



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

# Great Swamp Baptist Church

February 10, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Call to Worship**

*Hymn # 432 "It's So Wonderful"*

## **Invocation**

*Robert O'Dell*

## **Selections of Praise & Worship**

*Hymn # 531 "Redeemed"*  
*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Offertory Special

*GSBC Praise Band and The Proclaimers*

*"He Reigns"*

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invitation**

## **Benediction**

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## Greeters

*Today: Latrelle SteedlyArmstrong / Krey Lowther*  
*Next Week: Annette Malphrus / Krey Lowther*

## Nursery Workers

*Today: Vanessa Smoak / Jennifer Meador*  
*Next Week: Anita Blanton / Alyssa*



## Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff*  
*Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Robert O'Dell*  
843-540-2072  
*Next Week: Bjo Mills*  
843-726-4344



**Toll Committee**  
*For the month of February*  
**Bernice Malphrus**  
**Bonnie Pope**





*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **The Worship of Heaven**

*(Rev. 5:1-14)*

*Intro: There is a vast difference between the activities of Heaven and the activities on earth. Tonight will be a great example of what I am referring to. Millions upon millions will be tuned into their televisions to watch the playing of Super Bowl LIII. Bars all across the country will be packed and all their tv's will be showing the game. Homes will be hosting parties for families, neighbors and friends. People will be wearing their favorite teams memorabilia. For several hours they will watch closely, scream loudly, cheer boldly or fuss angrily.*

*However, on the opposite end of the evening most churches across America will be half-filled and many won't even be opened. Very few even this morning will be in our services across America will sit still for no more than an hour as we worship our Lord. They will not get excited about the singing, giving or preaching. They will instead sit there squirming around looking at their watches just wondering when are we going to get out of this place. As a matter of fact, they come to church already thinking I hope we can hurry and get out of this place. Worship of our Lord really means so little to these folks. The activities of this world consume them. One writer I read said, "For many Christians Heaven is an unreal place." (Walwood).*

*However, John's experience in Heaven reveals that the focus of Heaven is worship, no ifs ands or buts. So, if the focus of Heaven is worship, how much more should the focus of God's people here on earth be about worship? I want us to join in on this worship scene in Heaven and join the Heavenly choir and discover how they worship in Heaven and how we need to do here on earth. My message is simply The Worship of Heaven.*

### **I. First, let us notice that all the worship in Heaven focuses upon one person.**

*The worship service in Heaven breaks loose when the Lamb who looked as if He had been slain took the sealed scroll from the Hand of God the Father seated on the Heavenly Throne. At the moment He received the scroll the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb and began singing a new song. This song was not general or generic. It was rather personal because they began the song with the personal pronoun "You". Of course, they meant the Lamb. It was Him that they were singing about. The question is who is the "You" or who is the "Lamb"? The answer is simple. We have already answered in previous messages but in case you're not sure, just look at the song they sang. There is no doubt that there is only one person they were referring to. The Lamb that was slain and poured out His blood to purchase men from everywhere was none other than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. There were no songs about the celebrities in Hollywood, or the celebrities in professional sports or the politicians in Washington, D.C.*

Nor were there songs about the great Saints of old and present. No, it is all about Jesus the Lamb slain from the foundation of the earth. Let us sing and worship with the Heavenly choir that no one is worthy of our praise other than the Lord Jesus Christ. He and He alone must always be exalted.

**II. Second, let us notice that all the worship of Heaven focused upon one purpose.**

The obvious question is what was that one purpose? Well, again that is a simple answer. The answer is that the purpose of their worship was the activities of Almighty God. Their songs and sayings were all about what Christ the Lord has done on our behalf. The only activities of mankind mentioned are the worship and praise they are doing of the Lamb who has been slain on our behalf.

Both chapters four and five, we read about four songs or sayings that are all about who God is and what He has accomplished. He is Holy and eternal. He is our Creator and Redeemer. He alone is praise and honored in this worship scene.

