



# Great Swamp Baptist Church

*March 17, 2019*



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Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM

## The Welcome

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Call to Worship

*Hymn # 10 "How Great Thou Art"*

## Invocation

*Mack Pope*

## Selections of Praise & Worship

*"We Believe"*

*"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

## We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Offertory Special

*The Proclaimers*

*"When We All Get To Heaven"*

Message

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## Invitation

## Benediction

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### Greeters

*Today: Dorthie Armstrong / Krey Lowther*  
*Next Week: Latrelle Steedly / Krey Lowther*

### Nursery Workers

*Today: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak*

*Next Week: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges*



### 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 March*

*Latrelle Steedly*

*Dorthie Armstrong*





*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **Led Astray**

*(I Kings 22:1-28)*

*Intro: Since the fall of man, God has on many, many occasions warned individuals and as well as nations and even the entire globe of coming judgment. To do this He has used prophets, priests, preachers, judges, apostles and more. Often He has given years of warning in order to give whomever He has given the warning to plenty of opportunity to repent and get it right.*

*However, the tragedy is that for every true prophet there is a false one and many more. For every good priest there were many bad ones. The same goes for all the other groups mentioned that God used to proclaim his warnings of judgment. There are good preachers and bad ones. There were the true apostles and there were the false apostles. I bring this up because all of these false prophets, priests, preachers, judges and apostles have managed to convince in the past and in the present that judgment is not really coming. The result of these false proclaimers has been staggering. Of course, the greatest example of that was the great worldwide flood of Noah's day. Noah preached to the people for over a hundred years while he built the ark but no one but his immediate family was willing to listen and the rest of humanity drowned in the flood waters. They had been convinced by others that Noah had no idea what he was preaching about. Of course, on the day of the start of the flood, it came so quickly the people didn't even hardly have enough time to consider that they had listened to the wrong preaches and made the wrong choice.*

*Well Jesus, the apostle Paul, Peter, and John all warned us that a great and terrible day of judgment is coming like the world has never known before, since or ever and we call this time of judgment the Great Tribulation. Theses also tell us that there will be many false leaders who will deceive many into believing that no such judgment is going to take place. They cry peace and safety while God is declaring judgment. Listen to the words of the apostle Paul and Peter. "Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. while people are saying, 'peace and safety,' destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pain on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief." (I Thess. 5:1-4). Also, we read from Peter, "First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, 'where is this coming He promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation. But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's Word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to*

perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare." (2 Pet. 3:3-10).

I want us to look at an Old Testament situation that describes how a king and a nation were deceived into believing that judgment really wasn't coming as the prophet of God had said. The reason why we are looking at this is because as we dive into the next open seal of Revelation, which is seal number six, we will discover that this is when the judgment of God is turned up several notches and the world will have been deceived by the antichrist and his false prophet that is wasn't coming. So, let us make ourselves aware of how Satan deceives the world into believing that judgment isn't really coming when it in fact is.

**I. First, let us examine the circumstances of this situation of being led astray.**

The circumstances are that King Ahab, king of the ten northern tribes of Israel, wants to go and reclaim the city that he lost to the Arameans. In order to do this he invites the king of the two southern tribes of the Israelites, called the nation of Judah, to come and help him retake his city. King Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, agrees that this is a good deal. However, he wants to make sure that this is what God wants them to do. Therefore, he asks King Ahab to get a prophet of God to pray about the matter for them. It is always the right thing to pray over all we are about to take on to make sure that God is in it.

**II. Second, let us examine the counsel that was sought in this situation of being led astray.** King Ahab, first of all, calls upon his own prophets to seek guidance and counsel on this matter. They do and all four hundred declare, "Go, they answered, for the Lord will give it into the king's hand." (vs.6).

However, King Jehoshaphat is not quite satisfied with the answer of King Ahab's prophets because they are not true prophets of Jehovah God. They have for the most part been prophets for the false god Baal.

