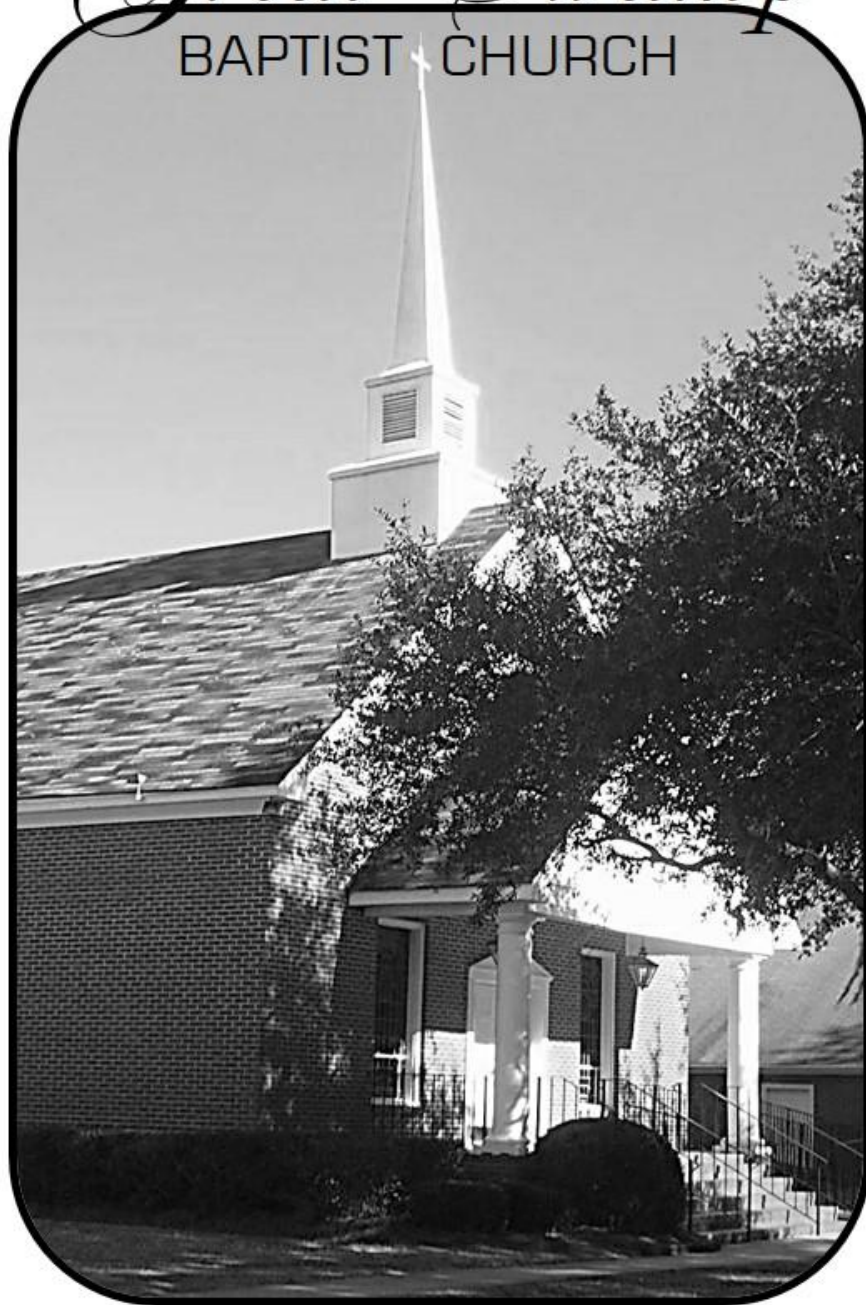


Great Swamp
BAPTIST CHURCH



August 26, 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 #334 "Blessed Assurance"

Invocation

Bjo Mills

Selections of Praise & Worship

"10,000 Reasons"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Special Music

GSBC Praise Band

"Who You Say I Am"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

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

Nursery Workers

Today: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges

Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley

Next Week: Emma Mingledorff / Kaylee Standard

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Bjo Mills

843-726-4344

Next Week: Duane Armstrong

843-726-6795



Toll Committee

For the month of September

Alice Way

Pat Malphrus



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Tolerant Church

(Rev. 2:18-29)

Intro: When many years ago I was considering the possibility of starting a new church somewhere, I attended some conferences on starting new churches. At one of those conferences, we spent about three days together. At the end of this particular conference we voted on who would be the most likely to start a new church and who would be the least likely to start a new church. Well, hands down, I was voted the least likely to ever begin a new church. Now I think one of the reasons why I may have been voted down was because I couldn't necessarily agree on the kind of things that some would be willing to do in order to get people to attend your new church. One man told us at one conference that he would bring a six pack to their Bible Study. Once, however, you begin down a slippery slope like that you open the door to other questionable things and soon the church looks no different than the world.

Jesus did not start the church to be another country club of the world. No, Jesus started the church to raise up a bride unto Himself that is pure and Holy. (Eph. 5:27). Therefore, churches need to focus on how to do that under the Lord's leadership instead of trying to mix in with the ways of the world.

