



*Great Swamp*  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**OCTOBER 21, 2018**

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

October 21, 2018

*Sunday Morning Worship*  
*11:00 AM*

## **Prelude**

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Call to Worship**

*Hymn # 337 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"*

## **Invocation**

*Mack Pope, Jr*

## **Selections of Praise & Worship**

*"Blessed Be your Name"*

*"Revelation Song"*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory Special

*GSBC Praise Band*

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invitation**

## **Benediction**



## Greeters

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

## Nursery Workers

*Today: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn Bradley*

*Next Week: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak*



## Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley*

*Next Week: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Mack Pope, Jr.*

843-726-2000

*Next Week: Robert O'Dell.*

843-422-9521



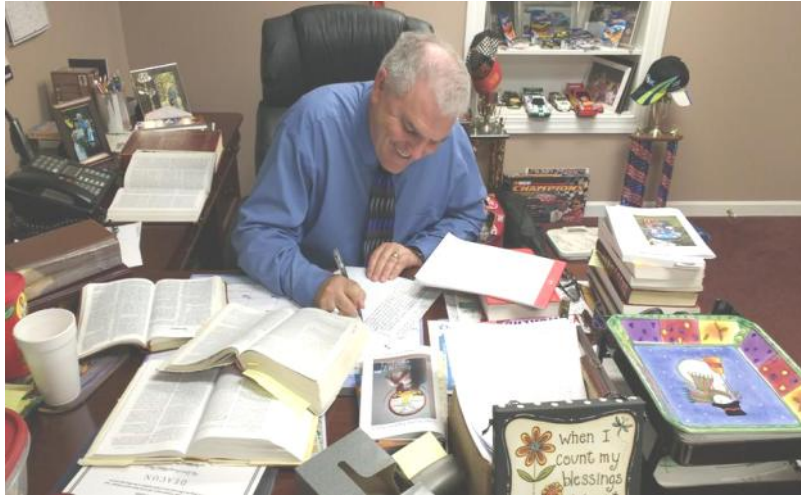
## Toll Committee

*For the month of October*

*Bernice Malphrus*

*Bonnie Pope*





*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **Elijah Summons the People**

*Intro: For my message this week, we will be examining what we are looking at on Wednesday nights which right now is the life and story of the prophet Elijah. Today's message will center around the prophets summoning the people for his big show down with the prophets of Baal on top of Mt. Carmel. Before he had the showdown, he first summons the people of Israel to come out and watch the show.*

*As a young man, I watched some of the greatest boxing matches of all times. However, what was often more intriguing than the boxing matches themselves was all the hype that was used leading up to the matches in order to get the people to watch the match. Now, none was better at it than Cassius Clay or as he became known later Mohammed Ali. He would work the crowds up for weeks prior to the matches. He would call his opponents all kind of names and talk about his great abilities that would give him great advantages over his opponent. Now these tactics worked because by the time it had arrived for the actual fight the whole world was ready to tune in and watch.*

*Now, this reminds me of the greatest fight in the life our prophet. He is about to enter into the match of his life against eight hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. He wanted the whole nation of Israel to tune into the fight so that he could show them that only Jehovah was truly God. So, Elijah, like Cassius Clay, worked up the people leading up to the match and it worked. He had summoned the people with all boldness and assurance that he could and again it worked. For on the day of the match, his summoning of the people had worked and the entire nation showed up to watch. So, today, I want us to look at Elijah's summoning of the people before we actually look at the match itself.*

**I. First, let us notice that Elijah was willing to summon the people to the match because he was willing to take on the challenge.** *Elijah summoned the people to this historic and unforgettable match because he wanted them to know that he was willing to stand up for the honor and glory of our God against all challenges. He wanted them to know that the spreading of the knowledge of our blessed God and His reality has to be the supreme fight of our lives.*

*So dear Child of God, we need to be ready to take on the challenge of declaring that our God, Jehovah God, the God of the Bible is the one and only true God. No challenge should be more important to us than this. May the Spirit of God empower us to take on this challenge.*

**II. Second, let us notice that Elijah summons the people to the match because he had absolute confidence.** *When Elijah called for this match to take place he is the one who initiates it. Also, he not only initiates it but he initiates it with the very man who is seeking to destroy his life, King Ahab. Now, no one is going to do a thing like that unless they have absolute confidence that they will have the victory. Well, that is exactly what Elijah had, absolute assurance and confidence that victory would be his and God's honor and glory completely on top.*

*We, too, need to have this kind of confidence and assurance that our God will always get the victory and give the victory.*

