

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Step of Faith Christian Academy



March 3, 2019

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Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 425 "He Keeps Me Singing"

Invocation

Wilbur Daley

Selections of Praise & Worship

"Your Words"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

"Praise His Name"

The Proclaimers & Soloist Joyce Gamo

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

Today: Betty Robertson / Krey Lowther
Next Week: Mike Mingledorff / Krey Lowther

Nursery Workers

Today: Vandy Amason / Natalie

Next Week: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Angel Cole / Olivia Stanley

Next Week: Evelyn Bradley / Olivia Stanley

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Wilbur Daley

843-305-0110

Next Week: Mack Pope

843-540-6636



Toll Committee

For the month of March

Latrelle Steedly

Dorthie Armstrong





From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

(Rev. 6:1-8)

Intro: In our message last week our wonderful and worthy Lord and Savior opened the first of the seven seals. When He did the seal released a white horse with a rider on it. This rider had a lot of things which might suggest that he is Christ our Lord, and that is exactly who he wants you to think that he is. However, he is exactly just the opposite. As we took a closer look at him we were able to clearly see that there were many differences between the rider of this white horse and the rider of the white horse which is indeed and in fact Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now, those differences real quickly are that this rider of the first seal is opened and being revealed by Jesus Himself. Second, the rider of the first seal comes at the beginning of the tribulation but Jesus Christ our Lord returns on a white horse at the end of the tribulation. Third, the rider of the first seal has a crown given him for some kind of victory. However, the rider on the white horse at the end of the tribulation has not just one crown but many crowns and His crowns are not just for a victory of some type but rather the crown of royalty and sovereignty because of who He is, the King of kings and Lord of lords. Finally, the rider of the first seal has a bow for a weapon with no arrow though. However, the rider on the white horse at the end of the tribulation has as a weapon a sharp sword. So, what this lets us know is that the rider on the horse is not the Christ but the antichrist who seeks to deceive the world into believing that he is the Christ.

Now, it appears that at first the antichrist will deceive the world through a false sense of peace. However, when our Lord opens the second seal we will discover that the peace that the antichrist seems to have brought to the world or at least a portion of the world is going to quickly come to an end and then the true color of the antichrist will be revealed. So, let us now examine the three other horsemen of the apocalypse discovered in the next three seals that Jesus opens so that we can discover just how deceptive the antichrist is and we can see more of the judgment God is releasing upon rebellion humanity.

II. The opening of the second seal reveals the horseman of destruction. (vs. 3-4).

Now I am using the word destruction because of all the damage that will be caused by the fiery red horse and its rider that is released with this seal. For the rider of this fiery red horse will clearly interrupt the seemingly peace brought on by the first rider on the white horse which we believe to be the antichrist. When I say interrupt I don't mean in a minor way. No, the rider of the second horse will wipe away whatever peace the antichrist brought and exchange it with war on a scale the world has never known before.

Once again I must remind us that the opening of these seals correlate very clearly with the signs that Jesus gives to His disciples about the events of the end-times. As we saw last week the rider on the first horse behind the first seal is the horseman of deception. We also found out that is exactly what Jesus said would be the first sign of the end times to His disciples. (Matt. 24: 4-5). Jesus then goes on to reveal that the second sign of the end times will be wars all over the globe. "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom..." (Matt. 24: 6-7).

Now, either the antichrist must break out of his mode of peace and fight because some group of nations or a nation has rebelled against his control and at any cost he will fight to stay in control. Or war will break out between other nations and in order to be the global ruler, he goes in to defeat those warring nations to remain on top. Either way the antichrist will show his true colors.

He will fight with such veracity that everyone will forget about the peace that he at first established. He will fight and he will fight ugly and at all costs. In the Book of Daniel, we read of a massive conflict that the antichrist will bring on. (Dan. 11:36-45). It is really tragic not hard to understand how massive of a world wide conflict can take place because of our technology that we have the means of rapidly deploying and shooting. The destruction is going to be massive which our next set of seals will reveal. However, the good news is that the fighting skills of the antichrist is no match for the real Christ our Lord and Savior. Blessed be our victorious Savior.

III. The opening of the third seal reveals the horseman of depletion. (vs. 5-6). *Now, the reason why I'm using the term depletion is because this horseman is all about famine. The world's food harvest will be depleted because of the globe fighting taking place which will bring destruction to the fields that harvest the food. Also, because the armies of the world will use it up doing their fighting.*

From the description Jesus uses to describe this particular famine He is showing us that it will be world-wide, and therefore it will require that practically everyone will be rationed on the amount of food they can receive. As a matter of fact, Jesus is saying that a man's average daily wage won't even be enough money to buy himself enough food much less his family. Jesus also says that if you have anything such as olive oil for cooking and wine to use with the meal be careful to hang on tightly to them because they will be impossible to get again. The world has often experienced famine but never on the scale Jesus is referring to here.