The church at Thyatira was a very tolerant church. As a matter of fact, they were extremely, over-tolerant. Therefore, our Blessed Lord had to call them down in some very strong terms. So, let us examine exactly what He expects us not to tolerate.

I. First, let us notice the person addressing the tolerant church of Thyatira. (vs. 18).

"These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze." now this is the only place in the entire Book of Revelation where the title Son of God is mentioned. Therefore since this is the only place we discover it, then we are to stop and really take it seriously.

As the Son of God has all authority so the church at Thyatira and churches of today need to understand that the only truth is His truth.

The only proper actions and behavior are the ones He approves. In other words, the Son of God is not to be challenged in anyway because He is the Son of God. We need to unequivocally listen to His instructions and heed them or else.

Now, as the Son of God, He has the ability to penetrate into the very depths of our being and know what we are thinking and see how we are behaving. Also, as the Son of God, His feet being like burnished bronze, He has the means to carry our crushing judgment when He needs to.

So, since Jesus is the Son of God, and as the Son of God with His eyes, He can penetrate into our very being and with His burnished bronze, He is able to bring judgment . We need to recognize no other authority other than the authority of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

II. Second, let us notice the positive found in the tolerant church at Thyatira. (vs. 9)

Now, of course, we are going to look a little later at the things the church at Thyatira tolerated. However, the Lord also reveals to us in this verse that they tolerated and not only tolerated but whole heartedly encouraged. As a matter of fact, Jesus points out in the previous churches that none of them were commended for what the church at Thyatira was commended for. So the question is, what was the thing that Jesus commends them for which He condemned the church at Ephesus of loving? Well the answer is growing love. Their love for Jesus and the things of the Lord had continued to grow.

Then that love which continued to grow turned into acts and deeds of love. They were faithful to carry out acts of love for one another and for the cause of Christ. They were persevering in their service to our Lord into His love.

So, the question we need to ask ourselves, are we loving more now than we did at the first? Are we still excited to work for Jesus and honor His name? do folks say of us that, their deeds, love, faith, service and perseverance has grown from the time they met Jesus? Indeed we will next look at the things that Jesus condemns this church for tolerating certain things. However, before we ourselves join in on the condemnation which Jesus has every right to do, can it be said of us as a church and us as individuals that we are growing in our love for Jesus?

III. Third. Let us notice the problems found in the tolerant church of Thyatira. (vs. 20-21,24)

Now obviously the problem with this church is what we've been calling it all along, the tolerant church. We've already looked at the good things that Jesus said that they tolerated that they should tolerate and greatly encourage. However, the problem was that they weren't just tolerating good things they also were tolerating things that they should

never tolerate.

What was it that Jesus said they should never tolerate but were? Well an Old Testament figure is used to describe the problem. This figure was perhaps, outside of Satan himself, the most wicked individual found in the Old Testament. Her name was Jezebel. Now, we don't know if the lady that was in the church at Thyatira was actually named Jezebel, but she indeed carried out the same wicked ways of the Old Testament Jezebel.

The Old Testament Jezebel obviously had only one primary purpose and that was to lead the nation of Israel to stop worshipping and focusing their devotion only to Jehovah God and instead give their allegiance to the fake god of Baal. This wicked religion involved ungodly activity including sexual immorality in order to please and appease its fake god. Also, at these so called worship experiences, they offered up sacrifices to this fake god. They would eat meat offered up to the idols of this false god in reverence to them.

Now, this lady in the church at Thyatira was wheeling her authority in the church which only existed because the church tolerated her, in order to pull some of the men in the church away from loyalty, devotion and worship to only Jesus Christ our Lord and Him alone. If the only way she could draw them away was through the pleasure of sexual immorality, then she more than willingly used it.

She also enticed certain men in the church by convincing them that she had revealed truths that she had called the deep secrets of Satan. Let me assure you that everything God wants you to know about Satan are already revealed in the Word of God and none of those things make me want to cuddle up to him in any way, form or fashion. He is a defeated foe and will one day be cast into the lake of fire by the glorious Son of God.

So, the main thing here is that it is the Son of God addressing this church reminding them that no amount of sensual pleasure or so called revealed truths of hidden secrets outside of God's Holy Word; or fancy, sparkling idols should ever entice your devotion, commitment and worship of Jesus Christ our Lord and Him only. For He alone is the Holy Son of God who has the means to penetrate our lives and bring judgment if necessary.

I think it is worth asking why the Believers in the church tolerated this wicked woman? Well, we aren't exactly told the answer. However, I think the answer can be that when we let love grow within us we can make the mistake that it means we must be willing to put up with a lot more things than others are willing to do. Well this is a mistake, for true love wants for the best in others and sometimes that

means that we will confront their wicked ways in order to help them come to the truth. So, let our prayer be that our love grows but we use that love to bring about the best for others and for the honor of Jesus' name.

Concl. The conclusion is the same for most all of the churches (REPENT). Here the amazing thing. God gave this evil woman in the church the opportunity many times to repent but she refused. So God withdrew His opportunity because of her unwillingness. Listen, Jesus Christ is calling for us all to give Him as the glorious Son of God unequivocal allegiance and devotion through repentance and faith.

