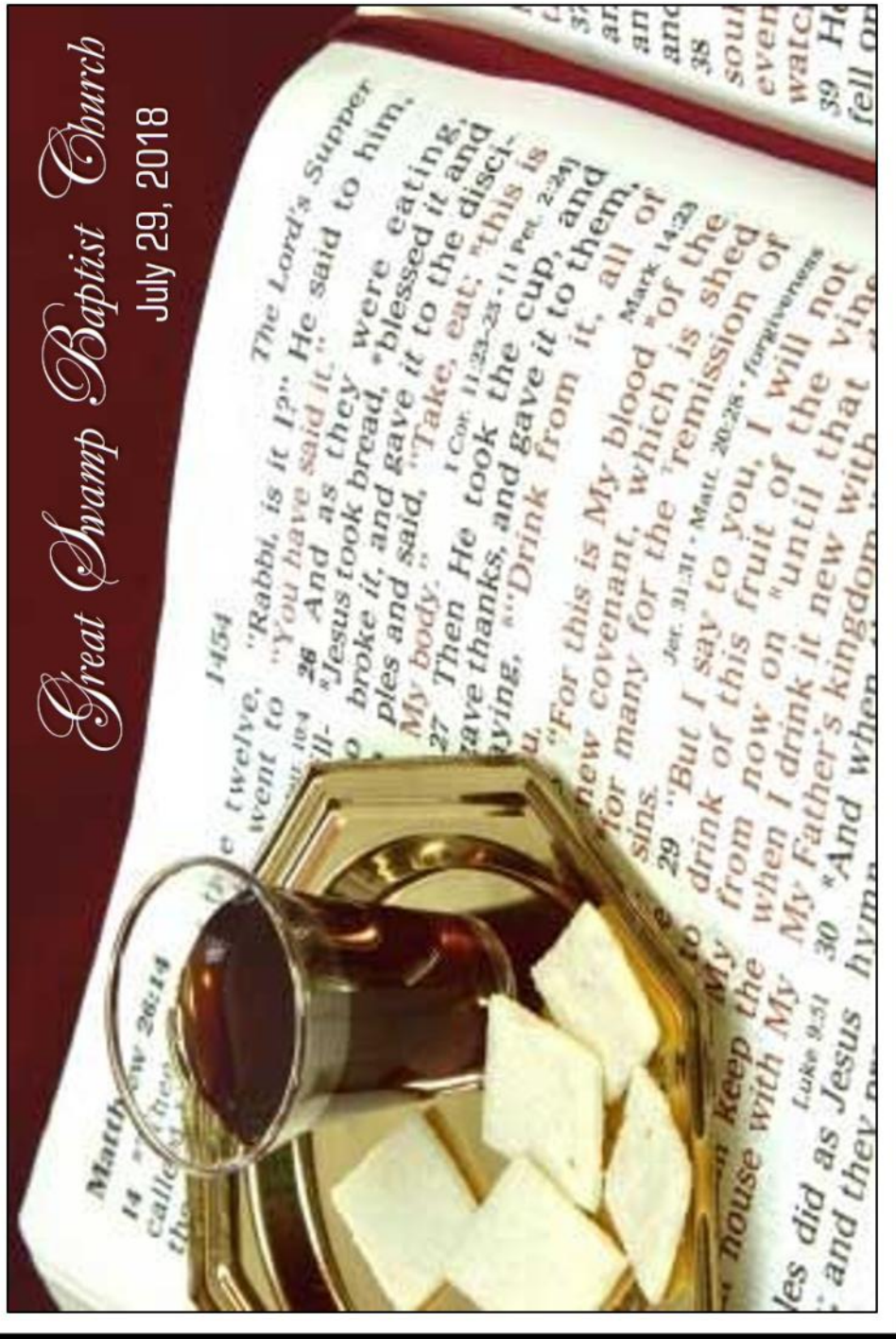


# Great Swamp Baptist Church

July 29, 2018



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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 right 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:

<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)".

# 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

*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*

**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*

**Expecting / Births**  
*Amanda Fletcher*

**Other Health Needs**  
*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*  
*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*

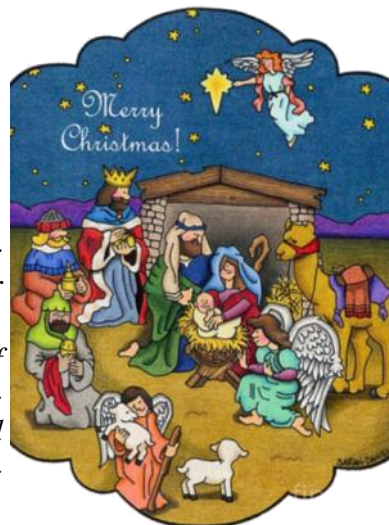
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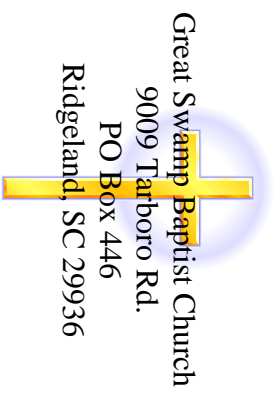
Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes &amp; General Budget</i>	\$3615.00	\$4,973.36	-\$ 1,333.36
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$25.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	\$269.00	*****	\$2,485.46
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$9.00	*****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





*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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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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