**III. Third, let us notice that Elijah summons the people to the match because he has a specific cause.** *Now, of course, that specific cause was to get as many people as he could to the match so that he would reveal to them who the real champion was. Was it Baal and his many hundreds of prophets or was it Jehovah God of the Bible and Israel promoted by the prophet Elijah? Well, of course, Elijah was there to specifically prove or show that Jehovah God alone is the one and only true God.*

*God has called us to willingly go out of our way, under the Spirit's leadership, to specifically declare to the world that there is only one true God and that all others are false and must be rejected. So, let us pray that we will ever be going about our lives with the very same specific cause that Elijah promoted. That there is only one true God, Jehovah God.*

*Concl. Not every boxer who had the ability to move the crowd in preparation for the match was able to pull out the victory. But with the Lord, you will always come out victorious. However, more important, God Himself comes out on top. So, may the Lord lead us to summon the people and with absolute confidence let us assure them that Jehovah God is the only true God and then let us watch God do His work. Amen and Amen.*

*Jesus Love You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Gifts**

*A gift of \$35.00 was given  
to Kitchen Funds  
in Memory of Wofford Malphrus  
by Eugenia R. Malphrus*



## **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.*



# 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.*



## This Weeks Birthdays

October 21st      *Nathaniel Hunter Smoak*  
October 22nd      *Terri Hamner*  
October 23rd      *Pearl Malphrus*  
October 27th      *Carol Bradham*  
                            *Fred Stanley*

## Announcements

*The Quilting Club is meeting in the  
Old Parsonage  
Thursday, October 25th @ 10:00am*



*Watchman Prayer Group  
Saturday, October 27th @ 8:00 am*

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 25th*

*Eddie & Vandy Amason*



*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

<b>Items</b>	<b>Amt. Needed</b>
<i>Combs or Brushes</i>	63
<i>Toothbrushes</i>	43
<i>Pocket Tissues</i>	195
<i>Wash Cloths</i>	9

**Senior Celebrator's Trip**

*Your Balances are due NOW.*

# GSBC Prayer Pages October 21, 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*

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

**Special Requests**  
*Robert O'Dell-Job*

**Surgery / Recovery**  
*Judy Smith (10/18)  
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)*

**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)  
Eva Calhoun (10/18)  
Nicole Cole (10/1)  
Lynn Glasser (10/1)  
Rose Boyles (10/4)  
Mark Davis (10/8)  
Leonard Steedly (10/11)  
Royce Malphrus (10/18)  
Betty Miles (10/18)  
Al Burns (10/18)*

*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)  
Leonard Steedly (10/18)*

**Expecting / Births**  
*Amanda Fletcher / Elizabeth  
Amanda Bowen  
Victoria Keiffer*

*Come join us for the  
Proclaimers Choir Practice  
every  
Wednesday Evening  
following  
Bible Study.*



## Pray For Our Military



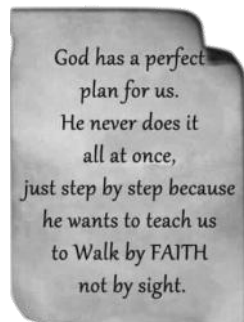
*Jared Blanton-Fort Benning  
Isaac Martin Malphrus Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard  
Matthew Mills-Va-US Marines  
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force / Oklahoma City. OK  
Michael Sottile-Deployed  
Owen White-Fort Benning*

## 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(Knee)  
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.  
Lanell Smith  
Brian Freeman  
Dot Tindal*



*Last week we celebrated the anniversary of Great Swamp Baptist Church. The span of years has brought us through many good and not so good experiences. Let us thank our Lord for keeping His hand upon us and continue to pray to broaden our vision to His plan for our church.*

*E.L. Ambrose*

## Today's Prayer Team

### Group II

*Leader-Barbara Mills  
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*



Vegetable Soup

Rice

Chicken Tenders

Cornbread / Salad

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Youth 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

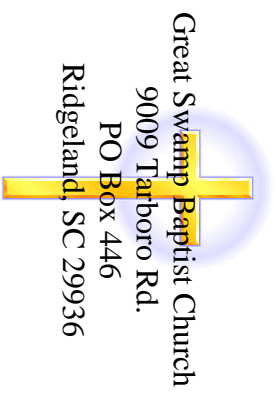
Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes &amp; General Budget</i>	\$2,716.00	\$4,973.36	-\$ 2,257.36
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors Fund</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$719.46
<i>Children's Ministries</i>	\$20.00	*****	\$543.20
<i>SMB</i>	\$70.00	*****	\$70.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$110.00	*****	\$110.00
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$55.00	*****	\$64.00

## NOTICE

*The church office will be closed October 22-26 for vacation week. If you have an emergency or need, please contact the Deacon on Call, Wilbur Daley @ 843-305-0110.*

*The office will resume regular hours Monday, October 29th.*

*Thank You  
Sybil Reynolds*



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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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