However, there will come a day when the Lord will say no more, your chances are up and doom and destruction will be your eternal end.

May the Lord help us to focus on no one, absolutely no one, but our Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Reminder

Sunday Morning Breakfast

will resume

September 9th.

Announcements



*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage*

*Thursday, August 30th @
10:00am*

*Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, September 1st @ 8:00 am*



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.



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.

This Weeks Birthdays



August 26th
August 28th

Faye Lowther
Kate Carter

[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".

GSBC Prayer Pages August 26, 2018

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

Church Needs
*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Dev. Ministries*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry*

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken
Tim Cramer Family

Bereavement
*Family of
Eva Kleckley*

Hospitals
Hamilton Hodge-Jax. FL

Special Requests
*Trip Fogle-Homeless-Guidance
Enriqueta Torres-Spiritual Guidance*

Surgery / Recovery
*Judy Smith (8/16)
Joyce Pope (8/23)
Steve Higgins (8/9)
Fred Stanley (8/9)
Michelle Tuten (8/17)
Dorthie Armstrong (8/23)
Randy Reynolds (8/25)*

Cancer / Treatments
*Mitzi Cramer (8/23)
Jane Chapman (8/23)
Becky Broxton (8/23)
Jeanie Raven (8/23)
Jimmy Mixson (8/23)*

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

*Rodney Malphrus, Sr. (7/26)
Patrick Malphrus (8/9)
Jonathan Malphrus (8/9)
Brenda Bekick (8/16)
Talmadge Malphrus (8/16)
Pam Stanley (8/22)*

*Vera Miles (8/16)
Ann Blocker (8/1)
Dorothy Dean (8/1)
Pam Stanley (8/16)
Royce Malphrus (8/16)
Elena Brannen (8/24)*

Good Report
Peggy Michael

*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
Dot Tindal*



What About Revival? Can we have one of our own choosing? NO. only god can give revival. What is our roll? Prepare the way of the Lord. Make the road a straight one. It leads us to examine the "Desert" of our lives. Then God will send revival. Prayer will lead the way.

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*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



September Collection for OCC

School Supplies
Pencils
Pens Sharpeners
Scissors
Crayons
Colored Pencils

Harvest Fest

Saturday

October 27, 2018

4 to 7 pm

Sign up sheets in Foyer

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 Balances are due. We still have 5 rooms available. See Timmy Sauls for more info.



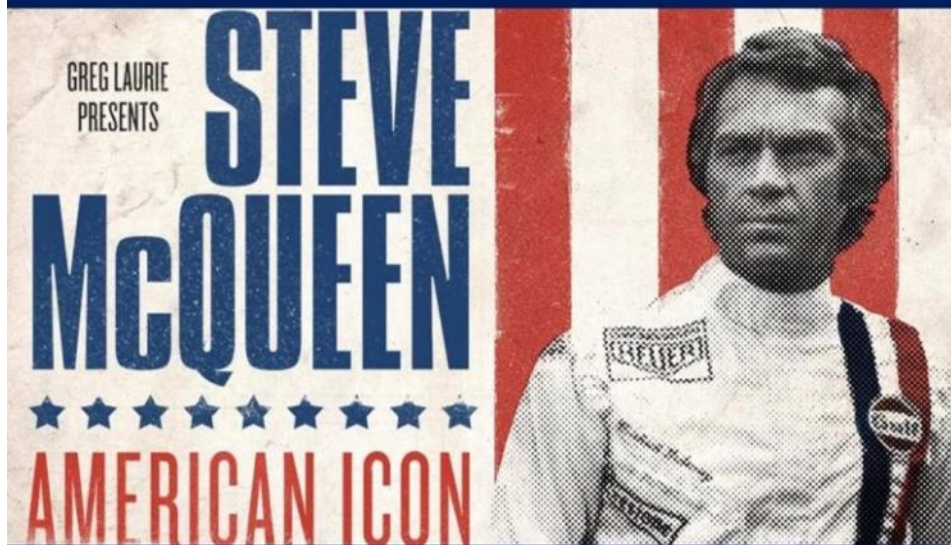
Reminder

*Wednesday Night Suppers
will resume
September 5th*

Reminder

*Office / School
will be closed
September 3rd
For
Labor Day*

MOVIE NIGHT



SUNDAY ~ AUGUST 26 ~ 6PM

Come and join us at:

5:30 Finger Foods

6:00 Movie

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.

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>	\$2,848.00	\$4,973.36	-\$ 2,100.36
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$25.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$5,444.46
<i>George Pepper Fund</i>	\$1.00	*****	\$735.03
<i>Church Repairs</i>	3,182.69	*****	\$4,111.99
<i>Children's Ministries</i>	\$5.00	*****	\$543.20
<i>SFCA Gymnasium</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$477.00
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$123.89	*****	\$123.89
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$2,104.89	*****	\$2,104.89

Gifts

A gift of \$100.00 was given to the Gymnasium Fund in Memory of Wallace E. Roberts by Nancy Davidson.


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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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