



*The*  
*Great Swamp*  
FAMILY CHRISTMAS  
GATHERING

DECEMBER 16, 2018

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

December 16, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

**Prelude**

**The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

*Duane Armstrong*

**Selections of Praise & Worship**

**We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Offertory Special

Special Music

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction**

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## Greeters

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

## Nursery Workers

*Today: Carol Davis / Taylor Daley*

*Next Week: Vandy Amason / Natalie*



## Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Kaylee Standard/ Emma Mingledorff*

*Next Week: Angel Cole / Olivia Stanley*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Duane Armstrong*

*843-726-6795*

*Next Week: Wilbur Daley*

*843-305-0110*

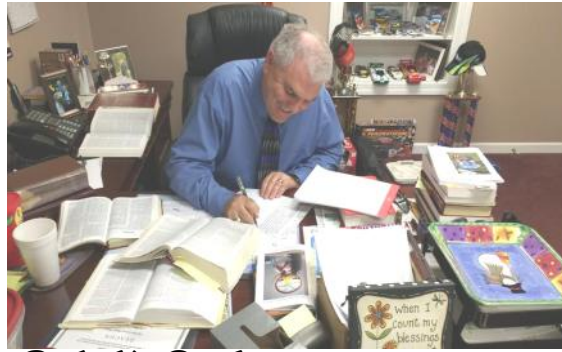


## Toll Committee

*For the month of December*

*Gail Malphrus*

*Anita Blanton*



*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **John's Trip to Heaven (Part VII)**

*(Rev. 4:1-11)*

*Intro: for several weeks now, we have observed what John saw when he got to Heaven. The first and most important thing he saw was a throne in Heaven with someone seated on it. Now we know that this throne is God's throne and He is the One seated on it. We've already addressed who is seated on the throne and of course this is the most important, really not the most important, but the only thing that really matters about the throne is who is sitting there.*

*Then we addressed who is around the throne in Heaven. The twenty four thrones surrounding the throne of Heaven itself are sitting twenty four elders, whom we believe to be men representing the church of our living God that 's been raptured out of the world before the events that follow in the rest of the Book of Revelation. These are the events of the last days on earth as we know it now.*

*Now, we are going to examine what is happening around the throne of Heaven, and what these things reveal to us about God and what He will do in the last days. For God brought John to Heaven to reveal what is to take place later. This vision of the throne of Heaven and who is on it and around it and what is happening around it will help us to see what is going to take place later.*

*Now, let us see what is happening around the throne of Heaven and what it will reveal about God.*

**IV. First, let us notice that what is happening around the throne of Heaven reveals the power and plan of God. (vs. 5-6).**

*The first thing we see happening around the throne as John stated it, “From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peaks of thunder.” So what appears to John to be a very powerful thunder storm minus the rain is coming from the throne of Heaven itself. In other words, God Himself is causing this powerful storm to take place right out from His very own throne.*

*This reveals first to us this incredible power of our God. Lightning is a very powerful force. When a charge of lightning is moving downward, it moves at 200,000 miles per hour. Then the charges coming up from the earth to meet the downward charge is traveling at 200,000,000 miles per hour.*

*Also, lightning is extremely hot. A flash of lightning can heat the air around it five times greater than the surface of the sun. Is it any wonder that when you combine the speed of lightning and the heat of lightning that you have a power capable of blowing up trees, homes, buildings and even rocks.*

*God’s power has no match. It has no comparison. Even lightning’s power doesn’t compare but it simply reminds us that our God, like lightning has great power. We call His power omnipotent, which means all-powerful. Jeremiah 32:17 says, “Oh, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.” Also, of course, were all aware of the words that the angel said to Mary, “For nothing is impossible with God.”*

*I think one more Scripture that really sums up the power of God and the capability that is available with that power. "I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the Saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe, that power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way." (Eph. 1:18-23).*

*So, with power like this there is going to be no problem for God to accomplish everything that He says He is going to do in the rest of the Book of Revelation and no power not even the devil himself will be able to stop Him. As a matter of fact, having all power He will fulfill everything not only in the Book of Revelation but in all of His Holy Word. Blessed be the name of the Lord for His thunderous and lightning power.*

*Now it also reveals to us not only the power of God but also the plan of God. Lightning is a very destructive power. When lightning appears, the warning sign of danger goes off in our mind and all we can think is I've got to get away from this storm. I must find shelter or I may just die. For lightning is no respecter of trees, plants, animals or humans.*

