



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

FEBRUARY 17, 2019

# Great Swamp Baptist Church

February 17, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

## The Welcome

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Call to Worship

*Hymn # 579*

*“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

## Invocation

*Bjo Mills*

## Selections of Praise & Worship

*“He Will”*

*Olivia Stanley*

*“Mighty To Save”*

## We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Offertory Special

*Richard Waitt*

*“The Word of Life”*

## Message

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Invitation

## Benediction

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### Greeters

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

### Nursery Workers

*Today: Anita Blanton / Alyssa*

*Next Week: Carol Davis / Taylor Daley*



### Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley*

*Next Week: Emma Mingledorff / Kaylee Standard*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Bjo Mills*

843-726-4344

*Next Week: Duane Armstrong*

843-726-6795



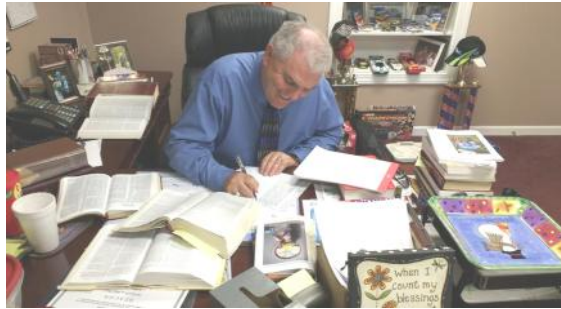
### Toll Committee

*For the month of February*

*Bernice Malphrus*

*Bonnie Pope*





*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse**

(Rev. 6:1-8)

*Intro: As we adventure into the sixth chapter of Revelation, we will first encounter what has famously been entitled the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. However, before we jump in I think it would behoove us to remind ourselves of certain things that we've already examined but are necessary to remember in order to properly understand what we will begin seeing in chapters six and forward. So, today's message will not actually focus upon the four horsemen of chapter six but will remind us of where we are at so that where we are going will be understood better.*

**I. First, I want to remind us of the timing of things in the Book of Revelation and of prophetic events of the end times.**

*First, we will go back and look at a verse in chapter one that lays out very clearly for us the time frame of the Book of Revelation. "Write therefore what you have seen, what is now, and what will take place later." (Rev. 1:19). In this one verse, the Lord told the Apostle John to write out in the Book of Revelation the things that he has heard and seen already which would be what he had heard and seen in chapter one. This now is for him the past. Then he's commanded to write out what he is hearing and seeing in the present or as the Lord said, "What is now." This is a reference to what is taking place in chapters two and three. These two chapters are all about seven specific churches that were found in Asia minor at that time. However, these seven churches as we have already examined represent churches through the entire life of God's church family, which is the present age that we live in now. So, what is now is God's dealings with His church until He comes to remove her from this earth to her heavenly home with him.*

*It is very important that we notice that verse nine doesn't end with the past or the present. No it gives us one more time frame to consider and that is as He says "And what will take place later." so the question is what part of the Book of Revelation is the later part to take place? Or another way of putting it is, what part is dealing with the future? Well, we can answer that question very simply by turning to the first verse of chapter four. In this verse, in some manner that we aren't quite certain of, the Apostle John was transported up to Heaven and he heard a loud voice instructing him to, "Come up here and I will show you what must take place after this." here is where the what must take place later begins. From chapters four all the way through the end of the Book of Revelation is where we will discover what is yet to take place.*

*Now when the Lord told John that he would see, "what must take place after this" the after this is a reference to what's already taken place in chapter one through three. So, this means that our Lord is not going to fulfill the events of chapter four and following until He is finished with the present church age.*

**II. Second, I want us to consider that the events of the Book of Revelation and of prophetic events of the Bible are to primarily be understood from more of a literal point of view as opposed to just being symbolic.**

*Let us begin this discussion by pointing out how literally Jesus fulfilled the prophetic events of His first coming. The Old Testament prophesied much about the first coming of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament prophesied that the lineage of the Messiah's entrance into the world would be the lineage of the Tribe of Judah and King David. Well, both Mary and Joseph, were from the Tribe of Judah thus also related to King David. The Old Testament prophesied that the Savior would be born of a virgin. Mary was a virgin. The Old Testament predicted that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The Bible prophesied that the Savior would die a horrible death in order to pay for the sins of the world and Jesus did exactly that. The Old Testament also predicted of His resurrection and up from the grave on the third day He arose. Now, if His first coming was carried out in a very real sense, why wouldn't you believe the same of the events of His second coming.*