So, reluctantly, King Ahab sends for a true prophet of God whom he hates because he never says anything good about him. The prophet Micaiah comes and after teasing the king with the same message the other prophets gave, he finally revealed what Jehovah had actually told him. God told him that if they go and fight, he will die from the battle and the nation would lose the battle and a lot of lives. So, the question then is, who do you listen to? Do you listen to the four hundred prophets of King Ahab or do you listen to the one true prophet of God. When we go back to the Book of Revelation, do we find the people heeding the warning that judgment is coming or do we find that they listen to all the cries of peace and safety? By the way, who are we listening to today? Are we listening to the preachers who say that all is well and that God would never bring judgment like purporting in the Book of Revelation. Or are we listening to the preaching of what saith the Lord?

**III. Third, let us examine the claim that became satisfying in this situation of being led astray.** Tragically both kings were led astray. Now, how did this happen? Well this chapter tells us the answer. It tells us that God wanted to lead King Ahab astray because of how wicked of a man and king he has been. So, in a Heavenly counsel, He asked who could lead King Ahab to battle where he will lose his life in battle. One spirit said he could do it by causing all the prophets of the king to keep on lying and deceiving the kings into believing that they will have victory if they go to battle. One of the false prophets even hits the true prophet of God Micaiah across the face and declares that the Spirit of God was speaking through him not through Micaiah. Finally, the king had Micaiah arrested and sent to jail.

*So, with Micaiah in jail and four hundred remaining prophets all ecstatically shouting go, the kings became deceived and went into battle. This is what is happening now and even greater during the tribulation period. False prophets, preachers, kings and leaders by large numbers are deceiving the nations to believe that God won't bring death and destruction but rather peace and safety, and the world is buying into the deception. We must remember that Satan is behind all of this for he is the great deceiver since the beginning. For Satan doesn't want mankind to listen to and heed God's Word and warnings. No, he desires that all will bow down and worship him, thus all the deception to get all the attention.*

**IV. Fourth, let us examine the consequences in this situation from being led astray.** *Well, this one is a simple answer because they allowed themselves to be deceived, so everything happened to them just as God said it would if they didn't heed His warning. King Ahab was wounded in the battle and died shortly thereafter. Israel lost the battle and many men from Israel died that day. So, when we are led astray by the false leaders, it will never turn out good.*

*Concl. So, what do we learn from this? I ask that question in light of the fact that the deception we are talking about in the Book of Revelation deals with those who will be around for the Great Tribulation. You might be thinking, since it doesn't affect me I won't be concerned about it. Well you should be and I should be concerned because first, we know people today who if they don't get saved here and now, they will be left behind at the Rapture to face that great judgment coming. So, we need to work hard in the here and now to win them over to Jesus because regardless what the false prophets and preachers are saying, the Great Tribulation will not be a time of peace and safety.*

*The second reason we should be concerned is because there is already great deception going on now. This means that the only people left to preach the truth is God's people, the Church of all who have truly been born again through Christ our Lord. There are plenty naysayers who are preaching a message of peace and safety without preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The only people that will truly know peace and safety are those who have placed themselves in the arms of Jesus who will ultimately deliver them from this world of sin and sorrow to a world of eternal glory, peace, righteousness and joy in the eternal presence of our blessed Lord. Amen and Praise the Lord. So, let us preach the truth so there may be hope for this lost and dying world.*

*Jesus Love You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*





To Be Announced

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Keith Gamo Cooking Team

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

# Announcements



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

*Saturday, March 23rd  
Kairos*



## Associational WMU Spring Meeting



**April 6, 2019  
Gillisonville Baptist Church**

9:30 am: Registration

10:00 am: Program with Brenda West (missionary speaker)  
and Becka Moore (SC WMU)

11:30 am: Salad Lunch (each church brings salads to share)  
Everyone is invited, including pastors and other men.

#### About our guest speakers

Brenda West and her husband Preston have three children who grew up on the mission field in Central America. They served in Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua for 13 years. After their youngest child left the nest in 2009, they moved to South Asia and served there until December of 2015. They live in Monetta, SC, where Preston is serving as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church..

Becka Moore is a WMU Associate with SC WMU. Her responsibilities include students and Baptist Nursing Fellowship. Becka is a missionary kid who grew in Tanzania, East Africa. She spent twenty years working as a missionary in Africa and the Middle East.