*So, God allowed John to see this eruptive storm coming out of the throne not only to see the power of God but also to understand what the plan of God is in much of the remaining chapters of the Book of Revelation. With His first coming, Jesus came full of grace and mercy. He came as a humbling servant to bring salvation. However, just before His second coming, and at His second coming like the destructive power of lightning our Lord is going to bring devastation, destruction and death to our ungodly world that chose not to repent but to rather dig in their wickedness and unbelief. He will destroy not only the ungodly but praise God the one whose agenda for a long time has been to dethrone God and take control. But the devil will be no match for the Almighty power of God.*

*Concl. A storm is going to come upon the earth with a mighty force of destruction like this world has never known. It will come right out of the throne of God. All who choose to not get saved are going to get swept up in this storm of destruction. But if you call out to Jesus today in repentance and faith in Christ, He will give you victory over the storms of our present life and totally deliver you from ever facing the destructive storms we call the tribulation. Oh, hallelujah!*

*Jesus Love You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*

[Marriage Conference]   
**Look Up Lodge**  
 lookuplodge.com

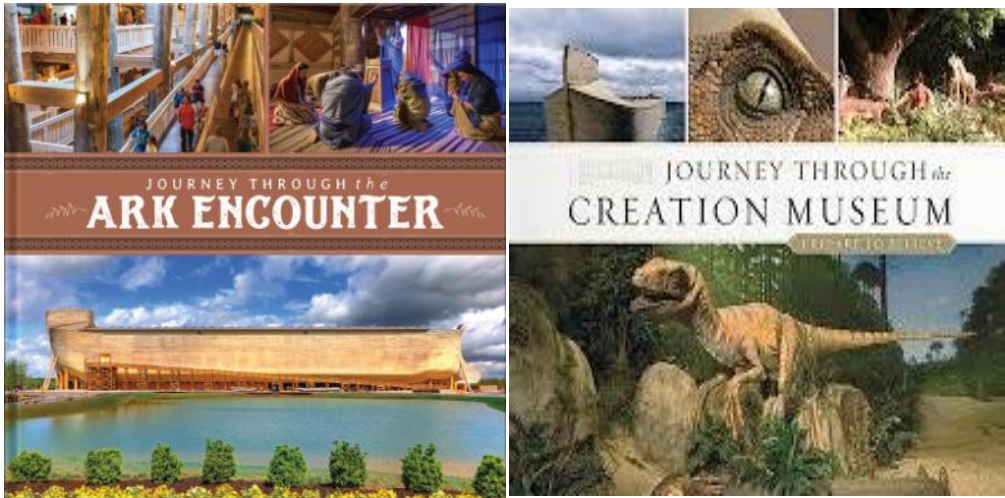


Two houses sit beside each other in a neighborhood. They look very differently from one another. But when the foundations were laid, they looked almost identical. This is the basic idea behind our marriage conference. Sometimes your marriage is your marriage - the way you communicate, the way you show 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:**

<b>Dates:</b>	March 15 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$139.00 per couple
<b>Days:</b>	Friday - Sunday	<b>Deposit:</b>	\$69.50 [50% of total cost] NON-REFUNDABLE
<b>Arrival Time:</b>	Friday between 4pm - 6pm [Dinner at 6:30pm]	<b>Balance Due:</b>	Upon Arrival- CASH ONLY
<b>Departure Time:</b>	Sunday around 1pm	<b>Includes:</b>	Food, Lodging & Conference
<b>Reservations:</b>	(864) 836-6392 Attn: Kathy	<b>Address:</b>	100 Look Up Lodge Rd. Travelers Rest, SC 29690
<b>Reservation Name:</b>	Great Swamp	<b>Taylor Daley:</b>	(843) 505-7066 or taylorcbdaley@gmail.com
<b>Forms Due:</b>	Upon Arrival		

\*\*I am more than happy to make all of the arrangements for you, please contact me if interested. \*\*



***The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum  
 information on Bulletin Board***





## *Christmas Celebrations*

**@ GREAT SWAMP**

*Please Join us for our:*

**DEC 16** Family Christmas Gathering  
*11 am*

**DEC 23** Candlelight Service  
*11 am*

## GSBC Prayer Pages December 16, 2018

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor  
Richard Waitt- Music Director  
Deacons*

### **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

### **Hospitals**

*Pam Stanley (MUSC)*

### **Surgery / Recovery**

*Judy Smith (10/18)  
Shirley Malphrus (11/1)  
Pat Bryan (11/13)  
Mike Mingledorff (12/7)*