*Let me use for a moment one example concerning the end time events of our Lord. In chapter twenty of the Book of Revelation, we discover that there will be what we call a millennial reign of Christ upon the earth. Of course, this is a reference to a thousand year reign. Now, some people try to make out that we are only dealing with a symbolic reign not literally one thousand years. However, as we have pointed out we do not interpret His first coming this way so why would we do this for His second coming. Besides this, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle John reveals to us in this one chapter, six times that our Lord reigns upon the earth following His second coming will be for a thousand years. I don't believe for a moment that this term is used six times to refer to something symbolic. It is emphasized so that you would understand it to literally refer to exactly what it says, a thousand years.*

*However, before the return of Christ and His literal thousand year reign, which is discovered in chapter nineteen and twenty. There are several other chapters that deal with a period of condemnation and judgment like our world has never known before or ever again. We call this period of judgment, the Great Tribulation. According to the Book of Daniel chapter nine, this period of great tribulation will last for seven years. It will be broken up into two three and a half years. The first three and a half years will not be as bad as the last three and a half years. However, literally, God will pour out His wrath of judgment upon the earth because of their unbelief and out and out rebellion against Him. Many places in Scripture refers to this period of great tribulation. Some of the Biblical records concerning a time like this is found in the Book of Daniel chapter nine; Isaiah thirty-four verses one through four; Jeremiah thirty verses four through seven; Matthew twenty-four; II Thessalonians chapter two and of course Revelation chapter six through nineteen.*

*Because we take this period of time to be a literal one, we must take its content seriously and warn our world what is coming so that we might encourage them not to let themselves get caught up in that terrible time.*

**III. Third I want to remind us what is going to happen to the church during this time of great tribulation.**

*Well, first, let us remember that we have already discovered that after chapter three the church is not mentioned again until the very last chapter. Know that the reason for this we believe that Christ has raptured His church which is His Bride out of the earth just before He begins this time of great judgment. Three Biblical references deal with the rapture of the church. (John 14:1-4; I Cor. 15:51-54 and I Thess. 4:13-17). Paul tells us that the church will not face this time of coming wrath. "for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from Heaven, whom He raised from the dead-Jesus who rescues us from the coming wrath." (I Thess. 1:9-10). He also said, "For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." let us shout and praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who will deliver us from this great tribulation and let us do our best to get others to believe in Christ so they too can be delivered from this coming wrath.*

*Concl. Now in conclusion, let me bring it all together as we launch out into chapter six, we are going to begin looking at what will happen upon the earth during that time of great tribulation following the rapture of the church. However, the good news is that we will eventually come to Christ's literal second coming, millennial reign and then all the rest of eternity. Ready, set, go.*

*Jesus Love You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **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*







# Wednesday Night SUPPER



Chicken Pot Pie  
Steamed Green Beans  
Tomato/Cucumber/Onion  
Ranch Salad  
Banana Pudding  
Tea & Coffee  
Keith Gamo Cooking Team

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



**You Are Invited**

Parent Meeting

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

7:00 PM

Great Swamp Baptist Church MPPB  
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



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.





**MARY POPPINS**  
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

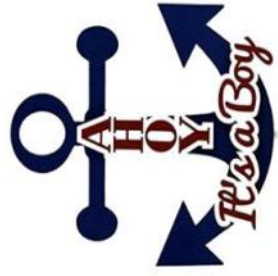
March 8th and 9th- 7:00 PM  
9009 Tarboro Rd  
Ridgeland, SC

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.



