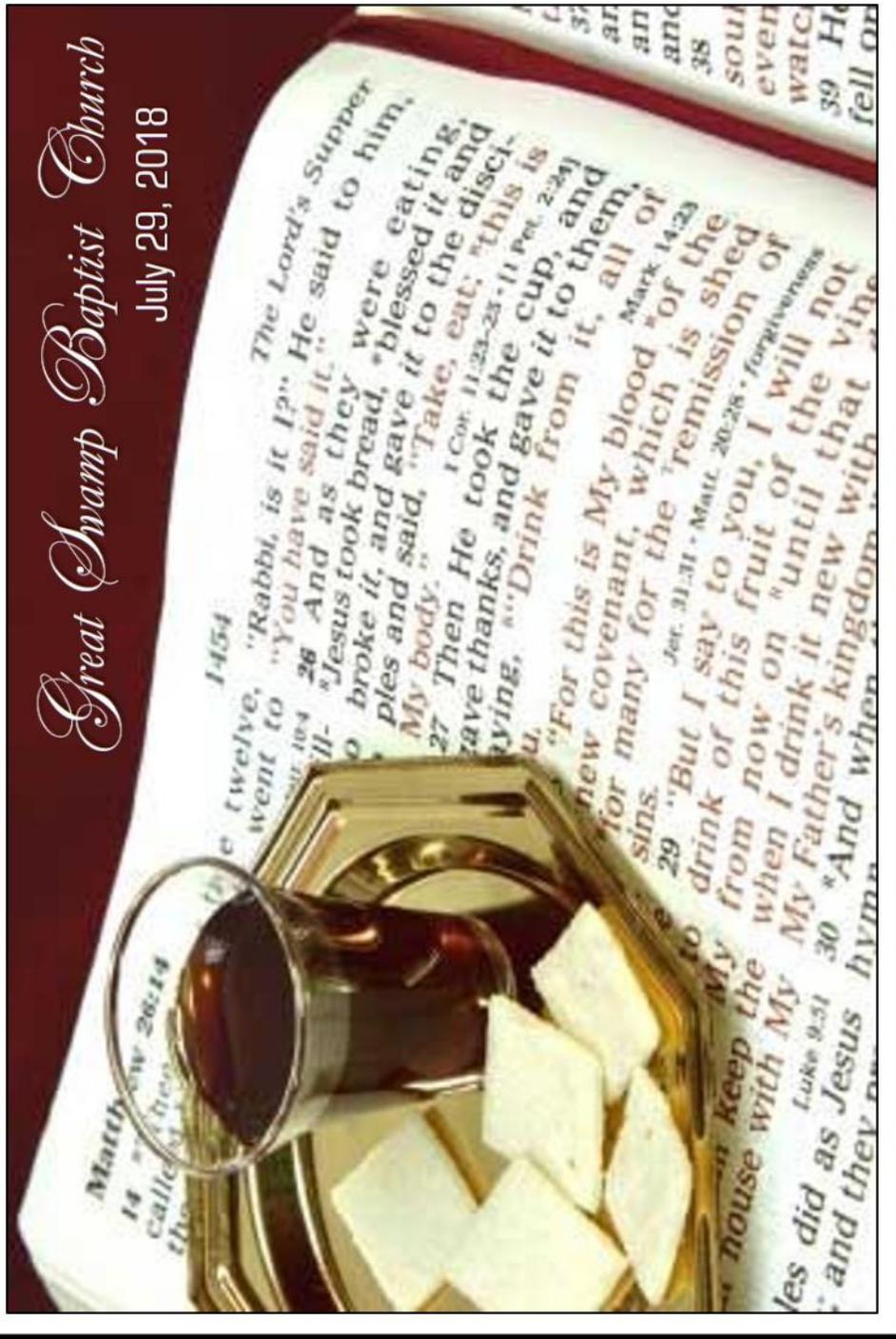


Great Swamp Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Wilbur Daley

Call to Worship

“In Christ Alone”

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn #144 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Wilbur Daley

Special Music

Joyce Gamo

“In Remembrance of Me”

Message

Wilbur Daley

Invitation

Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper

Benediction



Greeters

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

Nursery Workers

Today: Vandy Amazon / Natalie

Next Week: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff

Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Duane Armstrong

843-726-6795

Next Week: Wilbur Daley

843-305-0110



Toll Committee

For the month of August

Helen Malphrus

Anita Blanton



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Rich Church

Revelation 2:8-11

Intro: The City of Smyrna was a very large seaport town. The population was around 200,000 people. Because the city had a very large seaport, it was a very wealthy city.

