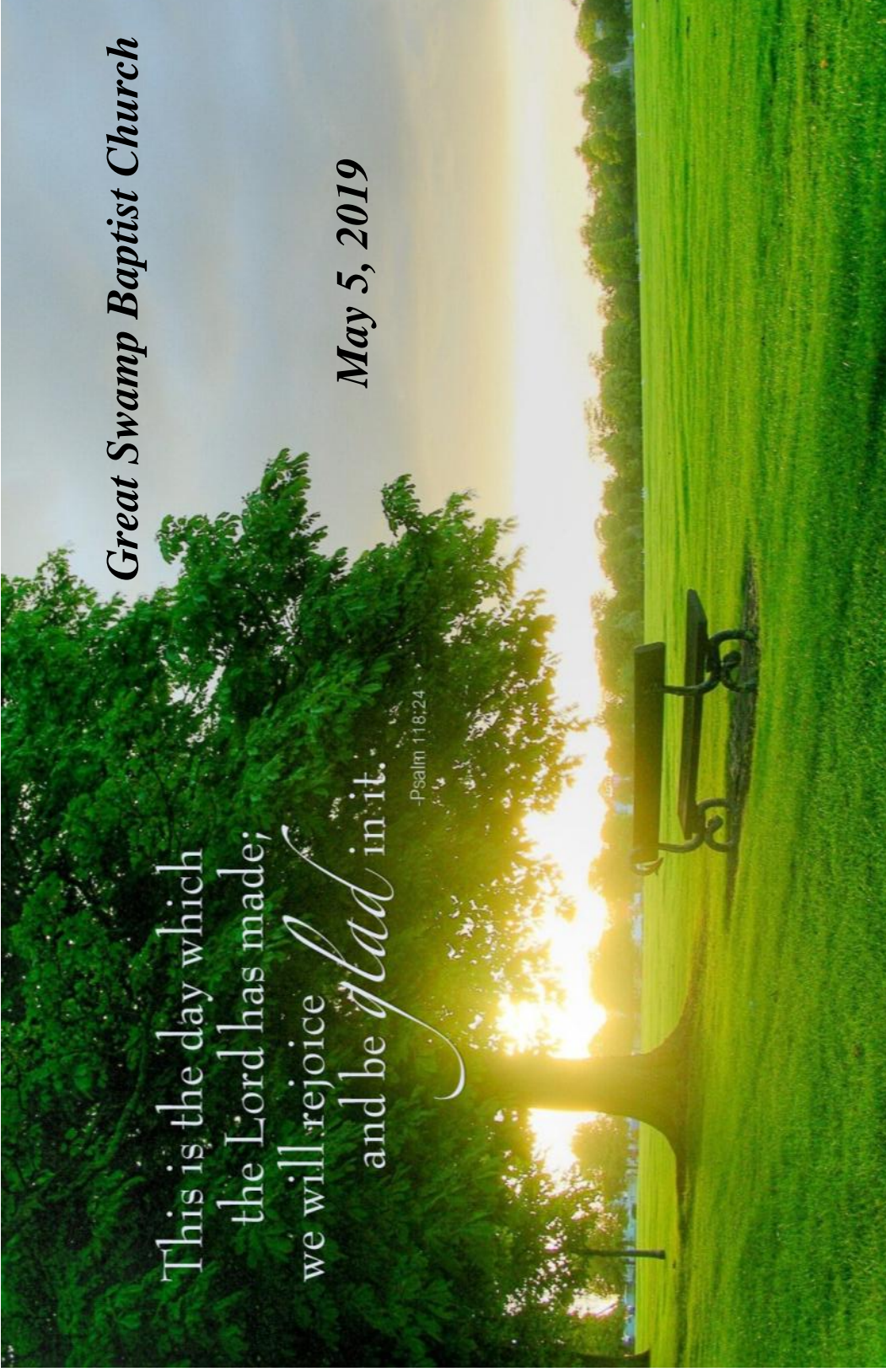


This is the day which  
the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice  
and be *glad* in it.

