

Great Swamp Baptist Church

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OCTOBER 14, 2018

Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 14, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 290 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Invocation

Wilbur Daley

Selections of Praise & Worship

Hymn # 182 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Hymn # 189 "The Lily of the Valley"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Special Music

The Proclaimers

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Message

Rev. Bobby Thompson

Invitation

Benediction

Celebrating  *173* years of God's Faithfulness

and the journey will continue until God returns...

HOME COMING

TODAY

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Bobby Thompson



Following Morning Worship Services





Greeters

Today: Annette Malphrus / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Vandy Amason / Natalie

Next Week: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn



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, Jr.

843-726-2000



Toll Committee

For the month of October

Bernice Malphrus

Bonnie Pope



This Weeks Birthdays

October 15th *Chandler Thames*
 Julie Mingledorff
October 16th *Bill Carter*
October 17th *Diane Malphrus*
October 19th *Andy Malphrus*

Announcements

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the
Old Parsonage
Thursday, October 18th @ 10:00am*



Watchman Prayer Group
Saturday, October 20th @ 8:00 am

Kairos
Saturday, October 20th



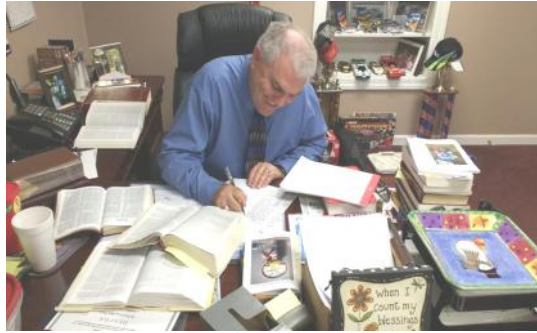
*May your marriage be blessed with love,
joy and companionship for all the years of your lives.*

*A very happy
Wedding Anniversary
to both of you*



October 14th
October 15th
October 18th

Don & Clarice Van Curen
David & Kim Raines
Jeremiah & Kea Dennen



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

What Is Homecoming?

For those of us who have for sometime been gone away from our homes, really do enjoy going back home to see family and friends. However, in my many years of having been gone, it is really quite never the same when we do go home for visits as when we grew up there. For things change when you go away. The communities change. The landscape changes and people change. So, you go home, have a great visit but you always go away thinking it's not quite the place you grew up in.

Jesus had this problem but on a greater level. When He returned home for a visit with His disciples, He was not well received. Not only was He not well received but the people that He grew up with in the community became offended by Him. In their minds it was like, how dare Him to come in here and act like He's somebody when we know that He's just one of us. Therefore, because of their unbelief, He was only able to heal just a few individuals.

Now, Luke tells us in his description of Jesus' return trip home that not only were the people of His home town offended at Him but that they were extremely furious at Him to the point that they decided that they were going to kill Him by throwing Him off a cliff at the edge of town. Well, thank God our Heavenly Father that Jesus was able to miraculously escape out of their hands. (Luke 4:14-30).

However, for Jesus' home was not so much about where you come from but rather who you were kin to and I am not speaking so much necessarily about our blood kin. For on another occasion, Jesus' actual mother, brothers and sisters came looking for Him. When they found Him, He was told that they wanted to speak to Him. Here is what Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers? Pointing to His disciples, He said, Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in Heaven is my brother and sisters and mother." (Matt. 12:48-50).

So, what is homecoming all about then? If it is not so much about returning to see the place what is it? Well, when Jesus did return home, Luke lets us know that Jesus declared Himself to be the Messiah. This is why they became so offended because someone that grew up with them as a carpenter certainly was impossible of being the Messiah.

Now, what we learn from this is that first and foremost, Homecoming is where and when God's people get together to declare and worship Jesus Christ our Lord as the Messiah. Unlike the people in His hometown of Nazareth, we cannot allow anything or anyone from worshipping our Jesus as our Messiah. Without our belief in Him and worship of Him, we can not have true homecoming.

Second, we must remember who Jesus said was our real family. He said that the real family was the family of God and those who formed this family were those who did the will of His Father in Heaven. What was the will of His Father in Heaven? That we would

believe in Jesus Christ as our Messiah, Lord and Savior and follow Him. Are you doing the will of the Father in Heaven?

