

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*August 4, 2019*

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## Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

**The Welcome**  
Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Call to Worship**  
Hymn #546

*“Love Lifted Me”*

**Invocation**

*Robert O’Dell*

### **Selections of Praise and Worship**

*“God Is So Good”*

*“I’ll Fly Away”*

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

*“Revelation Song”*

### **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Offertory

Offertory Special

*GSBC Praise Band*

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction**

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## Greeters

*Today: Olivia Stanley / Krey Lowther*

*Next Week: Betty Robertson / Krey Lowther*

## Nursery Workers

*Today: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak*

*Next Week: Debra Daley / Amanda Hodges*



## Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley*

*Next Week: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Robert O'Dell*

*843-540-2072*

*Next Week: Duane Armstrong*

*843-726-6795*

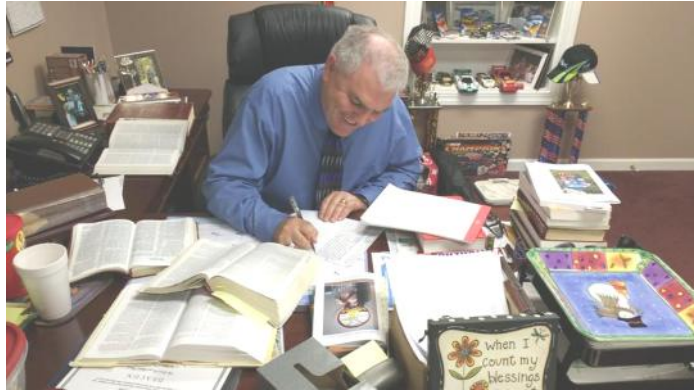


## Toll Committee

*For the month of August*

*Anita Blanton*

*Gail Malphrus*



*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **The Elements of Unity**

*(Eph. 4:1-16)*

*Intro: Three weeks ago, we began looking at what the Word of God teaches us about being the church. Two weeks ago, we began looking at Paul's appeal to the Church at Corinth for unity. With this message I want us to look at what are the elements of unity within the church. These elements are essential to harmony and unity in the church so that the church can be effective in doing what God has called the church to do. So, the message will simply be called the Elements of Unity. It will probably take us a couple of Sundays to go through these elements.*

**I. the first element of unity we will examine is the element of cause. (vs. 1).** *In other words, why should we put forth the effort to seek to be united in the church? Or if you would, what is the motivation for seeking unity?*

*Well the answer is basically found in one word, and though the word is not stated in the text it is clearly the ideal that Paul is promoting in this first verse. He tells us to live a life worthy of the calling that we have received.*

*However, the question is why should we live a life worthy of the calling we have received? Well, when Paul says to them, "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to..." , the word "then" here is often translated therefore. When you see the word "therefore" you always ask the question, what is the therefore there for? Well, we finally are coming to the one word that answers all of the above questions, and that word is appreciation.*

*What Paul is saying in verse one is that therefore in light of all that the previous chapters of the Book reveal about all that God has done for us, then therefore out of appreciation we should live a life worthy of the*

*calling we have received. The first chapter of the Book along deserves our life of appreciation for all the blessings stated that the Lord has blessed us with that we might be called the Children of God.*

*Out of appreciation, may we seek to live a life worthy of our calling which will result in our willingness to live and work in unison with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.*

**II. The second element we will examine is the element of conduct. (vs. 2).** *If there is to be unity in the body of Christ, His church then there must be the proper kind of conduct toward one another that will bring about unity.*

*Well, the Apostle Paul lays out four areas of conduct that should indeed create a body of unified Believers. Here are the four he mentioned in this verse. They are “humble”, “gentle”, “patient”, and “bearing with one another in love.” Now, these are all words that we are familiar with, and for the most part are aware of the general definitions of them.*

*However, I want us to consider a little stronger emphasis of these words by listening to the Bible knowledge commentary as it gives a fuller explanation for these words. This commentary tells us that the word humble means that opposite of pride and of course Christ is the perfect example of the kind of humility we are referring to, and Philipians 2:5-8 shows that to us.*