-Psalm 118:24

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*May 5, 2019*



# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

May 5, 2019

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*11:00 AM*

## **Prelude**

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Call to Worship**

*The Proclaimers*

*Hymn # 161 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

## **Invocation**

*Duane Armstrong*

## **Selections of Praise and Worship**

*"Behold the Lamb"*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Offertory Special

*Joyce Gamo*

*"Known"*

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invitation**

## **Benediction**

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*Journeyman of Praise Concert This Evening*



## Greeters

*Today: Latrelle Steedly / Krey Lowther*  
*Next Week: Annette Malphrus / 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: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Duane Armstrong*

843-726-6795

*Next Week: Wilbur Daley*

843-305-0110

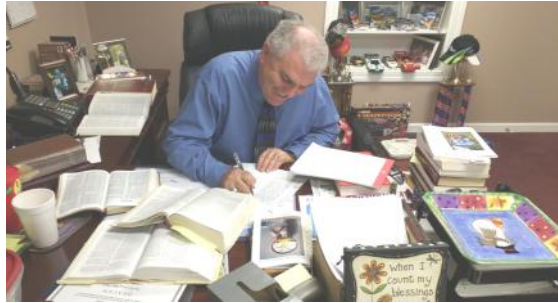


## Toll Committee

*For the month of May*

*Alice Way*

*Pat Malphrus*



*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## Reasons for Jesus' Ascension

*(John 17:1-26)*

*Intro: Tammy and I went over to Beaufort to watch the Blue Angels perform at the air show. They absolutely have to be the most talented pilots in all the world. While I was watching them, I was thinking that if there was an enemy aircraft anywhere close by, then that enemy aircraft can kiss it goodbye.*

*A number of years back when the Iraq war began, we deployed a new missile defense weapon over to Israel to help prevent that country from coming under attack from enemy missiles. The missiles were called the Patriot missiles. They had the capability to intercept an incoming missile and explode it in the air so that it ceases to be a threat.*

*Now, I brought up these events to make a point about our Lord's ascension. There is no air force pilot talented enough if they had been around at the time of Jesus' ascension, and no missile fast enough or powerful enough to have prevented Jesus from reaching His destination in glory. He went right up through the atmosphere, the clouds, the heavens and Satan and his demonic forces together couldn't intercept Jesus in the air and prevent His ascension from happening. As the glorious, risen, exalted Lord and Savior, He had all power in Heaven and earth. Therefore, His ascension was going to take place and indeed and fact it did happen.*

*Now, we need to rejoice forevermore that He not only was crucified and risen from the dead, but that He also ascended back to glory. We need to rejoice greatly so because had He not arisen, we would be missing out on so much of what makes it possible for us to be Christians and live as Christians. Today, I want us to examine many of the reasons why it was necessary for Jesus to have ascended back to Heaven.*

**I. First, Jesus ascended because He completed His work. (vs. 4).** *Jesus is saying in this verse to His Father that He could return back home to be with Him because He had accomplished everything that He was sent to do. Now at that very moment not everything had actually been completed. However, Jesus knew that it was about to all be wrapped up so He was praying in that manner.*

*Now, we know that He not only prayed as though it had happened, but we know just right afterwards it indeed did happen. For just before Jesus released His Spirit from His body on the cross, He uttered those three sacred words to us, "It is finished."*

*This means that He had finished everything the Father required for the forgiveness of our sins. The Father required a perfect sacrifice be given on our behalf. He required that our sins be punished and paid for. By going to the cross, Jesus was our perfect sacrifice. He did take our punishment and pay our redemption. Ohm, bless His*

*Holy name for finishing the work He was sent to do. How about us? Are we doing the work God's called us to do?*

**II. Second, Jesus ascended to return back to the glory He had before coming to us. (vs. 4-5).** *Prior to our Lord's incarnation, He had spent eternity up to the moment before coming to earth living at the right hand of the Father. He had enjoyed for all eternity all the privileges and prerogatives of being the glorious Son of God.*