So, homecoming is whenever and wherever God's people get together to exalt our Lord Jesus Christ and give Him all the praise and all the glory. As we as a church have our homecoming service, may it not be mostly about the place, the community, the facilities but rather may it be all about us doing the will of our Father in Heaven and focus upon loving our Lord Jesus Christ and one another as the people of God. Let us be pulled together by one purpose and one purpose alone, Jesus just Jesus.

Jesus Love 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".



Harvest Fest

Saturday

October 27, 2018

4 to 7 pm

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd. Ridgeland SC






Costume Contest



Cake Walk \$1 per walk
Bingo \$1 per 3 cards
Face Painting-Donations
Hot Dog, Chips & Drink-\$2
Desserts for additional donations



Chili Cook-Off



Sunday, October 21st
All proceeds will go toward
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox shipping costs.



*The church family is invited to
the marriage of*

Courtney Donae Thames

to

Micheal Lee Humbert

*Saturday, November 3, 2018
at 3:00pm*

*Hundred Oaks
7630 Calf Pen Bay Road
Pineland, SC*

*Reception to follow
RSVP to 843-321-0806*



Save the Date

SFCA

Blood Drive

November 2nd



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



October Collection for OCC

Items

Amt. Needed

<i>Brushes</i>	<i>67</i>
<i>Scissors</i>	<i>150</i>
<i>Toothbrushes</i>	<i>43</i>
<i>Pocket Tissues</i>	<i>195</i>
<i>Wash Cloths</i>	<i>45</i>

Senior Celebrator's Trip

Your Balances are due NOW.

GSBC Prayer Pages October 14, 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

Hospitals
*Pam Stanley-MUSC
Leonard Steedly-MUSC
Royce Malphrus-Sav. Memorial*

Spiritual Guidance
*Trip Fogle
Enriqueta Torres
David Peacock
John Woodyly*

Special Requests
Robert O'Dell-Job

Surgery / Recovery
*Judy Smith (9/20)
Joyce Pope (9/27)
Carol Davis (10/4)
Vanessa Smoak (10/30)*

Cancer / Treatments
*Mitzi Cramer (9/27)
Jane Chapman (9/27)
Becky Broxton (9/27)
Jeanie Raven (9/27)
Andy Hughes (9/10)
Donna Garrett (9/20)
Ken Nettles-(9/20)*

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. (10/4)
Talmadge Malphrus (9/20)
Eva Calhoun (9/13)
Thelma Reynolds (9/13)
Nicole Cole (10/1)
Lynn Glasser (10/1)
Rose Boyles (10/4)
Mark Davis (10/8)
Leonard Steedly (10/11)*

*Jerri Nettles (9/20)
Grace Boyles (9/20)
Rodney Malphrus, Jr. (9/27)
John Woodyly (10/01)
E.L. Ambrose (10/4)
Dot Nettles (10/4)
Vera Miles (10/4)
Gary & Alice Way (10/11)*

Expecting / Births
*Amanda Fletcher / Elizabeth
Amanda Bowen*

*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 are some of your goals in life? Being successful in the affairs of this life? Nothing wrong with that concept. However, spiritually speaking our success should all be coached in what God says and how we live out our high calling of God in Jesus Christ. Prayer keeps us on target.

E.L. Ambrose

Today's Prayer Team

Group I

*Patricia Malphrus-Leader
Truett Vaigneur
Shirley Malphrus
Vera Miles*

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*



To Be Announced

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Keith Gamo 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>	\$4,114.00	\$4,973.36	-\$ 659.36
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$200.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	\$713.00	*****	\$669.46
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$270.00
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$100.00	*****	\$936.03
<i>SMB</i>	\$56.00	*****	\$493.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$174.00	*****	\$484.81
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$49.00	*****	\$309.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$55.00	*****	\$682.40

Thank You

Dear Friends,

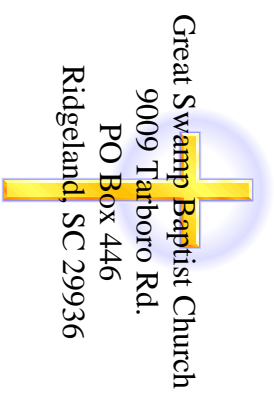
I want to thank each of you for the love you gave Tom while he was your pastor.

He was so proud of you. He talked with me about what the church was doing and how each of you were special to him.

I hope you will always remember him with a smile and what a great person he was.

Sincerely,

Pat Pope (Tom Heirs' sister)



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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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