up Sheet is in Foyer  
*Transportation will be provided for the Senior  
Adult Celebration in August.*

**Darlington Raceway Ministries**

PO Box 500, Darlington, South Carolina 29540

vgilbert@darlingtonraceway.com



**Bring-A-Kid Race Day at Darlington**

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018

Rally - 11:00 AM - Gate 34

Cost \$20.00 per person

Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200



Dear Fellow Christians,

Darlington Raceway has invited us to have our Bring-A-Kid event at the Saturday race again this year! We are so excited and hope that you will be too. Once again, our seats will be reserved. We recommend that you order early so you don't miss this great opportunity of only \$20 per ticket. Any tickets ordered after the deadline will be \$25 each.

**The deadline for reservations will be August 3, 2018**, so order early to allow for sufficient time to make seat assignments, print tickets and order lunches (each ticket comes with a coupon for a drink and hot dog at any Americrown Concession inside the track). **Please plan to arrive in time to attend the rally at 11:00 am, pick-up your tickets and be in the stands for qualifying scheduled at 12:00 noon.** We will once again enter the track through Gate 34 and gather at the top of the hill to the left.

As of this writing, guests for our rally are still being chosen. We look forward to seeing you at this year's Bring A Kid, ready and willing to share God's love with the lost.

**We hope that you can be in attendance as we continue our second quarter century of sharing Christ with NASCAR fans at the track "Too Tough To Tame".**

Serving Christ together,

James Sanderson  
Bring A Kid Coordinator

Acceptable items to bring: ear plugs, seat cushions, hats, soft-sided coolers no larger than 14"x14"x14" (no umbrellas, please). If you have any questions or need additional info, please call Vicki Gilbert, Darlington Raceway Ticket Manager, at (843) 395-8857 (Mon-Fri, 9 am to 5 pm).

**Sign Up Sheet is in the Foyer**



## 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>	<i>\$3,842.51</i>	<i>\$4,973.36</i>	<i>-\$ 905.85</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$225.00</i>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$1,916.46</i>
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	<i>\$56.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$279.11</i>
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$10.00</i>
<i>OCC</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$532.40</i>



### Men's Quarterly Meeting & Meal

Thursday, July 19th @ 7:00 pm

*All men are encouraged to attend for a good time to enjoy a great free meal, fellowship, and devotion.*


*Guest Speaker: Woody Oliver, Director of Missions, SRBA*

*Please invite someone to attend with you and*

*Remember, Jesus Loves You and so do we.*

*Sign Up sheet is in Foyer.*





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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