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**Step of Faith Christian Academy**



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**Great Swamp Baptist Church**

*March 10, 2019*

# Great Swamp Baptist Church

March 10, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

## The Welcome

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Call to Worship

*Hymn # 546 "Love Lifted Me"*

## Invocation

*Mack Pope*

## Selections of Praise & Worship

*Hymn # 452 "He Is So Precious to Me"*

*Hymn # 202 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

## We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Offertory Special

*Saylor Moser*

*"Salt and Light"*

## Message

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Invitation

## Benediction

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## Greeters

*Today: Mike Miongedorff / Krey Lowther*  
*Next Week: Dorthie Armstrong / Krey Lowther*

## Nursery Workers

*Today: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn*

*Next Week: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak*



## Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Evelyn Bradley / Olivia Stanley*

*Next Week: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Mack Pope*

843-540-6636

*Next Week: Robert O'Dell*

843-540-2072



## Toll Committee

*For the month of March*

*Latrelle Steedly*

*Dorthie Armstrong*





*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

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

*(Rev. 6:9-11)*

*Intro: It has been said that probably the greatest number of Christians martyred took place during the twentieth century. The reason why was largely because of the rise of communism. Communism hates Christianity because Christianity teaches loyalty to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. However, Communism teaches loyalty to no one but the state. Christianity also focuses upon the individual as well as the community. However, Communism focuses on the collective. So, because of these differences Communism of Satan's leadership wiped out large numbers of Christians.*

*Christianity has always faced martyrdom. From its very beginning to now, her followers have been persecuted and martyred greater than almost all other groups put together. But as bad as it has been over the centuries since the birth of the church, it has never faced the number of martyrs like it will during the great tribulation. As a matter of fact, what the Book of Revelation is teaching us as well as other prophecies concerning this period is that the majority of people who become Believers during the tribulation will be martyred.*

*Now you ask the question, why are you bringing up such a sad topic? Because the next seal that is about to be opened up is all about this very matter. Therefore we must take a look and realize that though it has a very sad element to it, it also has some amazing truths that God's people need to be reminded of which will lift up their spirits.*

**I. First, let us notice when these Christian martyrs were martyred.** *Based upon previous messages, we've learned that in the time line of the Book of Revelation, the church has already been raptured out by the time we come to chapter four. We've also learned that the tribulation period opens up with the opening of the first seal found in our present chapter. Therefore, based upon these points, what we realize is that the particular group of Christian martyrs we are looking at coming out of the fifth seal, had to have been slain following the rapture and into the tribulation period. Thus these Believers meet their fate during the great tribulation. We believe that the Christians meet their fate through the entire period of the tribulation. However, their worst period of martyrdom comes during the latter period of the great tribulation, meaning the last three and a half years. When we go back to the signs that Jesus mentioned concerning the end time period to His disciples in Matthew's gospel, He revealed to His disciples that following the first four signs already mentioned, which correlates with the first four seals opened that the*

*fifth sign would be all about the great persecutions and martyrdoms of the Believers particularly during the later half of the tribulation. (Matthew 24:9-22). So, the question is, why will such a large number of Believers be martyred during that period? We will answer that question with the second point.*

**II. Second, let us notice why the Christian martyrs are martyred. (vs. 9).**

*The answer is given straight forward in the verse at which we are looking. It says that who John saw when the fifth seal was opened was, "...the souls of those who had been slain because of the Word of God and the testimony they had maintained." (vs. 9). The questions arise as to why will they be persecuted and martyred because of the Word of God and their testimony?*

*Well, the answer to that question is also quite clear, not only is the Book of Revelation but also through the entirety of the Word of God. During the tribulation period the Bible shows us that the antichrist will rise to power. He will be Satan incarnated in to this world. He had and has always had one intention to be worshipped as God. So far up until the rapture of the church takes place, God has and will restrain the devil from carrying out worldwide conquest and the declaring of himself as being God or the Messiah. However, when the tribulation period begins, we are told by the apostle Paul in the Book of Thessalonians that during this period God will remove the restrainer who has so far held Satan's full plan at bay. (2 Thess. 2:7-8). When this happens, then for this period of the tribulation, Satan through the antichrist will be allowed to put his full plan of conquest and desired recognition as deity into action. Therefore, because the Word of God calls for total and complete loyalty and devotion to the blessed tri-une God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also because it proclaims Jesus Christ alone to be the Savior of the world and the King of kings and Lord of lords, then the unrestrained antichrist will come against any and all who proclaim it 's message. He also will seek to destroy them not only for preaching the whole counsel of the Word of God but also because of their actual testimony of complete devotion to no one but Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone. Let us not forget that the Word of God which the Believers during the tribulation period will preach and be martyred for doing so, also tells the rest of the story, which is that their martyrdom is not the end of the story it is really only the beginning but it will be the beginning of the end for the antichrist . Amen and praise the Lord.*