*Next the commentary tells us that the word gently means, “the opposite of self-assertion, rudeness, and harshness. It suggests having one’s emotions under control. But it does not suggest weakness. It is the mean between one who is angry all the time and one who is never angry. One who is controlled by God is angry at the right time but never angry at the wrong time. Moses was known as the meekest of all men (Num. 12:3, KJV). Yet he got angry when Israel sinned against God (Ex. 32). Christ was meek and humble in heart (Matt.11:29). Yet He became angry because some Jews were using the temple as a place for thieves (Matt. 21:12-13).”*

*Then the commentary let’s us know that patience refers to, “self-restraint which does not hastily retaliate a wrong.”*

*The last of the conducts mentioned, “bearing with one another in love” is I believe best portrayed by the way the New Living Translation puts it. “Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, Making allowances for each other’s faults because of your love.”*

*What Paul is saying is that the family of God on earth is not in Heaven yet. That means that we haven’t reached total and complete*

perfection yet. So, each of us will still have our faults, our differences, our own likes, and so on. Each of these things can separate us if we let them. However, they are not worth letting them drive us apart because there is too much work that we need to get done. Therefore, may the Lord lead us to be humble, patient, gentle and bearing with one another in love.

**III. The third element of unity we will examine is the element of control. (vs. 3).** *The ability to conduct ourselves in the manner just mentioned in the previous point will require far more strength and wisdom than a human being can muster. So, Paul encourages us in verse three to stay united together in the person of the Blessed Holy Spirit and that will result in a bond of peace.*

*You see when we allow the Blessed Holy Spirit to be our guide and our strength then we will find the means to conduct ourselves in the ways verse two tells us to and then we will experience peace within our fellowship. This will result in our ability to press on and get the work of the Lord done because instead of fighting with one another we are in sync with each other.*

**IV. The fourth element we will examine is the element of confession. (vs. 4-6).** *Now, the confession I am referring to is not personal confession we make to God or to one another. Although that kind of confession is extremely important it is not what I am referring to with this point.*

*No, rather, I am referring to the confession of our faith. In other words, what we believe and what our faith consists of that distinguishes us as the people of God. You can not believe just anything you want to and that be sufficient enough to make you a Christian. No, No, No. There are some very specific truths and doctrines we must, absolutely must, adhere to call ourselves born again Children of God.*

*Now, the Apostle reveals these truths to us in these verses. By adhering to these truths, we not only individually became Children of God but we will also become united Children of God. We are absolutely bound together by what we believe. So, let us examine what these doctrines are that hold us together.*

*First, he tells us that there's "One body." this, one body is a reference to all who have become Believers in Jesus Christ in the past, the present and the future, regardless of where you have come from or the culture you were raised in. the Church is one body of all Believers, and we are all a part of that one body all because of our*

*Lord Jesus Christ. To Him be praise and glory and honor.*

*Second, Paul tells us that there's One Spirit. This is the Blessed Holy Spirit of God. He is the Blessed third person in the Holy Trinity. Apart from the Holy Spirit, we would not have come to Christ for salvation. He brought to the understanding for our need for Christ and gave us the strength to take that step of faith. He also empowers our ability to continue our walk in Christ. He is absolutely essential to our confession of faith.*

*The third doctrine that we must believe in, is our eternal hope that has been granted to us when we received our calling to salvation. If we don't believe in our eternal, glorious future that Christ has promised to us, then we are declaring that Christ is a liar, or incapable of fulfilling His promises to us. Clearly one of the most obvious of the promises is eternal life.*

*Jesus Christ is neither a liar or incapable of fulfilling the promises of eternal life and a home in Heaven with Him forever. Praise our Blessed Lord for this blessed hope.*

*Next, Paul tells us that if we are going to call ourselves Christians, then we must absolutely and unequivocally adhere to the fact that there is one Lord and His name is Jesus Christ.*

