

Great Swamp
BAPTIST CHURCH



September 9, 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 # 10 "How Great Thou Art"

Invocation

Wilbur Daley

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Who You Say I Am"

"Happy Day"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Special Music

Proclaimers

"On the Banks of the Promised Land"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

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

Nursery Workers

Today: Vicky Roberts/ Emma

Next Week: Diane Thames / Chesney



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 September

Alice Way

Pat Malphrus





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Dead Church

(Rev. 3:1-6)

Intro: When you are the Son of God as Jesus is you have no problem knowing and understanding where people and institutions stand. He knew exactly what was wrong with the church at Sardis, and therefore He wasted no time in getting to the point. That point was that this church has absolutely nothing about it to commend and so He gets straight to the point, there's nothing to commend because this church is a dead church.

Now, the tragedy is that there are still many churches that have a reputation of being alive but are actually dead to this day. Instead of actually leading a church, they are running a funeral home. It is important that we understand why this church was dead and pray that the Lord will prevent us from falling into the same trap.

I. First, the person addressing the dead church of Sardis will display why they were dead. (vs. 1).

The person addressing the church of course is Jesus but in this situation He is described as the One, "who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars." now almost all conservative evangelical scholars agree that the seven spirits is representative of the Holy Spirit of God. We also know for sure that the seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches. We believe that their messengers maybe the pastor or leaders of the churches.

So it seems that since Jesus is referring to Himself in this way, that He is saying to the church that they are dead because they have forgotten where the power of the church resides. It resides not in formulas, rituals, traditions, activities, or dwelling on the past or putting forth a nice looking facility or appearance.

No, instead the power resides in our Sovereign Lord Jesus Christ who indwells our beings through the blessed person of the Holy Spirit of God. So, as we walk close with our Lord it will enable the Holy Spirit the ability to release His power and authority in and through us. The messengers to the churches need the empowerment of the Holy Spirit so that they can proclaim God's Holy Word which will wake the church up and invigorate Her to do what God's called her to do.

So, let us be reminded if we want to truly be a living church, then we must remember that the life of the church will not come from committees, the

congregation, Deacons, Pastors or a particular style of worship. The Lord said, "...not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." (Zech. 4:6).

II. Second, the production of the dead church of Sardis will reveal why they are dead.

Now there was some production of work going on from this church because they had a reputation for being alive. So, they were doing some things that to some they appeared to be living. As a matter of fact, Jesus plainly stated that their deeds were incomplete. Jesus acknowledges that they have some deeds. However, from His perspective which is the only one that matters, they are as John MacArthur said, "insufficient and unacceptable in God's sight." they were the pointless, lifeless motion of corpses; the Sardis congregation's good works were merely grave clothes of the unregenerate. The spiritual zombies populating the Sardis church were living a lie. They had been weighed on the scales by the righteous judge and found wanting."

The city of Sardis had a famous cemetery. It was seven miles from the city. However, because of its' high location, it could be seen from a long ways off. Therefore, it often drew the admiration of many and they could see the many tombstones engraved with gold and many other jewels sparkling in the sunshine. Its' appearance was absolutely magnificent. However, with all its' beauty, gold, and shine, it was simply a place of the dead, totally lifeless.

May the Lord make us more than merely a look of a nice shine. Rather, may He make a permanent light on the hillside. May our deeds be deeds of the Holy Spirit, thus deeds acceptable and pleasing to God.

III. Third, the plans for the dead church of Sardis show us why this church was dead. (vs. 2-3).

Two words are the primary plan for this church and they are, "Wake Up". He said they needed to strengthen what remains but was about to die. In verse three, He tells them how to strengthen what remains and how to complete it. It was by going back to the original truths of God's Holy Word which they had received at the beginning if the life of their church and take hold of it again. They were to believe those truths whole heartedly and then put them into practice.

The church at Sardis was dead because they had slipped away from the truths of God's Word and exchanged it with other things such as rituals, traditions and nice appearances.