It not only was a wealthy city but it also was a very religious city. I need to, though right away, clarify what I mean by that. There were many temples to many fake gods that the Romans worshipped. However, the one religion that was the most well known in Smyrna was the one that worshipped the Emperor of Rome. The people of Smyrna religiously honored and worshipped the Emperor with yearly sacrifices and often referred to him as lord.

It was in the midst of this wealthy and religious city that our Lord describes the church in a way that you would think that it is a fitting description. He said of them, "...you are rich." Well it is a wealthy city therefore it is a wealthy church.

However, Jesus also states the fact that they were experiencing extreme poverty. Economically, they were on the bottom of the scale. They were absolutely destitute when it comes to finances.

There are most likely a couple of reasons why they were so poor. First, because the members of the church originally came from families that were already poor. Secondly, and probably a significant reason why, was because as part of their punishment and persecution for their faith in Christ, they were either let go of their good jobs or no one would hire them.

So, the question is which was it? Were they poor or were they rich? Well, the answer is both. They were poor economically but gloriously rich in other ways. As a matter of fact, rich is the only way that really matters. As we will find out later on, the church at Laodicea was extremely wealthy financially but Jesus went on to say that they were, "...wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked." so, economic wealth is not necessarily a sign of spiritual wealth.

Therefore, we need to ask the question, what made the poverty stricken church of Smyrna so rich? Why are they the rich church?

I. First, the church at Smyrna was rich because of whom their Christ was, is and will ever be. (vs. 8).

The Church at Smyrna was under intense persecution. It appears evidentially that there probably wasn't a day to go by without the Believers at Smyrna experiencing some kind of battle over their faith. Jesus mentions their afflictions, slander, persecution, imprisonment and finally martyrdom. All of these things just mentioned would be enough to make anyone want to quit.

However, the church at Smyrna referred to quit because the Christ they served and we serve is greater than all their battles, afflictions, persecutions, sufferings, imprisonments and, yes, even death. For He is the One who is the first and last. He is the One who died and came to life again.

Jesus is saying to the church at Smyrna, in spite of what you are facing, hold your head high and stay the course because I Am it. I'm the first and last meaning, I the Eternal One, and I am the only One who used death to death to bring about eternal forgiveness for all who believes and I am the only One who conquered the grave and arose from the dead. So, no matter what they do to you because of Who I am, I will fix it. Because I live you, too, will live even if you are martyred for your faith.

I am reminded of what Paul said to the church at Thessalonica. He said, "Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him." (I Thess. 4:13-14) The non-believers who were persecuting the church at Smyrna were without hope because of their unbelief. But the church because of their Christ had and has eternal hope. Not that is rich!

II. Second, the church at Smyrna was rich because of what their Christ knew. (vs. 9).

One or a couple of phrases that we don't like to say or hear is I don't know or I wish I knew. Without knowledge, we live in fear. However, with knowledge, we can move forward.

The church at Smyrna lacked a lot of knowledge about what was going to happen to them. I mean they did know some things such as the fact that they were facing persecution and that it was going to get even more intense. However, what they didn't know was where, the specifics, such as when, where and how. Yet in spite of that they remained extremely faithful. You ask how did they do that? Well, the answer is clear

that, even though they didn't know, they knew that their Christ knew.

He knew everything about what was happening to them. He knew their afflictions, their poverty; their persecutions, their imprisonment and yes, He knew of their martyrdom. He, also, knew who their enemies were from the secular pagans to the biggest enemy of all, Satan. Jesus never once said, oops, I didn't see that coming. He never said I didn't know this was going to happen to them. No, He knew it all.

Now, it doesn't really help to have someone to know these things but can't do anything about them. Oh, praise our blessed Lord, He not only knows but because of Who He is He can and will ultimately use His knowledge to make all things right for the Child of God. If not here, then, clearly the moment He brings us to glory. Besides, with His knowledge of all things, He also is able to make it all turn out for His glory and our good. (Rom. 8:28).

III. Third, the church at Smyrna was rich because of How their Christ saved them.

One of the knowledge's that Christ had of the church at Smyrna which I didn't mention was His knowledge of their absolute faithfulness to them. It was with this knowledge that allowed Him to not say one condemning thing about them. Therefore, as one author I read said, "The name of the city, Smyrna, means 'myrrh.'" and ordinary perfume. It was also used in the anointing oil of the tabernacle, and in embalming dead bodies (cf. Ex. 30:23; Ps. 45:8; song 3:6; Matt. 2:11; Mark 15:23; John 19:39). While the Christians of the church at Smyrna were experiencing the bitterness of suffering, their faithful testimony was like myrrh or sweet perfume to God."

When God's people are faithful in their commitment and testimony for Christ, they are to Him like a sweet fragrance.