# Baby Shower



Baby Shower  
for  
Amanda Bowen

February 24th @ 1:30 PM  
Sergeant Jasper Park  
Community building

Hardeeville SC

Registered at  
Target



*February 17th Kris Goethe*  
*February 19th Vera Miles*  
*February 20th Debbie Hodge*  
*February 21st Jimmie Anderson*  
*Marissa Lynch*  
*February 22nd Pat Azzarelli*



*February 22nd Ron & Lucille Degler*  
*Fannie & Ann Nettles*  
*February 23rd Forrest & Amanda Bowen*

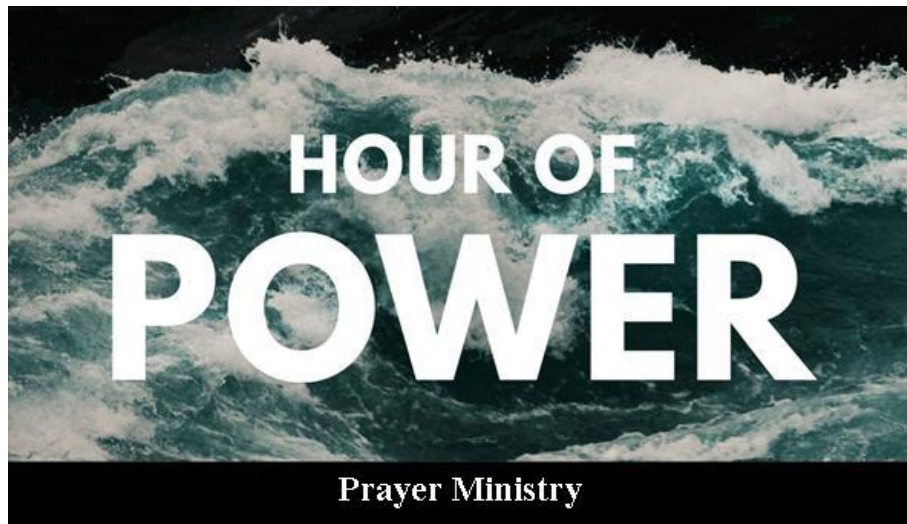
## **Announcements**



*Office / School Closed*  
*Monday, February 18th*

*Thursday, February 21st*  
*Quilt Club @ 10:00 am*





**Every Tuesday @ 9:00am  
Continental Breakfast Served**

MPB

*Great Swamp Baptist Church  
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Ridgeland, SC*

**All are encouraged to come**

*I thank my God every time I remember you.  
In all my prayers for all of you,  
I always pray with joy  
Because of your partnership in the gospel  
From the first day until now.  
Philippians 1:3-5*

## GSBC Prayer Pages February 17, 2019

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

**Leadership**  
*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

**Hospitals**  
*Troy Smith -HHH  
Jimmy Lang-MUSC*

**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**  
*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  
Deidre Roberts  
Lyman Malphrus*

**Other Health Needs**  
*Bobby Mohn (1/10)  
Briar Tracey (1/17)  
Bill Bell - Mrs. Rose's Dad (2/7)  
Baby Gabrielle (2/7)  
Max Cole (2/11)  
Nicole Cole (2/11)  
Danny Fogle (2/14)  
Peggy Fludd (2/14)*

**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*

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

*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**

*Timmy Sauls  
Gail Malphrus*

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

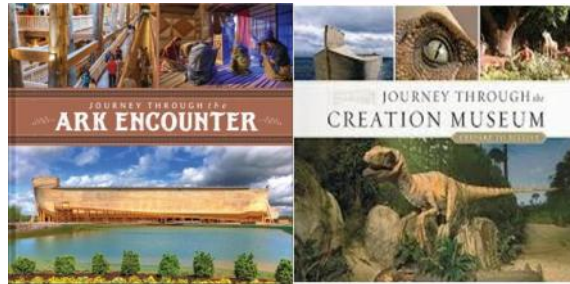
*Fill a bottle, save a life!*



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



**Baby Bottle Boomerang**



*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*

<i>Per Room</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Monthly</i>
<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**. February Payment is **due Thursday, February 28th**. 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>	<i>\$4,495.00</i>	<i>\$4,982.79</i>	<i>-\$ 74.69</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$413.10</i>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	<i>\$1,359.70</i>	*****	<i>\$6,154.02</i>
<i>Youth Camp Deposits</i>	<i>\$ 128.00</i>	*****	<i>\$684.43</i>
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	<i>\$105.00</i>	*****	<i>\$868.03</i>
<i>SMB</i>	<i>\$98.00</i>	*****	<i>\$619.43</i>
<i>WNS</i>	<i>\$232.00</i>	*****	<i>\$421.35</i>
<i>VBS</i>	<i>\$45.00</i>	*****	<i>\$65.00</i>
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>	*****	<i>\$251.13</i>

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

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

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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

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