Again I must remind us that Jesus' signs for the end times in Matthew 24 measures up to the seal judgment in time frame. As we saw the first seal reveals the horse of deception so the first sign reveals the many false Christ's. The second seal reveals the horseman of destruction because he is the horseman of war correlating with the second sign which is war and rumor of wars. The third seal which we are presently discussing is the horse of depletion because he is the horseman of famine correlates with the third sign which Jesus gave which was there will be famine.

God is so good to His people, I am thankful that my grandmother quoted this Bible verse to me often. "I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or the children begging bread." (Ps. 37:25). God provides for His children but during the tribulation time it will be almost unbearable for all. Let us rejoice that we have in our life time been abundantly blessed.

IV. The opening of the fourth seal reveals the horseman of death. (vs. 7-8).

This horseman is easy to understand in light of the opening of the previous three seals. The combination of those seals will result in the deaths mentioned with this seal. In other words, between the antichrist, wars and famine, plagues and wild beast a quarter of the entire human race will die. If we go by today's number that will be anywhere between 1.5 billion to 2 billion.

Following practically every conflict that has ever been people continue to die more so from diseases, plagues and starvation than from all the swords, arrows and bullets used during the fighting. History has shown this over and over from the flu epidemic of 1918 to all the bubonic plagues of many different centuries.

However, on this occasion more people will die in a shorter period than ever. Within the first three and a half years of the tribulation period, the whole world will know about it because of our technological skills. The tragedy of all of this is that Jesus says in Matt. 24:8, "All these are the beginning of birth pains."

Concl. The beginning of birth pains means that the harder ones are yet to come. Oh, precious Child of God rejoice that you will not only not face the hard labor part of the second period of the tribulation but you will face the first half either. Let it lead us to rejoice and give praise and let it lead us to work hard to redeem sinners.

Jesus Love You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Salisbury Steak
Mashed potatoes/Gravy
Vegetables
Dessert
Tea & Coffee
Roberts 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

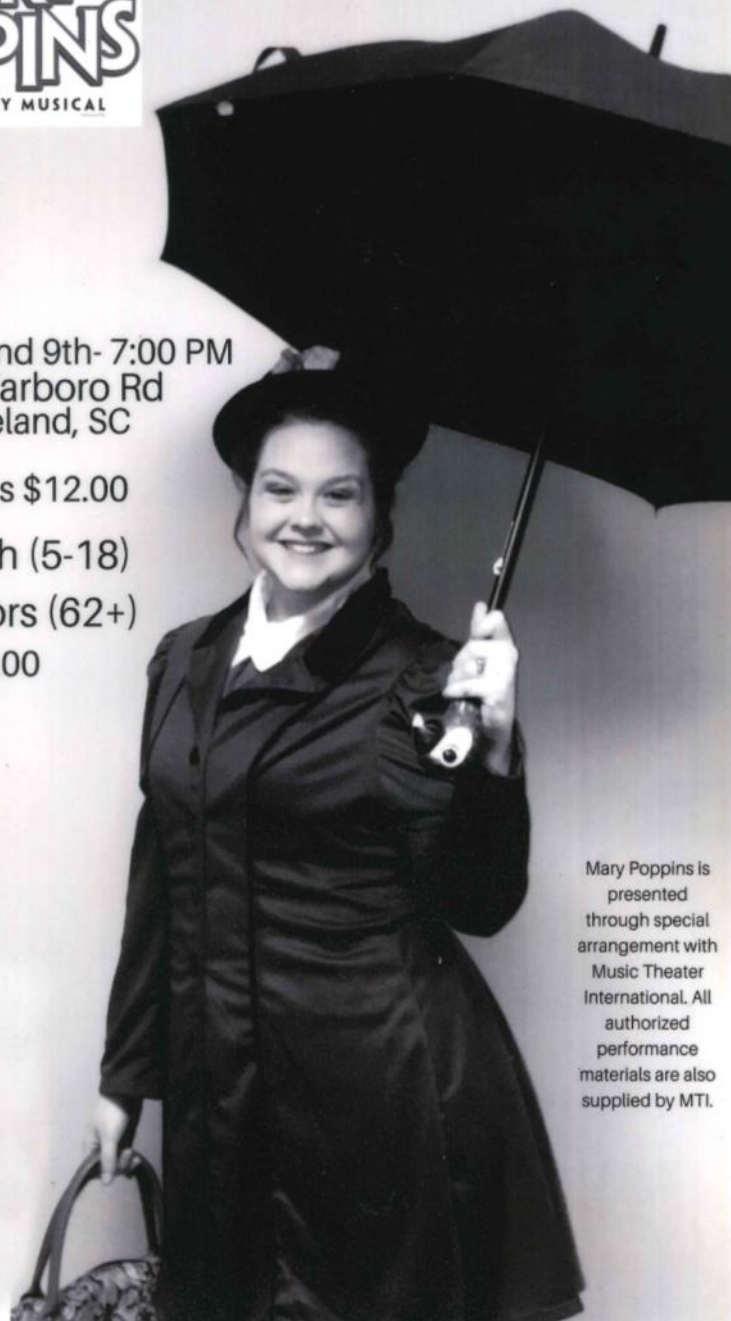
Youth (5-18)

