



Great Swamp Baptist Church

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

November 4, 2018, 2018

*Sunday Morning Worship*  
*11:00 AM*

## **Prelude**

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Call to Worship**

*“They’ll Know We Are Christians”*

*“Love Lifted Me”*

## **Invocation**

*Bjo Mills*

## **Selections of Praise & Worship**

*“The Cross Has the Final Word”*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory Special

*Joyce Gamo*

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invitation**

## **Benediction**



## Greeters

**Today:** *Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther*

**Next Week:** *Mike Mingledorff / Dorthie Armstrong*

## Nursery Workers

**Today:** *Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges*

**Next Week:** *Latrell Steedly / Kim Malphrus*



## Children's Church Helpers

**Today:** *Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley*

**Next Week:** *Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



**Today:** *Bjo Mills*

*843-726-4344*

**Next Week:** *Duane Armstrong*

*843-726-6795*



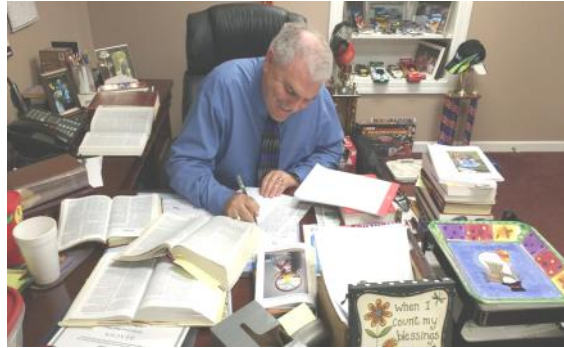
## Toll Committee

*For the month of November*

*Latrell Steedly*

*Dorthie Armstrong*





*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **A Trip to Heaven (Part III)**

*(Rev. 4:1-11)*

*Intro: As we begin looking at John's trip to Heaven, we just took a look at John's actual experience of being taken up to Heaven. Then in our second part, we took a look at how his trip to Heaven reminds us of the Rapture of the Church. John's actual trip to Heaven wasn't the rapture itself. However, when it took place and some of the things that happened when it took place are very similar to the rapture text in I Thessalonians 4:13-18.*

*Today we will begin looking at what John actually saw once he got to Heaven. As we've mentioned before, many folks have claimed to have gone to Heaven and returned to tell what they saw. The problem, however, is that what most of them claimed to have seen had nothing to do with what John actually saw and was recorded in the Word of God. So, if we really want to know what is going on in glory, then it behooves us to examine closely what John actually saw and became part of God's Word.*

*Today we will first look at what John first saw. Once he entered in to Heaven, what did his eyes first catch glimpse of?*

**I. The first thing John saw when he got to Heaven was the centrality of the throne of Heaven. (vs. 2).**

*When John first got to Heaven he didn't first see a family member that had preceded him. Nor did he first see the mansion of Heaven, or the streets of gold. Listen to his own words, "At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in Heaven with someone sitting on it." (vs.2).*

*John's entrance into Heaven and his seeing the throne of Heaven was not a two step process. According to the verse it all pretty much happened simultaneously. He is suddenly in Heaven and at that same instant he sees the throne in Heaven. So, why in the same moment he enters Heaven he instantly sees the throne?*

*Now, my answer to that question is that God meant for John, the Church to whom John will reveal what he sees in Heaven, and to all who will be a part of what is going to take place later in the Book of Revelation and therefore to all of creation that what is central in Heaven is the throne in Heaven. Therefore, it is meant to receive all of our focus and our attention.*

*Now , what does having a throne in Heaven tell us? It tells us that there is someone whose in control. For thrones are built not for the sake of just having a throne but rather for the sake of holding the person who the throne was built for. That person has always been the person in charge. Sometimes we call that person King or Queen. Sometimes we call them the Emperor. Sometimes we call them the President and many other titles. But it is the same ideal the person on the throne is in charge.*

*So, what this tells us is that what makes the throne of Heaven the very focus and center of Heaven is the person sitting on it and of course we know that that person is none other than the Lord Himself, God Almighty.*

*Oh, dear Child of God, let us rejoice that what John first saw was the throne of Heaven. For that immediately lets us know that Heaven itself is not leaderless. Therefore, since Heaven itself is not left leaderless but rather has a throne with someone sitting on it and of course that someone is God that also means that all of creation itself is not left leaderless. For Heaven is the highest place in all of creation. Therefore, the throne of Heaven is the throne of all creation.*

*For John this was a great sight to see. For even though he already knew that God reigns from His throne in Heaven it still was an amazing encouragement to actually see the throne and know beyond any doubt that God was ruling over all of creation from the throne of Heaven. It was a great encouragement because he soon would have to leave Heaven and go back to the Isle of Patmos where he was suffering banishment for preaching the Word of God and speaking about Jesus. The knowledge that the throne of God in Heaven is centered above all other things will give John all the strength he will need to keep pushing on in spite of his banishment because he knows that from His throne in Heaven, God is in control fully aware of his circumstances and will because He's on the throne will be able to ultimately make all things right.*

*Now, the other thing that it did for John was to give him complete and total assurance that whatever he was about to find out was to take place later, which is the test of the Book of Revelation, that God from His throne will be able to fulfill and accomplish all that He said He's going to do and accomplish in the rest of the future.*