**III. Third, let us notice where the Christian martyrs are?** *It is important that we notice that the souls which the apostle John sees are the ones already martyred. However, it is not the full number of all of those who will be martyred during the tribulation. For God told them that they would have to wait a little longer for their prayers of judgment upon those who persecuted them until the whole number of martyrs had taken place.*

*Therefore, we can conclude a couple of things from this. Obviously the ones who haven't been martyred yet are still upon the face of the earth until they are martyred. The second thing is that the souls of the ones already martyred are by no means dead, not their souls anyway. First of all they are talking and crying out to God. Second, God speaks back to them. So if they are alive but not on earth because they have been martyred there, then where are they? That leaves only one place they can be, Heaven. For Jesus gives them a white robe to wear, which we find already the elders wearing in Heaven. Also, they are told to rest and relax and enjoy themselves. They can only do this because of where they are. Heaven.*

*Let us rejoice that in our present age and in the next period, the tribulation, that for all of God's children to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.*

**IV. Fourth, let us notice what will be done for the Christian martyrs.** *First, the Lord assures them that He will answer their prayers. They will have to wait for His timing but He will do exactly what they are asking. He will destroy all of the ungodly that have chosen to reject Jesus Christ and instead have chosen to follow the antichrist and He will defeat the antichrist and cast him into the lake of fire. These wicked men and the demonic forces of hell will see and know that all the Believers they persecuted and martyred were on the right side when they chose devotion to no one but Jesus.*

*Second, the Lord is going to put these white robes on them which symbolizes that they are living in the pure, eternal righteousness of our blessed Lord and also that they are given blessedness, dignity and honor.*

*Third, the Lord is giving them rest from their labor, pains, persecutions and martyrdoms. They will now forever be in the eternal presence of the One whom they were forever saved by because of His death for them and us.*

*Finally, the Lord is giving them the blessed assurance that the rest of their brothers and sisters on earth will soon be with them just a little bit longer. In other words, not much longer to wait. This reminds me of the words of the rapture text. "For the Lord Himself will come down from Heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will all will be with the Lord forever therefore comfort one another with these words." (I Thess. 4:16-18). Amen and Amen.*

*Jesus Love You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*





Chicken & Fixins

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Dorthie Armstrong Cooking Team