Seniors (62+)

\$8.00



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



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

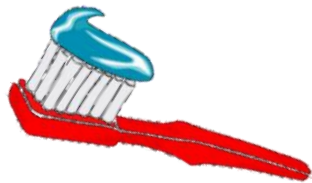
Combs and/or Hair Brushes for Girls

Stuffed Animals

Soap &

Wash

Cloths





March 3rd *Darlene Bollack*
March 4th *Jeffrey Stanley*
March 7th *Latrelle Steedly*
 Alyssa Goethe
March 8th *Pat Malphrus*



March 7th *Ben & Cheryl Mills*

Announcements

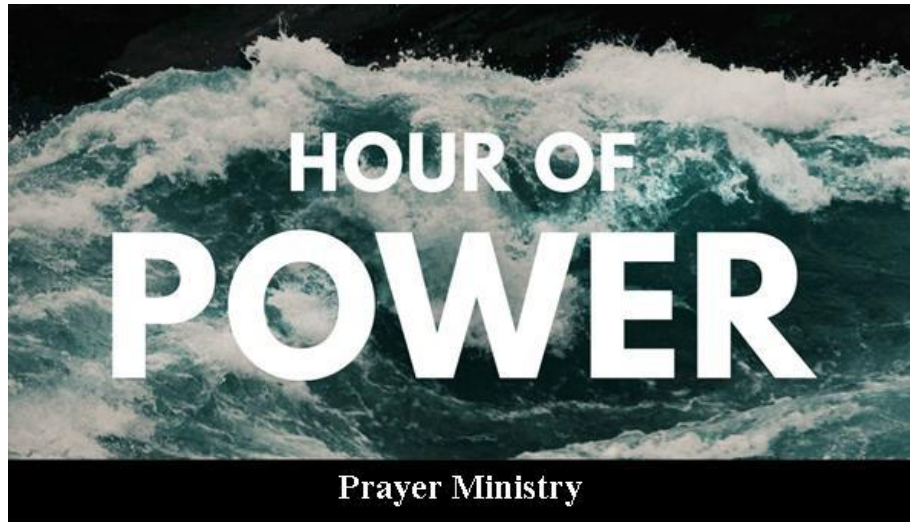


Tuesday, March 5th
Grandmother's Group @ 11:30am

Thursday, March 7th
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am



Kairos
Saturday, March 9th



Begins March 5th
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 3, 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 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
Seabrook Malphrus, III*

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

*Betty Robertson
Vera Miles*

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

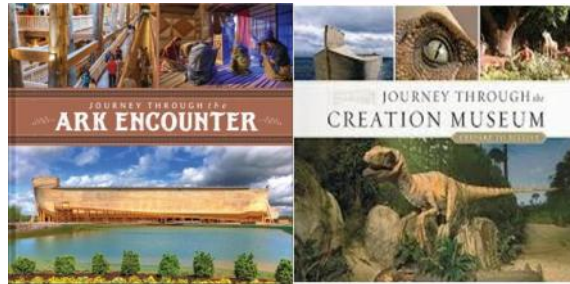
Fill a bottle, save a life!



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

*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*
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School Administrator: Donna Carter.....*dcarter@hargray.com*
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Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus.....*Josie6@embarqmail.com*
Finance Director: Timmy Sauls.....*greatswampbc@gmail.com*

Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes & General Budget</i>	\$4,080.80	\$4,982.79	-\$ 780.92
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$121.07		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	\$106.20	*****	\$ 5,698.02
<i>Youth Camp Deposits</i>	\$237.00	*****	\$ 1,077.43
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 87.00	*****	\$ 804.66
<i>WNS</i>	\$ 116.00	*****	\$ 780.35
<i>OCC</i>	\$ 40.00	*****	\$ 211.28
<i>Kitchen Supplies (meal ministry)</i>	\$ 30.00	*****	\$ 231.13
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$ 67.18	*****	\$ 194.29
<i>Sojourners SS Class</i>	\$15.00	*****	\$ 161.04
<i>VBS</i>	\$115.00	*****	\$ 180.00

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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