



Great Swamp Baptist Church



February 24, 2019

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 335 "Standing on the Promises"

Invocation

Duane Armstrong

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Days of Elijah"
"Draw Me Close to You"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

The Proclaimers

"Shoutin' Time"

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

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

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Dorthie Armstrong





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

(Rev. 6:1-8)

Intro: Flip Wilson was famous for a couple of phrases. One of them was "the devil made me do it". Today, however, I want us to think about the second of his most famous phrases. He use to say, "here comes the judge, here comes the judge, order in the court for here come the judge." Well, that pretty much is what we can say about Revelation chapter six and forward. Here come the judge and here comes His judgment. Each of the seven seals will be opened by the Judge of all eternity our Lord Jesus Christ. As He opens the seals each one will release a new wave of judgment. With each one escalating over the preceding one.

Now, based upon the prophesies of the Book of Daniel, the tribulation period will be broken up into two three and a half year periods. The first three and a half years will be less in intensity than the second three and a half years however, the first three will still be greater than anything the earth will experience up till that time.

Most evangelical scholars believe that the first four seals and possibly seal five are all carried out during the first three and a half years. In Matthew chapter twenty-four where Jesus is discussing the matter with His disciples, describes those first three and a half years in which the first four seals are opened in this way, "All these things are the beginning of birth pains." As a matter of fact, the events of these first four seals match up with the time frame and events which Jesus mentions in Matthew twenty-four verses one through nine.

Today we will actually only investigate the first four seals and horseman because the first one requires a little more attention to understand just who this particular horsemen is.

I. The first seal reveals the horseman of deception. *I want to first point out before we answer just who the white horseman is that this first seal opened with a voice of thunder. Why is this important you ask? Because it again is another clear sign that judgment is on its' way. For whenever we hear the sound of thunder off in the distance we know that a storm is on its' way. We can expect it at any moment. So, the Lord is saying to the earth you hear that voice of thunder get ready because the storm of judgment is getting ready to come like you've never seen before.*

Now, as we take a look at the horseman of this first seal, we could be easily led to believe that this horseman is none other than Jesus Christ Himself. There are many things about this horseman that could easily led us to the wrong conclusion. We need, however, to be reminded of that old phrase "looks can be deceiving." We have all, in some form or fashion, experienced the truth of that phrase. In this particular situation, this rider on the white horse is the complete totally opposite of whom he appears to be.

He is not Christ in any form, shape or fashion. As a matter of fact, He is the exact opposite, he is not Christ, he is the antichrist. He is the devil incarnate.

Now, to understand how we can easily be deceived by this horseman has to do with his description. Most of the ways he is described are things that we usually associate with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Those things which appear to belong to Christ are the fact that he is riding a white horse. He has been given and wearing a crown and he is out to conquer and to be victorious.

Before we discuss why this horseman is not the Christ but rather the antichrist, we need to go back to the Book of Matthew as we have been doing to notice what Jesus said would be the first sign to indicate that the great tribulation period has begun. The disciples of Jesus asked Him once, what would be the signs of His coming and the end of the age. Well, Jesus answered that the first sign would be about deception. "Jesus answered, "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, I am the Christ, and will deceive many." (Matt. 24:4-5). Jesus' warning and opening sign to His disciples correlates exactly with opening of the first seal. This clearly leads us to understand that we are looking at a horseman who wants to be the Messiah and who claims he is and goes out of his way to make it appear that way and that is exactly why he is the horseman of deception.

Let us also look at the other reasons why we know that this horseman is really the antichrist. First, we must remember that it is Jesus Christ Himself who is opening up the seal that reveals the rider on a white horse. So, it can't be Jesus for this very reason.

Second, it is true that Jesus will be riding a white horse when He comes back. However, Jesus will not be riding His white horse until the end of the tribulation and not at the beginning. (Rev. 19:11). So, why is the antichrist on a white horse? Well again it is all about deception. He wants the world to believe he is the Christ.

Third, it is also true that when Jesus returns that He will be wearing a crown but not just one but many. However, the antichrist is wearing just one crown that was given to him. It was possibly given to him for some temporary victory. However, the Greek word for crown is different with each of these persons. The crown of the antichrist is the Greek word for a crown given after a victory of some type. The Greek word however, for the many crowns that Christ wears are the crowns of royalty and sovereignty. He wears His many crowns because He is the Christ; the Messiah the King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen and Amen.