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

4 or more

# Announcements



*Monday, March 11th*  
*Deacon's Meeting*

*Business Conference*  
*Wednesday, March 13th*



*Thursday, March 14th*  
*Quilt Club @ 10:00 am*

*Thank*  
*You*

*Peace often begins with an act of kindness...*

*Thank you for yours.*

*Your expression of sympathy will always*

*Be remembered by the family of*

*Lyman Malphrus.*



## 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 Totals**

*41 and above:*

*50*

*40 and below*

*37*

### **March Collections:**

*Tooth Brushes*

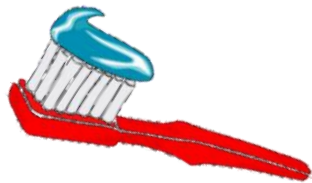
*Combs and/or Hair Brushes for Girls*

*Stuffed Animals*

*Soap &*

*Wash*

*Cloths*





*March 11th*      *Debra Daley*  
*Wallace Malphrus*

*March 12th*      *Libby Pendrak*

*March 13th*      *Irwin Malphrus*  
*Alice Way*

*March 14th*      *Jeremiah Dennen*

*March 16th*      *Kaylee Standard*  
*Don Van Curen*

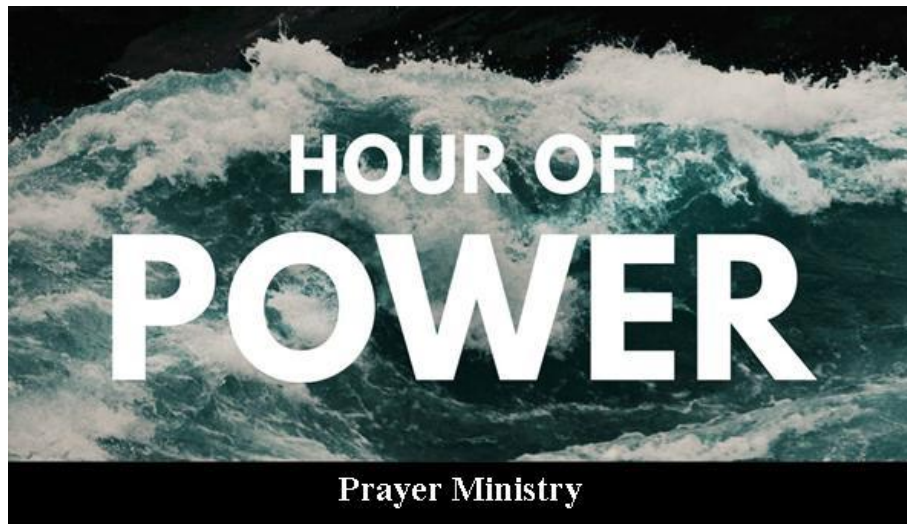


*March 10th*      *Jason & Vanessa Smoak*

*March 11th*      *Davey & Barbara McGill*

## **Gifts**

*A gift of \$100.00 was given to the  
Cemetery Fund in  
Memory of Jacob Osborne & Minnie T. Malphrus  
by Heyward & Linna M. Pinckney.*



**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 March 10, 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  
Brian Freeman-Bft. Memorial  
Redden Tuten-Bft. Memorial*

## **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 Woodyly  
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  
Seabrook Malphrus, III  
Pinckney Smith  
Mallory Beach*

## **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)  
Lynn Daugherty (2/26)  
Mallory Beach (2/26)*

## **Expecting / Births**

*Amanda Bowen  
Victoria Keiffer & Baby Ruby*

## **Please Continue To Remember**

*Mike Hodge  
Shirley Malphrus  
Rose Boyles  
Mary Cope  
Judy Smith  
Jeffrey Stanley  
Joyce Sutler  
Redden Tuten  
Vera Floyd*

*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**

*Mack Pope  
Kevin Malphrus*

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

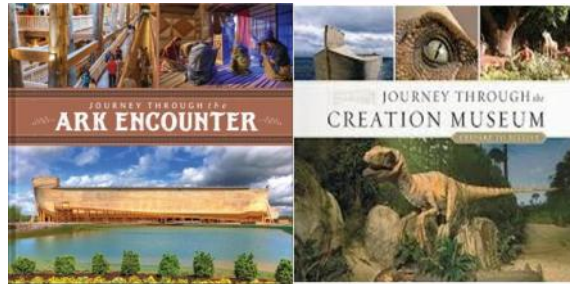
*Fill a bottle, save a life!*



*Baby Bottles are now  
**PAST DUE.***



**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 & February Payments  
are **NOW past due.** March Payment  
is due **Sunday, March 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 + / -
Tithes & General Budget	\$4,841.01	\$4,982.79	-\$ 91.78
Online Offerings	\$ 50.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
Seniors (Ark Encounter)	\$1,113.28	*****	\$6,811.30
Youth Camp Deposits	\$ 150.00	*****	\$1,397.43
WNS (Youth)	\$170.00	*****	*
SMB	\$84.00	*****	\$888.66
George Pepper Scholarship	\$100.00	*****	\$968.03
Dot Lee Scholarship	\$50.00	*****	\$520.00
Cemetery Maint.	\$100.00	*****	\$100.00
VBS	\$40.00	*****	\$220.00
In Reach Ministry	\$140.00	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Electric	\$3,256.82	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Janitorial Supplies	\$ 500.00	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Repairs	\$767.32	*****	\$734.26
SFCA Trash Pick Up	\$240.00	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Security	\$123.89	*****	\$0.00
SFCA Office Supplies	\$36.90	*****	\$36.90



**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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