*However, nothing was more glorious to Him than being back with the Father at His side. For Him that was glorious beyond measure, and to go back having completed what the Father gave Him to do would be even more glorious because what He did glorified them both.*

*Now, Jesus, because of who He was rightfully deserved the glory He was getting even if He had never come to earth because of who He is, the wonderful Son of God. By doing what He did, revealed just how amazing and how glorious that the whole blessed Trinity really is. Amen.*

*However, I want us to understand that all the glory Jesus was experiencing prior to His entrance into the world, being the Son of God combined together with all the privileges and priorities that come from being in that position, makes the incarnation of Christ into the world more incredible that our human minds could ever comprehend.*

*The Apostle Paul gives us the best description of just how amazing it was that Jesus Christ our Lord was willing to step away from the glory and privileges of His position in order to bring an eternal salvation. Let me share these verses from Phillips translation. "Let your attitude to life be that of Christ Jesus himself. For he, who had always been God by nature, did not cling to his privileges consenting to be a slave by nature and being born a man. And, plainly seen as a human being, he humbled himself by living a life of utter obedience, to the point of death, and the death he died was the death of a common criminal. That is why God has now lifted him to the heights, and has given him the name beyond all names, so that at the name of Jesus "every knee shall bow", whether in Heaven or earth or under the earth. And that is why "every tongue shall confess" that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:5-11)*

*Oh what a Savior Who indeed more than ever deserves going back to the glory He once knew. A final note on this point is that our Heavenly Father is going to allow all the people of God to share in His glory as well. Blessed be the name of our Lord.*

**III. Third, Jesus ascended in order to send back the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.** *John in his gospel reveals much to us about what Jesus had to say about the blessed third person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Chapter fourteen through sixteen are the primary chapters that teach us so much about the coming and works of the Holy Spirit. One thing is very clear in these chapters as well as in Acts chapter one is that the Spirit of God would not come to dwell in our hearts permanently until Jesus ascended back to Heaven. Jesus said these very words, "Now I am going to Him who sent me, yet none of you ask me, where are you going? Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor (The Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go I will send him to you." (John 16:5-7). In the past, the Holy Spirit came and went but with Christ's ascension, He has come to dwell in our hearts continuously. Praise the Lord. Just as the Spirit*

Empowered Jesus to complete His work here on earth, He will do the same with us if we allow Him to. Are you allowing Him to work through you?

**IV. Fourth, Jesus ascended so He could go and prepare a place for us. (John 14:1-6).** In these verses, He tells us that He is going to go away in order to prepare a place for us. Thus He said He would come back to get us so that He could bring us back to live with Him. Christianity in a nut-shell, is an eternal relationship with Christ. Thus He is preparing a place where we can forever dwell with Him.

Of course, not only is He preparing a place for us, but He has also provided a way for us to get there and that way is through Him and Him alone. So, that prepared place is for a prepared people who come by the only prepared way. Will you go there? Only if you have come to Christ and trusted Him as your only way there.

**V. Fifth, Jesus ascended so that He could intercede for us.** Jesus went back so that He could present our cases before the Father for us. When we pray, He sits before the Father as our great High Priest, who carries our petitions to the Father and with compassion pleads our case.

The Apostle Paul said, "Who will bring any charge against those who God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." (Rom. 8:33-34).

Also, the writer of Hebrews speaks of this as well. "therefore, since we have such a great High Priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who's been tempted in every way, just as we are —yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Heb. 9:14-16).

Let us praise our God that 24 hours a day our great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ, ascended back to glory so He could intercede on our behalf. Amen.

**VI. Sixth, Jesus ascended so He could return in all His glory.** When Jesus came the first time, He came in a very humble fashion. It was so humble that many never recognized Him to be our Messiah, Lord, Savior and King. They weren't looking for a baby born in a barn and laid in a manger. No, they were looking for the Messiah to come in all His regal glory and might. They expected Him to be riding on a beautiful horse like a conquering military general, who would swoop down from Heaven and destroy all the enemies of Israel and make them once again the primary ruling nation of the world. But instead He came as a suffering servant. However, this was necessary first. For the sin problem had to be dealt with first and the only way it could be dealt with was for Jesus to be our sacrificial lamb.