Fourth, we know that the first rider on the white horse is not Christ but the antichrist because his weapon is not the same as the weapon that Jesus brings back with Him when He returns. The antichrist is carrying a bow. He doesn't even have an arrow or arrows to go with the bow and that is because he is trying to deceive the world through a means of peace and not war. At first many will be by his deception of peace. He will even convince Israel to sign a peace treaty with him for their protection. However, it won't be long before everyone will realize that he is really not about peace at all.

However, when we come to Christ Himself, His choice of weapons is

a sword, and He doesn't come with any pretense about what He is going to do with that sword. He is going to wipe out all the wicked and ungodly that have come against Him and His people. He then will sit up His glorious kingdom here on earth for a thousand years.

Fifth, a lot of people would say that white which is being used with this horseman is a color of purity and holiness. Well, it is true that white is a color representing purity and holiness but not in every situation. Listen to the words of Jesus Himself as He spoke about people using white to cover up a multitude of sins. "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness." (Matt. 23:27-28).

Concl. It is important that we understand just who this rider on the white horse is because he is going to play a big role through our this tribulation period. He will be out deceiving the world to follow him for one very specific reason and the Bible is quite clear what that reason is and that is that the antichrist is simply Satan incarnate. Satan is going to raise his ugly head one more time indwelling the antichrist to try once again to take control of what rightly belongs to Jesus Christ. However, we need to be aware that his tactics will ultimately fail once again. He will never even conquer the real Christ. He will never ever reign over the kingdom of our God. That belongs to one King and one King alone and that is the King of kings, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

So, let us preach that there is no other Christ other than the Christ of Eternity. Jesus Christ our Lord. Let me close with words of the Apostle Paul as he wrote to the believers in Galatia. "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the One who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel.—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the Gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from Heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say it again: if anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned." (Gal. 1:6-9).

*Let our loyalty and commitment rest on no one but Jesus Christ our Lord
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, see Dorthie Armstrong.



February Collections:

Wash Cloths and Soap



BBQ Sandwiches
Tater Tots
Cole Slaw
Dessert
Tea & Coffee
Youth Cooking Team

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



Disney • CAMERON MACINTOSH

MARY POPPINS

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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

Adults \$12.00

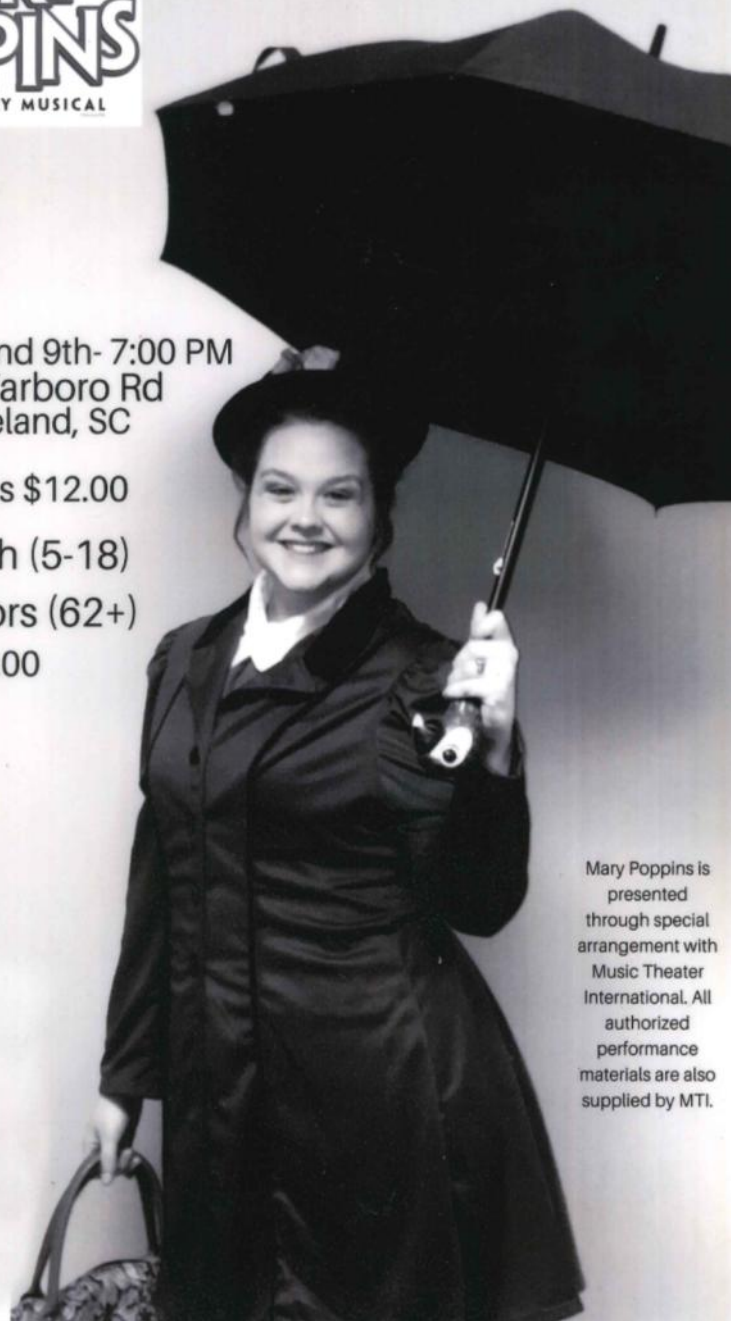
Youth (5-18)