## 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*

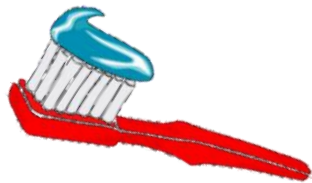
*Combs and/or Hair Brushes for Girls*

*Stuffed Animals*

*Soap &*

*Wash*

*Cloths*





*March 17th*      *Chyleen Mock*  
*KayCee Goethe*

*March 21st*      *Sherri Fryman*

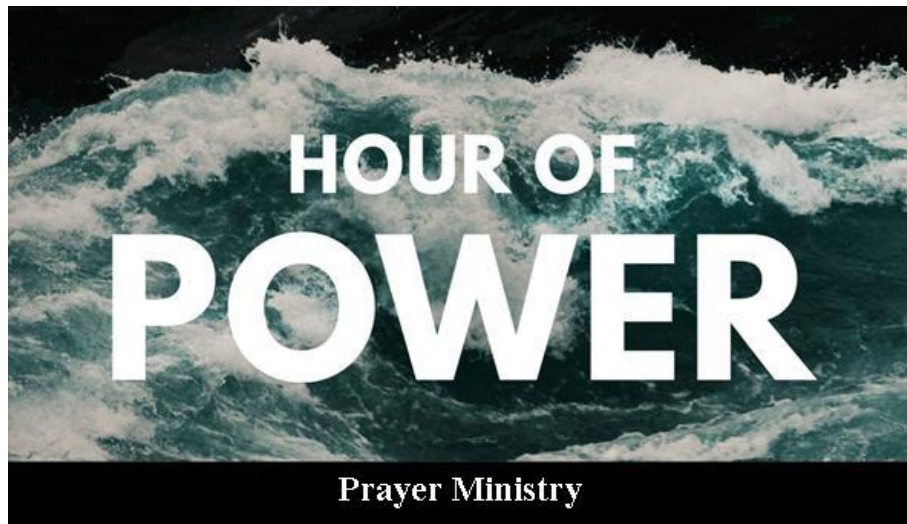
*March 22nd*      *Jane Himes*

*March 23rd*      *Wayne Cooler*  
*LeAnna Maldonado*

### **Gifts**

*A gift of \$250.00 was given to the  
General Budget  
and a gift of \$250.00 to the  
Seniors Fund  
in Memory of  
Hugh & Beannie Vaigneur  
Oswell Vaigneur  
Mary Daley  
Ada McDowell  
by Sarah Sanders.*

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**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 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  
Redden Tuten-River Oaks*

**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*

**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)  
Brian Freeman (3/14)*

**Expecting / Births**  
*Amanda Bowen*

### 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**

*Timmy Sauls  
Gail Malphrus*

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

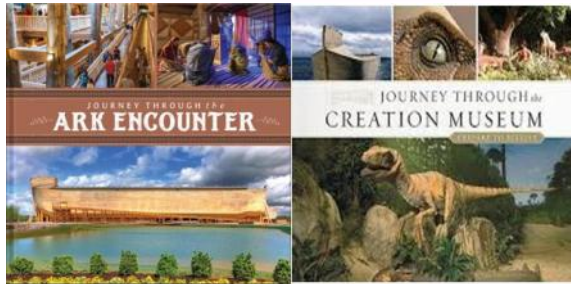
*Fill a bottle, save a life!*



*Baby Bottles 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 + / -
<i>Tithes &amp; General Budget</i>	\$4,230.50	\$4,982.79	-\$ 315.64
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 436.65		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	\$975.70	*****	\$7,787.00
<i>Youth Camp Deposits</i>	\$ 114.00	*****	\$1,511.43
<i>WNS</i>	\$196.00	*****	\$196.00
<i>SMB</i>	\$58.00	*****	\$58.00
<i>Annie Armstrong Easter Offering</i>	\$50.00	*****	\$50.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$10.00	*****	\$221.28
<i>VBS</i>	\$105.00	*****	\$325.00
<i>In Reach Ministry</i>	\$18.00	*****	\$18.00

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

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

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9009 Taboro Rd.  
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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