Only as they return to the truths of God's Holy Word will they be able to experience the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Concl. So, may the Lord lead us to repent of our dead deeds and our failure to stick with the truths of His Holy Word. May He help us to remember and redo, that we may truly be a loving church and Believers.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



JOIN US FOR A

*bridal
shower*

honoring

Courtney Thames

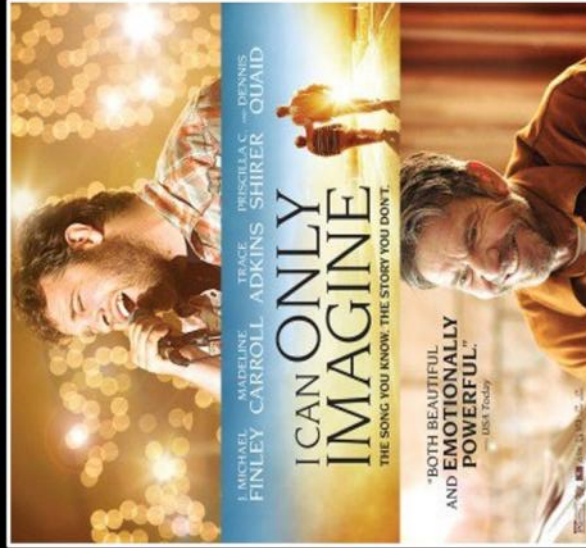
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RIDGELAND, SC 29936

SEPT **22** 2018

11 AM

COURTNEY IS REGISTERED AT BELK, TARGET &
SIMPLY CAROLINA KITCHEN & BATH

MOVIE NIGHT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th



Finger foods @ 5:30pm
Movie @ 6pm

GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH
9009 Tarboro Rd. / (843)726-3631

IVAN PARKER

ALSO APPEARING

DATE *Friday, September 21st*
TIME *7:00 PM*
VENUE *Red Dam Baptist Church*
CONTACT *Ted Bostick*
843-304-6758
ivankparker.com

[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".

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.

Announcements



Deacons Called To Serve
Deacon's Meeting
Monday, September 10th

Business Conference
Wednesday, September 12th



The Quilting Club is meeting in the Old Parsonage
Thursday, September 13th @ 10:00am

Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, September 15th @ 8:00 am



Kairos
Saturday, September 15th



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.



September 11th *Leon Langford*
Robert Lynch
Emma Grace Mingledorff

September 12th *Shirley Malphrus*
September 13th *Grace Malphrus*



September 12th *Patrick & Kim Malphrus*

Gifts

A gift of \$25.00 was given to the Cemetery Fund in Memory of Wallace E. Roberts by Irwin & Pat Malphrus.

A gift of \$200.00 was given to the General Fund in Memory of Wallace E. Roberts by James & Judy Roberts.

A gift of \$200.00 was given to the General Fund in Memory of Wallace E. Roberts by John & Dolly Mocha.

A gift of \$200.00 was given to the General Fund in Honor of Byron & Margaret Vaigneur by their children.

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

GSBC Prayer Pages September 9, 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
Kirk Malphrus*

Hospitals
*Hamilton Hodge-Jax. FL
Pam Stanley-MUSC*

Special Requests
*Trip Fogle-Guidance
Enriqueta Torres-Spiritual Guidance
Robert O'Dell-Job*

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)
Carol Davis (8/30)
Patrick Malphrus (8/31)*

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
Doris Blackmon-Morningside
Thelma Ashing-RNC
Maureen Malphrus-RNC
Becky Jones-Anderson
Dot Tindal-NHC*

Other Health Needs

Called to Ministry
Chris Carter & Family

*Rodney Malphrus, Sr. (8/30)
Jonathan Malphrus (8/9)
Brenda Bekick (8/16)
Talmadge Malphrus (8/16)
Mike Mingledorff (8/30)
Chelsea Cooler (9/6)*

*Vera Miles (8/16)
Royce Malphrus (8/16)
Elena Brannen (8/24)
Barbara Solley (9/6)
Madison Cooler (9/6)*

Expecting / Births
Amanda Fletcher

*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*



Is your faith in trouble? Do you have difficulty in believing the Bible is truth? It is not realistic to pray for something you don't believe. Prayer must be made in the belief God is who He say he is and will do what he says he will do. To pray otherwise is meaningless.

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*



Chicken 'n Fixins

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Dorthie Armstrong Cooking Team

\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more



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>	\$4,573.70	\$4,973.36	-\$ 40.69
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$358.97		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	\$2,034.00	*****	\$8,346.46
<i>George Pepper Fund</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$836.03
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$220.00
<i>MPB Fees</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$969.05

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 NOW.



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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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