Now that He has fulfilled what was necessary to save us from our sins, He can come in all His regal glory to openly show all creation that He is undeniably the Lord of lords and King of kings. Are you looking and longing for His coming?

*Concl. So, let us never again forget that Jesus was not only crucified and not only resurrected but that He also ascended to sit at His Father's right side and there in that position He is doing more for us than if He had remained with us. Thank you Jesus for your glorious ascension.*

*Jesus Love You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



Small American Fags have been donated by (Retired) Army SGT. MAJ. Holland, from VFW Post #12149, Rincon, Georgia. On the 19th of May, anyone who would like to receive one and place it on a Veteran's gravesite, can get one from Wallace Malphrus following Morning services.

Memorial Day is on Monday, May 27, 2019.

## **Graduation Recognition**

*Sunday, May 19th @ 11:00 am*

*Please see Michelle Waitt*

*for more info*



### **New Address**

VA Victory House  
Royce Malphrus, Room 137 B  
2461 Sydney Rd.  
Walterboro, SC 29488

## VBS Supplies Needed

(Sign Up Sheet in Foyer)

- 1-Tortillas (See Kim Malphrus)*
- 1-Index cards (See Pat Mason)*
- 5-Black Permanent markers*
- 50- 11 1/2 x 8 1/2 x 5/8 in. shirt boxes*
- 60 mini suction cups (See Darlene Bollack)*
- 2- light brown craft paper rolls (See Darlene Bollack)*
- 60 or more used men's ties*
- 6- Extra Large sponges*
- 3- Large buckets*
- 1-bag of pebbles*
- 200-water balloons*
- 20 used towels (clean please)*
- Rope (See Pat Mason)*
- Small foam balls (See Pat Mason)*
- 1-pack green construction paper*
- 1- pack fasteners (See Kim Malphrus)*
- 1-pack paper plates*
- 1-pack of foam plates*
- 20-small scissors (can be used)*
- 2-packs of solo cups (2 different colors)*
- 1-mounting paper (See Kim Malphrus)*
- 1-quart size zip loc bags*
- 2- Packs Plastic Straws*
- 1- box of sugar cubes*
- 25 pair - chop sticks*
- 1-bag of cotton balls*
- 10 packs of crayons*
- 3-packs of scotch tape*

## VBS Food Supplies Needed

(Sign Up Sheet in Foyer)

- Seedless Grapes
- Bananas
- 14 pkgs.—Hot Dog Buns
- 14 pkgs.—Hamburger Buns
- 1—head lettuce
- 5—Tomatoes
- 2—Onions
- 1—lg. box Sliced Cheese (72)
- 1—lg. jar sliced pickles
- BBQ Sauce
- Cookies

Also, any monetary Donations are welcome , so we may purchase Any other food supplies needed.  
Bring Items on Sunday morning of VBS Week.  
Please see Dorthie Armstrong for more info.





June 2nd thru 5th

5:00-8:30 pm

Ages: 3yrs.— Adult

Youth/Adult class by Woody Oliver

Great Swamp Baptist Church

9009 Tarboro Rd

Ridgeland



## who's your **1**NE?

Imagine if every believer could answer that question with the name of a person who is far from God—a person for whom they're praying and with whom seeking to share the gospel. That's the intention behind *Who's Your One*. We believe God's people don't merely need another method for evangelism—what they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

Over the coming days, our church and countless others will prioritize personal ownership of the Great Commission as we each intentionally pursue one person with the hope of the gospel. At times, it seems the mission is simply too complex and too vast for churches like ours and people like us. While we can't do everything, we can do something. We can all take responsibility for *one*. And, because of God's power and the work of His Spirit, each of our *ones* can add up to make a significant impact for God's kingdom.