The tragedy is that so many religious groups give Jesus a role and a place in their religion but He is not everything. He only goes so far. Then according to these groups, mankind themselves, must do the rest. It is Jesus plus man's accomplishments. However, in Heaven the accomplishments that are worthy of praise are God's and God's alone. Worship is not about tooting our own horns but rather about tooting His horn.

Paul tells us that our salvation is nothing that we can brag about at all. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast." (Eph. 2:8-9).

Paul also tells us that one day the whole universe will exalt and worship just one and that one is Jesus Christ our Lord. "Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in Heaven and on earth, and under the earth and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:9-11). Jesus did it all so all the praise belongs to Him.

**III. Third, let us notice that all the worship in Heaven is the work of God's people.**

It is God's people who are the beneficiary of the creative and redemptive work of Jesus Christ not the other way around. Therefore, it is we who join in with the living creatures, the angelic host, the twenty-four elders who represent the church of all times and places and myriads who represent an number of uncountable. Let us therefore immediately begin doing what we will do for eternity exalting the Lord Jesus Christ. As a matter of fact, let us not stop worshipping when we leave today. Rather, let our lives be a constant worship service to our Lord Jesus Christ. The way Paul says it is that our lives are to be a living sacrifice which is our reasonable act of worship. (Rom. 12:1-2).

**IV. Fourth, let us notice that all the worship of Heaven is demonstrated with great power.**

By this I mean that all the forces of Heaven was focused upon this worship. Worship in Heaven was powerful, strong and carried with every means available. The whole of Heaven either said it or sang it, or played it or fell down before Him or lifting their hands to Him. Earth has never experienced such a service. However, may it be the desire, drive, goal

*And effort of the church here on earth to worship our blessed Lord with all the means, power and force that has been granted us from God. May it be said at Great Swamp or about Great Swamp Baptist Church that our worship literally raised the roof off of our building and that the community around us both hears and sees our praise to Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Concl. When the time finally comes and Christ Jesus our Lord has fulfilled all that the remainder of the Book reveals, He will do to claim His heritage that the Father promised Him in the sealed scroll, then we literally will experience this great worship service before us. But let us don't wait. Let us get started.*

*Jesus Love You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*



*Dear Friends,*

*Sending our sincere thank you for the good dinners you have sent to us for the last 3 weeks. We really appreciate receiving the dinners. They were very good and we enjoyed them.*

*We thank ya'll from the heart.*

*Love to you all,*

*Rhett & Sandra Boyd*

## **Operation Christmas Child**

*It is time to get excited and motivated for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Since our goal for this year is 400 boxes, we are going to have a friendly completion. In the foyer will be 2 boxes for donations; 1 box for ages 40 and younger and 1 box for 40 and older. So, let the donations begin. Monetary donation are also welcomed. Any question, se Dorthie Armstrong.*

### **February Collections:**



*Wash Cloths and Soap*



**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE SECOND ANNUAL DINNER  
AND SILENT AUCTION**

**SFCA DRAMA IS WORKING TO RAISE FUNDS  
FOR LIGHTING AND SOUND EQUIPMENT TO  
PRESENT EVEN BETTER PERFORMANCES!!**

**DUKE'S BBQ  
10190 JACOB SMART BLVD  
RIDGELAND, SC**

**FEBRUARY 23RD AT 5:00 PM**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! MAY  
GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU.**



**You Are Invited**

**Parent Meeting**

**February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**Great Swamp Baptist Church MPB**

**Parents, Children, Teens  
&**

**Technology**



*~Promote healthy uses of technology in your family ~  
~ Identify problem behaviors around technology ~  
~ Get more information if you need help ~*



**STEP OF FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
9009 Tarboro Rd  
Ridgeland SC 29936  
843.726.6100**



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# MARY POPPINS

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

March 8th and 9th- 7:00 PM  
9009 Tarboro Rd  
Ridgeland, SC

Adults \$12.00

Youth (5-18)

Seniors (62+)

\$8.00



Mary Poppins is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International. All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.