### **Nursing Centers**

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

### **Special Requests**

*Robert O'Dell-Job*

### **Church Needs**

*Sunday School  
SFCA-Donna Carter  
Child Dev. Ministries*

### **Unspoken**

*Tim Cramer Family  
Mandy Drew  
Olivia & Juan Garcia*

### **Spiritual Guidance**

*Trip Fogle  
Enriqueta Torres  
David Peacock  
John Woodly  
Mary Lou Torres  
Emerald Trujillo*

### **Cancer / Treatments**

*Mitzi Cramer (12/1)  
Jane Chapman (12/1)  
Becky Broxton (12/1)  
Jeanie Raven (12/1)  
Jimmy Mixson (12/1)  
Pam Stanley (12/1)  
Heidi Crosby (12/26)  
Bill Martin (12/30)*

### **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

### **Ministries**

*Outreach Ministry  
Lottie Moon Offering*

### **Bereavement**

*Family of*

### **Other Health Needs**

*E.L. Ambrose (12/1)  
Betty Miles (11/29)  
Royce Malphrus (11/29)  
Monique Gagel (11/15)  
Gary Way (11/28)  
Bobby Mohn (11/28)  
Ann Blocker (11/30)  
Lyman Malphrus (12/4)  
Pinkie Rushing (12/4)  
Nannie/Elaine Williams (12/4)*

### **Expecting / Births**

*Amanda Bowen  
Victoria Keiffer*

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



## **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 Bragg*



## **Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team**

*Timmy Sauls  
Gail Malphrus*

*For Prayer Needs*

*You may access by calling the church at  
843-726-3631*

## **Intercessory Prayer**

*Due to E.L.'s health, as of the end of November, he will no longer be leading the Watchman's prayer group. At the present time, Mack and Timmy are planning to continue the program and we will be making changes in December. We will continue the Sunday morning prayer at 11:00am and will need volunteers to come aboard as prayer warriors as we pray for our pastor, deacons, leaders, etc. for our church family. A sign up sheet will be on the information board. Please be in prayer about this ministry. For more information contact Mack or Timmy.*



# Wednesday Night SUPPER



Baked Pork Chops  
Mushroom Gravy  
Rice / Cabbage  
Rolls / Dessert  
Tea & Coffee  
Keith Gamo  
Cooking Team

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



*December 19th     Diane Thames  
                         Rhonda Standard*

*December 22nd    Tammy Lee  
                         Krey Lee Lowther*



*December 19th    Bill & Donna Carter  
                         Mike & Vicky Mingledorff*

*December 20th    Wallace & Allene Malphrus*



*To Our Great Swamp Family:*

*We thank everyone who visited, brought food, called, prayed and reached out to us in love during the passing of Leonard (Poppa). You helped to make this difficult time easier. Please continue to lift out family up in prayer over the next few days, weeks, months.*

*Love,*

*Latrelle, Walt, Sharon, Kim, Patrick, Johnathan, Cory and Kimberlyn*





## Gifts

*A gift of \$50.00 was given to the Gymnasium Landscape Fund in Memory of Mary Daley by Donna Rowell.*

*A gift of \$200.00 was given to the Gymnasium Landscape Fund in Memory of Mary Daley by Mamie Minton.*

*A gift of \$200.00 was given to the Kitchen Supply Fund in Memory of Maxwell Malphrus by Mamie Minton.*

*A gift of \$50.00 was given to the Lottie Moon Offering in Honor of Joyce Sutler by the Gleaners Sunday School Class.*

*A gift of \$25.00 was given to the Lottie Moon Offering in Honor of Gail Malphrus by the Grandmother's Group.*



## Church Staff

*Pastor: Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr*.....*jehu27@gmail.com*  
*Music Director: Richard Waitt*.....*waittfamily83@gmail.com*  
*Sunday School Director: Wallace Malphrus*.....*Josie6@embarqmail.com*  
*Pianist: Michelle Waitt*.....*waittfamily83@gmail.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>	\$2,529.00	\$4,973.36	-\$2,444.36
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$200.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Gymnasium Landscape Fund</i>	\$250.00	*****	\$280.00
<i>Journeymen of Praise Concert</i>	\$389.00	*****	\$389.00
<i>Lottie Moon Offering</i>	\$597.00	*****	\$605.00
<i>SMB</i>	\$101.01	*****	\$359.01
<i>WNS</i>	\$103.00	*****	\$427.72
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$200.00	*****	\$480.00



*The Quilting Club will resume meetings in January.*

*Pam Stanley*  
 MUSC  
 ART 7—HOPE UNIT  
 Courtenay Dr., Charleston SC  
 Phone: 1-843-876-4617

**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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