*Like John, let us all be encouraged to know that central to Heaven is the throne of God. Let us be reminded that whatever we face in our present journey in life; whatever hardships we are facing' whatever challenges we are facing as Children of God, we will be able to push on because we know the throne of God is centered in Heaven and from that throne God is in control of our present and our future. Also, like John we also know that because God on His throne is central to Heaven that He will be able to carry out His ultimate plans for the earth as found in all of the Book of Revelation.*

*Concl. Our earthly thrones have changed leaders over and over again but the throne in Heaven will never be conquered, defeated, dethroned or destroyed. It will have on it the same person it has always had, god Almighty. So, Child of God when you are down because of what you see, hear or experience, just remember—God is still and always will be on His throne in Heaven right in the center of it all.*

*Jesus Love You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*



Grits / Eggs / Sausages

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Roberts Family Cooking Team

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



# Announcements



**Grandmother's Group**  
*Tuesday, November 6th @ 11:30am*

**The Quilting Club is meeting in the  
Old Parsonage**  
*Thursday, November 8th @ 10:00am*



**Watchman Prayer Group**  
*Saturday, November 10th @ 8:00 am*

**Kairos**  
*Saturday, November 10th @ 8:00 am*



*Packing will begin on Tuesday @ 1:00 pm with the Grandmother's Group. We will also pack on Thursday starting at 10:00am until. For Collection Week, volunteers will be needed for each day, Monday thru Friday, 9:00am –11:00 am. Saturday from 10:00am until 1:00 pm. Sunday will start following Morning Worship until 4:00pm.*

# GSBC Prayer Pages November 4, 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  
Mandy Drew*

**Bereavement**  
*Family of  
Thelma Day  
Judith Mixson*

## Hospitals

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

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

**Surgery / Recovery**  
*Judy Smith (10/18)  
Vanessa Smoak (10/30)  
Shirley Malphrus (11/1)*

**Cancer / Treatments**  
*Mitzi Cramer (11/1)  
Jane Chapman (11/1)  
Becky Broxton (11/1)  
Jeanie Raven (11/1)  
Jimmy Mixson (11/1)  
Pam Stanley (11/1)*

**Nursing Centers**  
*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Doris Blackmon-Morningside  
Thelma Ashing-RNC  
Maureen Malphrus-RNC  
Becky Jones-Anderson*

**Called to Ministry**  
*Chris Carter & Family*

## Other Health Needs

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

*Eva Calhoun (10/18)  
Mark Davis (10/8)  
Royce Malphrus (10/18)*

*E.L. Ambrose (11/1)  
Betty Miles (10/18)  
Al Burnsed (10/18)  
Cohen Freeman (11/1)*





## 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  
Alice Way*

*Gary Way  
Christy Gagel  
Vera Miles  
Mary Daley  
Leonard Steedly  
Barbara Mills(Knee)  
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.  
Lanell Smith  
Brian Freeman  
Dot Tindal  
Pam Stanley*



*Paul on the Authority of God by the gift of the Grace of God was to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. Where does your authority come from to tell others of Jesus? It comes by the Power of God and on His authority you do so. Stand in His authority and PRAY daily for His work to be done through you—on His authority!*

*E.L. Ambrose*

## Today's Prayer Team

### Group IV

*Leader-E.L. Ambrose  
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*

# This Weeks Birthdays



*October 28th*      *Rayce Dennen*  
*October 30th*      *Lawton Moser*  
                            *Bjo Mills*  
*October 31st*      *Paul Malphrus*  
*November 1st*      *Cassandra Bradley*  
*November 2nd*      *Jesse Malphrus*  
*November 3rd*      *Taylor Byrd*  
                            *Wanda Cooler*  
*November 5th*      *Barbara Blocker*  
                            *Audrey Roberts*  
*November 6th*      *Amanda Sims*  
                            *Gentry Thames*  
*November 7th*      *Lyman Malphrus*  
*November 8th*      *Kelly Scherger*  
*November 9th*      *Jordan Raines*  
                            *Amanda Anderson*

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



*November 5th*      *Chris & Stephanie Carter*  
*November 9th*      *Robin & Ann Malphrus*

## 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<br>+ / - |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Tithes &amp; General Budget</i> | \$2,838.10 | \$4,973.36    | -\$ 2,135.26             |
| <i>Online Offerings</i>            | —          |               |                          |
|                                    |            |               |                          |
| Designated Funds                   | This Week  | *****         | Acct. Balances           |
| <i>Seniors Fund</i>                | \$638.00   | *****         | \$2,532.46               |
| <i>Gleaner's SS Class</i>          | \$62.00    | *****         | \$219.11                 |
| <i>SMB</i>                         | \$87.00    | *****         | \$173.45                 |
| <i>WNS (Youth)</i>                 | \$95.00    | *****         | \$552.00                 |
| <i>Sojourners SS Class</i>         | \$31.00    | *****         | \$248.04                 |
| <i>OCC</i>                         | \$883.75   | *****         | \$1,418.77               |
| <i>Youth Camp</i>                  | \$195.00   | *****         | \$552.00                 |

## 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.*

**Celebrating**  **175 years of God's Faithfulness**

*and the journey will continue until God returns...*

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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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