 North American  
Mission Board

[WhosYourOne.com](http://WhosYourOne.com)  
#WhosYour1   

**Annie Armstrong**  
**Easter Offering**  
**Our Goal: \$700.00**

# Journeyman of Praise



**SPRING CONCERT**

**MAY 5, 2019**

**AT 5:00 PM**

**AN EVENING OF MUSICAL ENJOYMENT  
RECEPTION FOLLOWING**

**GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH**

9009 TARBORO ROAD  
RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
843-726-3294

[WWW.GREATSWAMPBAPTISTCHURCH.COM](http://WWW.GREATSWAMPBAPTISTCHURCH.COM)



To Be Announced

Dessert  
Tea & Coffee

Keith Gamo Cooking Team

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



# Announcements



*Tuesday, May 7th  
Prayer Breakfast*



*Grandmother's Group  
NO Meeting this month*

*Wednesday, May 8th  
Business Conference*



*Thursday, May 9th  
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am*



*Friday, May 10th  
SFCA Muffins for Moms  
8:15 am*

## Operation Christmas Child

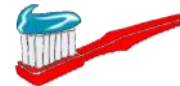
*It is time to get excited and motivated for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Since our goal for this year is 400 boxes, we are going to have a friendly completion. In the foyer will be 2 boxes for donations; 1 box for ages 40 and younger and 1 box for 40 and older. So, let the donations begin. Monetary donation are also welcomed. Any question, see Dorthie Armstrong.*

### May Collections:

- Tooth Brushes*
- Combs and/or Hair Brushes for Girls*
- Match Box Cars*
- Jewelry*

*Totals for March & April*

<i>40 below</i>	<i>41 Plus</i>
<i>187 items</i>	<i>603 Items</i>



# This Weeks Birthdays



*May 6th*                      *Josh Ford*

*May 10th*                      *Amy O'Connor*



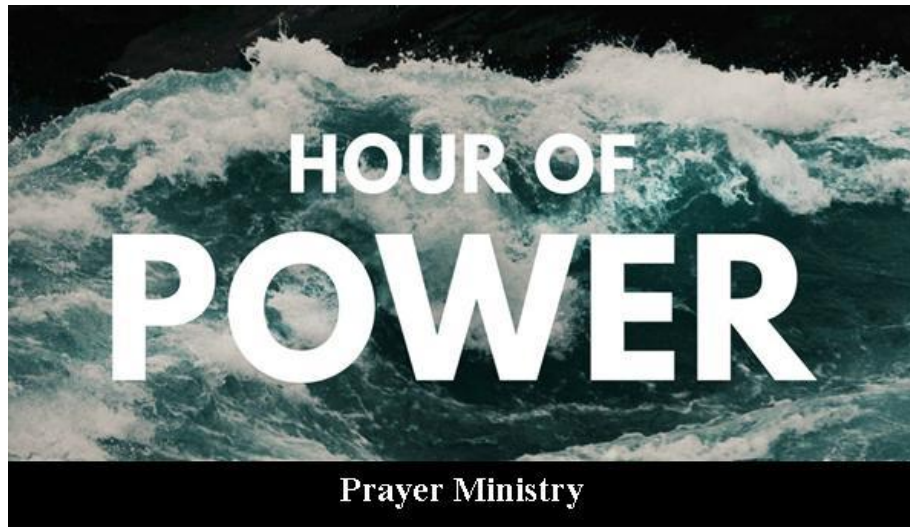
*May 5th*                      *Mack & Bonnie Pope*

*May 6th*                      *Eric & Kellie Chapman*

*May 7th*                      *Gentry & Diane Thames*



*Wednesday, May 15th @7:00 pm*  
*A meal will follow the service.*  
*Sign Up sheet in Foyer.*



**Every Tuesday @ 9:00am**  
**Refreshments Served**

MPB

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*  
*9009 Tarboro Rd*  
*Ridgeland, SC*

**All are invited to come**

*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

*2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)*

# GSBC Prayer Pages May 5, 2019

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

## **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

## **Hospitals**

### **Surgery / Recovery**

*Brian Freeman (3/14)  
Don Price (3/21)  
Briar Tracey (4/11)  
Dwight Malphrus (5/7)  
Patrick Malphrus (5/8)  
Robert Sauls (5/1)  
E.L. Ambrose (5/1)  
Donald Malphrus (5/2)*

