

Great Swamp Baptist Church

AUGUST 5, 2018



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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

“Shout to the Lord”

Invocation

Wilbur Daley

Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn #138 “At Calvary”

Hymn #29 “How Majestic Is Your Name”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Special Music

Sadie O’Connor

“Home”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Betty Robertson / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Mike Mingledorff / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn
Next Week: Pam Stanley / Olivia



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole
Next Week: Olivia Stanley / 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 August
Helen Malphrus
Anita Blanton



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Ain't Gonna Study War No More

Isaiah 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-4; Eph. 2:14-22

Intro: Last week while Tammy and I were on vacation, we spent part of two days in Gettysburg, PA. our time there brings to mind the old negro spiritual song called either, "Down By the Riverside" or "Ain't Gonna Study War No More."

The lyrics of this song was written or sung by the slaves about the battles of their lives. At the end of their lives down by the riverside getting ready to cross the river of death over to that golden shore where all their battles will be over and they won't need to study war no more. Well, while in Gettysburg, I got the image of this song in my mind.

Now I think that I got the image of this song on my mind because it not only is a negro spiritual song but it is also Scripturally based. In at least two places in the Old Testament, we are told that we won't study war no more and we will turn our weapons of war into farming equipment.

While in Gettysburg where the bloodiest battle of the Civil War took place, I got a glimpse of the old negro spiritual song and the passage of the Old Testament.

I. First, let me give you the setting for these two particular passages of Scripture which we have read. (Is. 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-4).

Both of these sets of Scripture say about word for word the same thing. Therefore, they are referring to the same setting.

So, what is the particular setting? The answer is found in the phrase, "In the last days". Once you read the passage, you understand that the last days being referred to are certainly days that have not yet taken place. Now the reason we know is because it tells us that Israel will be the ruling nation of the world. That the Lord Himself will be ruling directly out of Jerusalem over the nations of the world and war won't be taking place.

There has never been a time like that yet. However, the Bible teaches us that in the last days, this will take place. Most evangelical conservatives believers and scholars, including myself, believe that this refers to the millennial or thousand year reign of Christ upon the earth following the seven years of tribulation. At that time, Christ will reign victoriously.

Israel's power as the leading nation will be restored by Christ Himself at His second coming and all hostilities in the world will cease. There will be no need for military training anymore and all weapons of warfare will be melted won and turned into tools for farming. Oh, what day that will be.

II. Now, let me take us on a little tour of the scenery in Gettysburg, PA.

I love to study history, particularly the history of our nation. So, there was no way that we would get this close to Gettysburg, PA on our way to the races at Pocono Speedway and not stop and spend some time there at the national military park.

Now, what I found there was a one hundred percent contrast to what was there more than one hundred and fifty years ago. What took place more than one hundred fifty years ago was the most horrific battle of the entire Civil War. In over three days of fighting between Lee's army of northern Virginia, around 70,000 strong, and Meade's army of the Potomac, around 90,000 strong, there was more than 51,000 casualties. That means that many were either dead, captured, missing or wounded.

What had been a beautiful country town and surrounding had now become a literal hell on earth place to be. The dead bodies of nearly 7,000 men lay roughly over an area of two and a half square miles. Along side these dead persons were hundreds of dead horses that the soldiers had been riding. Also, many cows that were out on the battlefield were slaughtered as well. The Blood of these persons, the wounded and dead animals was puddle up in some places in great depths and also covered the floors and furniture of the more than one hundred buildings in town that all quickly turned into temporary hospitals.

It all was hellish as well because the battle had destroyed thousands of trees from the cannons firing and as well destroyed many homes and barns in the area. Crops that were growing were completely demolished and the stench was unbearable. It lasted not for days but for months. It took four months before the last wounded soldiers could be removed from the town. So it was not a place that anyone would actually want to just joyously go and visit. Rather, it would have been a place to avoid for its hellish condition.

Now the contrast of more than one hundred and fifty years is unbelievable. No one going there today could ever imagine that the most horrific battle ever fought on American soil took place in this town. It is one of the most beautiful places I've ever been. Beautiful rolling hills and meadows filled with amazingly gorgeous wild flowers. The old houses of the town are beautiful and cared for and desirable to look at. The people are as friendly as they come.

As I looked at this, I realized that no battle has ever come to this place since then. It is no more a place of war and instead of using the weapons of war, the fields are being cultivated by the tools of farming. Oh, what a joyous feeling overcame Tammy and I as we considered these things on our tour of Gettysburg.