IV. Fourth, the church at Smyrna was rich because of what their Christ would do for them.

In a nutshell, what He would do for them is wrapped up in the word deliverance. Because of Who He was and what He knew and what He thought of them,. He will ultimately deliver them from their fears, their afflictions, their persecutions, their enemies, especially our most fiercest enemy of all, Satan, himself, who was then and now, seeking to devour the people of God. Ultimately he will fail and the people of God will resurrect to live forever in God's Great Kingdom absent of all the hardships of this life. We will be given a crown of life and we will escape the second death.

When Jesus mentioned that they would be imprisoned for ten days, He was indicating that their sufferings are only temporary. Satan is allowed a little wiggle room but then he brought into check. He has power but it is limited but our Jesus has all power in Heaven and earth. So, the power of evil is not the final power. One author said, "NO, Jesus' power is the final power and that is the power on the side

of the Child of God.

Concl. So, hang tight dear Child of God. Whatever gets thrown at you for your commitment to Jesus will in the end be made right5 because the Jesus we serve and know is "the First and Last, who died and came to life again."

Will Jesus say of us that to Him because of our faithfulness in the midst of affliction that we are to Him like a sweet fragrance and aroma to Him?

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:

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

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

Announcements

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, August 2nd @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, August 4th @ 8:00 am*



<i>July 29th</i>	<i>Nicole Cole</i>
<i>July 30th</i>	<i>Josh Carter</i>
<i>August 1st</i>	<i>Gage Duncan</i>
<i>August 4th</i>	<i>David Bradley</i>



July 29th *Frankie & Margie Malphrus*
Jimmie & Amanda Anderson



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

Rodney Malphrus, Sr.

Michael Daley

Jason Smoak

Wilbur Daley

Tony Standard

Keith Gamo

Fredrick Stanley

Kevin Malphrus

Deacon Rotation

Wilbur Daley

GSBC Prayer Pages July 29, 2018

Church Needs
Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter

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

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

Bereavement
Family of
Wallace Roberts

Hospitals

Gary Way-BMH
Ann Blocker-BMH
Dot Tindal-BMH
Brenda Beckett-BMH

Special Requests

N/A

Surgery / Recovery

Judy Smith (7/12)
David Raines (7/19)
Joyce Sutler (7/12)
Joyce Pope (7/19)

Cancer / Treatments

Mitzi Cramer (7/26)
Allen Perry (7/26)
Jane Chapman (7/26)
Becky Broxton (7/19)
Jeanie Raven (7/19)
Tom Hiers (7/12)
Jimmy Mixson (7/19)

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

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

Other Health Needs

Expecting / Births

Amanda Fletcher

Dot Tindal (7/19)
Bonnie Pope (6/28)
Bobby Mohn (7/19)
Rodney Malphrus, Sr. (7/26)
Cathryn Daley (7/12)
Savanna Spikes (7/19)

Marie Malphrus (7/12)
Vera Miles (7/12)
Jessica DuBose (7/19)



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

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
Vera Floyd*

*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*



Gideon was taught by God to place numbers in its proper perspective. In god's economy less is more. He knows more of me makes less of Him and less of me makes more of Him. Prayer shapes one to do god's work through His power. Prayer is His power.

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
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*
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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*

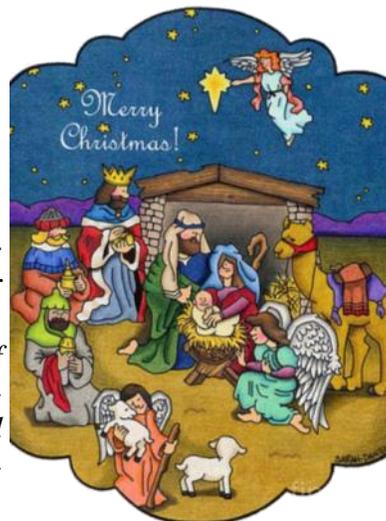
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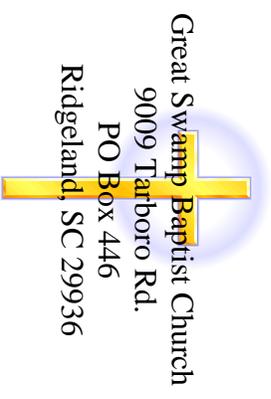
Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	<i>\$3615.00</i>	<i>\$4,973.36</i>	<i>-\$ 1,333.36</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	<i>\$269.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$2,485.46</i>
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	<i>\$9.00</i>	<i>*****</i>	<i>\$602.03</i>

Needed

Items

The GA's have been asked to collect old Christmas Cards for a project for Operation Christmas Child this year. They need approximately 100 cards. If you have any that you would like to donate, please see one of the GA's or Call Debra Daley for more info @ 843-305-0347.





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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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