### **Nursing Centers**

*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Doris Blackmon-Morningside  
Thelma Ashing-RNC  
Maureen Malphrus-RNC  
Becky Jones-Anderson  
Royce Malphrus-VA Walterboro*

### **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)  
Mack Pope (4/22)  
Roschell Bush (5/2)*

## **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
Inreach Ministry*

## **Bereavement**

*Family of  
Ellen Langford*

## **Other Health Needs**

*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)  
Christen Gogol (3/21)  
Eric Chapman (3/21)  
Wanda Davis (3/21)  
Ana Price Busby (3/21)  
Joyce Pope (3/29)  
Tommy Cooler (4/1)  
Betty Robertson (4/8)*

## **Expecting / Births**

*Amanda Bowen & Baby Boy*

## **Good Report**

*Pam Stanley*

## **Please Continue To Remember**

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

*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 Stewart*

*Isaac Martin Malphrus*

*Cape May, NJ / Coast Guard*

*Matthew Mills-CA-US Marines*

*Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force /*

*Oklahoma City. OK*

*Michael Sottile - Deployed*

*Owen White-Fort Bragg*

*Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC*



## **Intercessory Prayer Today's Prayer Team**

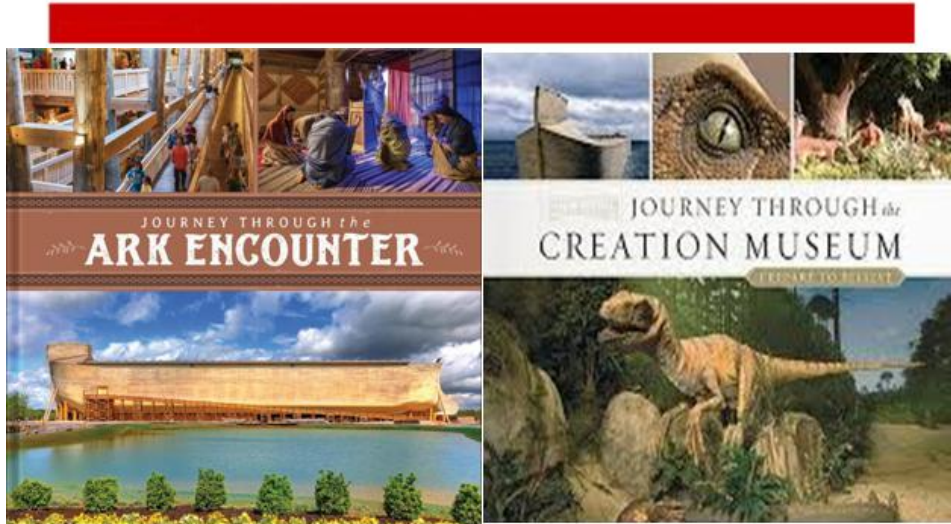
*Mack Pope, Jr.*

*Kevin Malphrus*

*For Prayer Needs*

*You may access by calling the church at*

*843-726-3631*



***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.)*

<i>Persons 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 April Payments are NOW past due.  
May Payment is due Sunday, May 26th.***

*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>	\$ 4,004.35	\$4,982.79	-\$ 978.44
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Seniors (Ark Encounter)</i>	\$1,030.40	*****	\$ 14,639.70
<i>WNS (Youth)</i>	\$ 210.00	*****	\$ 977.93
<i>Youth Camp</i>	\$ 68.00	*****	\$ —
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$ 95.00	*****	\$ 354.29
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 90.00	*****	\$ 105.30
<i>VBS</i>	\$ 65.00	*****	\$ 996.00
<i>Annie Armstrong</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 376.00
<i>In Reach Ministry</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 251.42
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$ 3.60	*****	\$ 32.27
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 240.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 1,396.16	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Janitorial Supplies</i>	\$ 500.00	*****	\$ 295.48
	\$	*****	\$

**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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