Chicken 'n Fixins

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Armstrong Cooking Team

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

# Announcements



*February 14th Allene Malphrus*

*February 16th Alex Sineath*



*February 10th Tom & Connie Benton*

*February 11th Rodney & April Malphrus, Jr.*

*Fill a bottle, save a life!*



***Baby Bottles due TODAY.  
Return as soon as possible.***



**Baby Bottle Boomerang**

THE INSPIRATIONAL TRUE STORY CONTINUES

# UNBROKEN

PATH TO REDEMPTION



**TONIGHT!**

Feature follows fellowship @ 5:30pm

*Everyone is asked to bring their favorite finger foods and desserts.*

## GSBC Prayer Pages February 10, 2019

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

### **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

### **Hospitals**

### **Surgery / Recovery**

*Nadine Smoak (2/7)*

### **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  
Olivia & Juan Garcia*

### **Spiritual Guidance**

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

### **Cancer / Treatments**

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)  
Jane Chapman (12/1)  
Becky Broxton (12/1)  
Jeanie Raven (1/28)  
Heidi Crosby (12/26)  
Bill Martin (12/30)*

### **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
Inreach Ministry*

### **Bereavement**

*Family of  
Mary Bailey Cooler*

### **Other Health Needs**

*Bobby Mohn (1/10)  
Briar Tracey (1/17)  
Bill Bell - Mrs. Rose's Dad (2/7)  
Baby Gabrielle (2/7)*

### **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  
Lyman Malphrus  
Annette Malphrus*

*Dot Nettles  
Tom Hinely  
Lois Bootle  
Grace Boyles  
Patricia Malphrus  
Scott Boyles  
Ellen Langford  
Ann Blocker  
E. L. Ambrose*

*Gary Way  
Christy Gagel  
Vera Miles  
Barbara Mills(Knee)  
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.  
Lanell Smith  
Dot Tindal  
Pam Stanley  
Garbade Carter*



## **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  
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ Navy Seals*



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

*Mack Pope  
Kevin Malphrus*

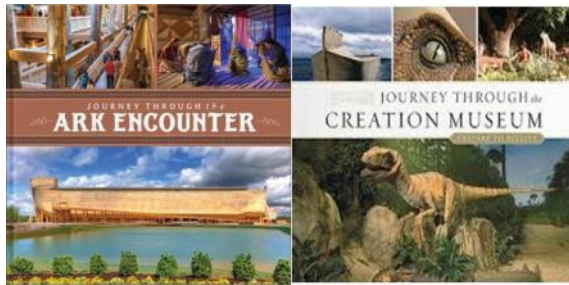
*For Prayer Needs  
You may access by calling the church at  
843-726-3631*



**VALENTINE'S Day**  
*Luncheon*

*For our Senior Adults  
Thursday, February  
14th*

*A sign up sheet is in  
the foyer  
Transportation will be  
provided for anyone  
that needs it.*



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

**Complete Package Plan**  
*(Includes lodging, travel & tickets)*

*(A continental breakfast is free daily, all other meals are not included.)*

*Persons  
Per Room      Total      Monthly*

<b>1</b>	<b>\$531.00</b>	<b>\$106.20</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$367.50</b>	<b>\$73.50</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$313.00</b>	<b>\$62.60</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$285.75</b>	<b>\$57.15</b>

*The January Payment is **NOW past due** by*

*Thursday, January 31st.*

*More Info:*

*Contact the Church office @*

*843-726-3631*

*Sybil Reynolds or Timmy Sauls*

## 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>	\$3,837.00	\$4,982.79	-\$1,120.79
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$25.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	\$1,232.20	*****	\$4,794.32
<i>SMB</i>	\$75.00	*****	\$545.64
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$152.00	*****	\$556.43
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$15.00	*****	\$201.13

**REMINDER**  
*Nursing Home Ministry*  
*Tuesday, February 12th @ 6:30pm*  
*Everyone Welcome*

**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

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