III. Finally, now let us consider how this relates to us now.

My Scripture for tying it altogether comes from the Book of Ephesians chapter two beginning with verse fourteen through verse twenty-two. The jest of these verses is telling us that Jesus Christ has broken down the wall of hostilities between Jews and Gentiles alike. Through our relationship with Christ, we have been made one body and one family. So, even today even before the final last days, we can already, with one another, tear down through Christ's leadership, our walk of hostility and enjoy peace with one another. For Jesus our peace maker has come into our hearts. May we, with His help, learn to love one another; forgive one another and talk of war with each other no more. While our nation has to be prepared to fight against any who would attack us, we as God's people must work to show the world that our hostilities against one another is no more, and instead of fighting one another, we are helping one another. Our weapons against each other have become tools to build up one another.

Concl. Oh what the Prince of Peace our Savior and Lord is. When He comes peace will be supreme and war won't be no more—but until then may we as God's people already be a living example that peace through Christ can already be at work here and now.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.

Grandmother's Group

Tuesday, August 7th
11:30 am



[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



Business Conference
Wednesday, August 8th

The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, August 9th @
10:00am



Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, August 11th @ 8:00 am



<i>August 6th</i>	<i>Mary Cope</i>
	<i>Larry Malphrus</i>
<i>August 7th</i>	<i>Lanell Smith</i>
	<i>Robin Malphrus</i>
<i>August 9th</i>	<i>Juliette Daring</i>



<i>August 8th</i>	<i>Ken & Doby Cleland</i>
<i>August 9th</i>	<i>David & Iola Daring</i>



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 August 5, 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*

Leadership
*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Unspoken
Tim Cramer Family

Bereavement
*Family of
Ruth Guillory*

Hospitals
*Brenda Beckett-BMH
Talmadge Malphrus-Augusta
Burn Center*

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)
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)
Ann blocker (8/1)
Fred Stanley (8/1)
Dorothy Dean (8/1)*



*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*



Prayer and Fasting. These are important aspects of knowing God and His will. Humbling oneself before God requires a yielding of oneself to Him. Prayer is the calling out to God for help. Fasting is laying aside the things of this world and centering our heart and mind on God and His desires.

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group III

*Timmy Sauls-Leader
Gail Malphrus
Mary Daley*

**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.



August Collection Box for OCC

Empty prescription bottles
Soap & Wash Cloths

Gifts

A monetary gift was given to the General Fund in Memory of Wallace E. Roberts by his Vaigneur Cousins.

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

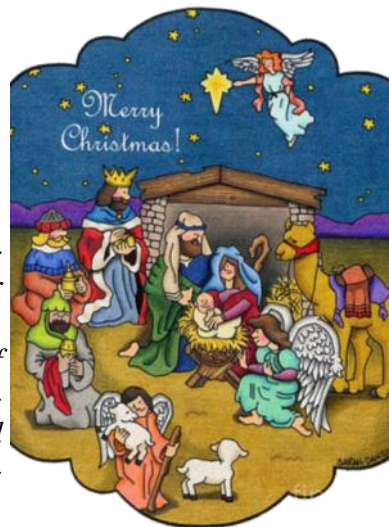
Pastor: Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.....*jehu27@gmail.com*
Music Director: Richard Waitt.....*waittfamily@embarqmail.com*
Sunday School Director: Wallace Malphrus.....*Josie6@embarqmail.com*
Pianist: Michelle Waitt.....*waittfamily@embarqmail.com*
Administrative Assistant: Sybil Reynolds.....*greatswampbc@gmail.com*
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*

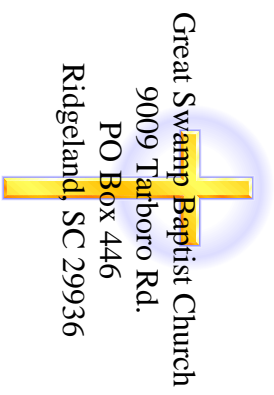
Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$5,626.00	\$4,973.36	+\$ 677.64
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$25.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$2,510.46
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$131.00	*****	\$733.03
<i>Missions</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$730.54
<i>SFCA Repairs</i>	\$101.67	*****	(\$934.33)
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$1,827.89	*****	\$0.00
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$123.89	*****	\$0.00
<i>Back to School (Youth SS Class)</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$50.00



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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