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 24th *Christopher Waitt*
February 27th *Sarah Malphrus*
March 1st *Richard Waitt*
 Andre Goulet
March 2nd *D. J. Daring*

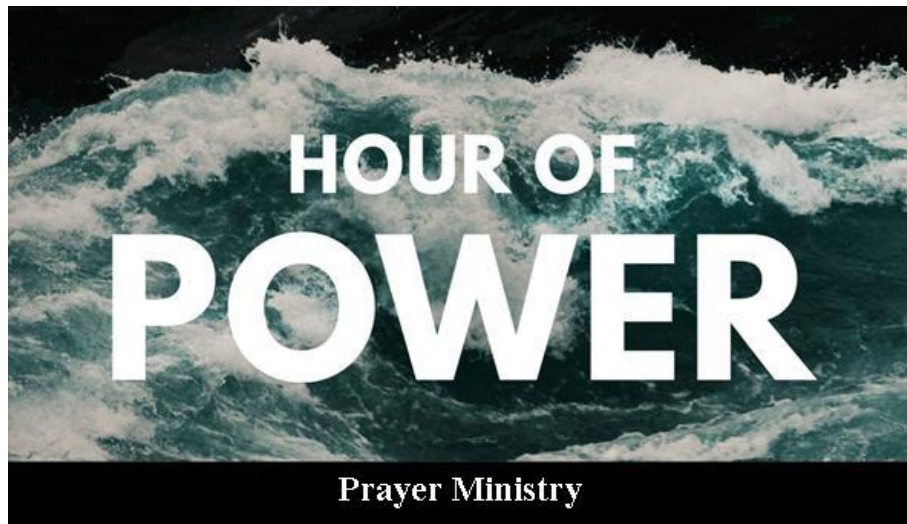


March 1st *Kris & KayCee Goethe*

Announcements

Thursday, February 28th
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am





Every Tuesday @ 9:00am
Continental Breakfast Served

MPB
Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd
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 24, 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

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

*Truett Vaigneur
Mike Mingledorff*

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

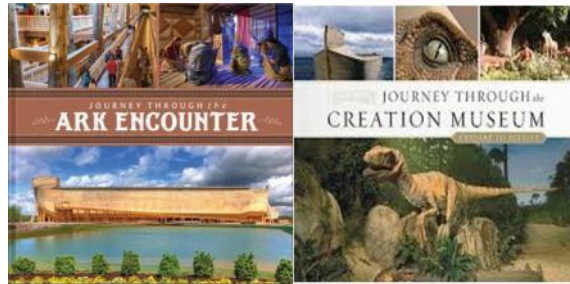
Fill a bottle, save a life!



**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>
1	\$531.00	\$106.20
2	\$367.50	\$73.50
3	\$313.00	\$62.60
4	\$285.75	\$57.15

*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

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Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$3,190.00	\$4,982.79	-\$ 1,792.79
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	\$437.80	*****	\$6,591.82
<i>Youth Camp Deposits</i>	\$ 156.00	*****	\$840.43
<i>SMB</i>	\$98.23	*****	\$717.66
<i>WNS</i>	\$243.00	*****	\$664.35
<i>OCC</i>	\$25.00	*****	\$171.28

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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