*Now, what we know about our Lord all comes from the Word of God. Therefore we must accept what the Bible teaches us about Him. His eternal existence, His virgin birth; His sinless life; His amazing miracles; His substitutionary death on the cross for our sins; His glorious resurrection out of the grave on the third day; His ascension back to glory and finally His glorious return someday.*

*Our Lord is more than a good person. He is more than just a great teacher. He is more than just a good example. He is more than just a martyr for a cause. He is the glorious Son of God; Second person of the Holy Trinity; the Savior of the World; the King of kings and Lord of lords; He is the only way, truth and life and no one, not even one, can come to the Father apart from Him. (John 14:6). Is He alone your Lord?*

*Then Paul tells us that there is one faith. Now we are not here talking about our individual faith but rather the content of our faith. Actually the very thing we are talking about is this point, our confession of faith.*

*So, if we are already talking about it, then why again mention our absolute necessity in believing in "one faith?" well, the answer is quite simple. Paul is reminding us that all these things that we are declaring to be essential to our faith in order to call ourselves Christians are the only truths and doctrines that make up the Christian faith.*

*In other words, we can't say that all faiths and religions are co-equal to the Christian faith and can be substituted for our faith. No, No, No, No, no we must declare that our faith as we've been declaring in this point is the only true faith and there is no other. I pray that, that is your commitment.*

*Paul then tells us that we must believe in One baptism. He is not referring to water baptism, because water baptism which is extremely important and we are commanded to do, does not add to our salvation. It is rather a public demonstration that we have been saved.*

*What is the one baptism? Well, it obviously is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit of God baptizes Believers spiritually into the Family of God, thus making us one with one another. He also indwells each Believer at the moment of salvation. We are told by Paul that, "...If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ." (Rom. 8:9). So, let us rejoice in our on spiritual baptism.*

*The last of all of the essential beliefs that unites us together is our belief in the, "one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (vs.6). Now, what this tells us is one powerful truth and that truth is that our Heavenly and Holy Father is undeniably, and absolutely Sovereign over all. Oh, what an amazing Father we have, that we have the privilege to call Him our Father is so incredible. Thank you Father for so loving us that you gave to us your only begotten Son. Let us never cease to praise Him.*

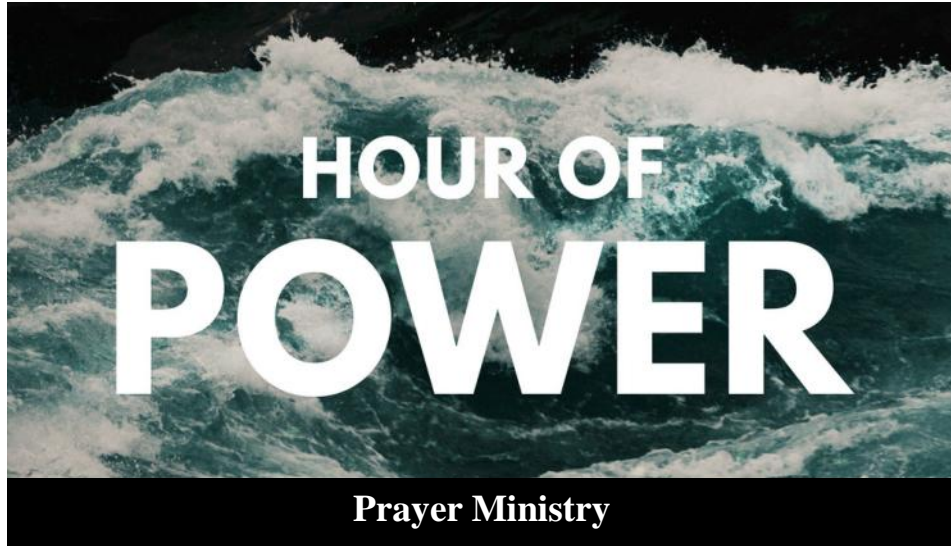
*Now it is important that we realize that every person in the Blessed Holy Trinity were mentioned in our essential doctrines of our faith. This was purposely done so that we would, realize that belief in the Holy Trinity is totally necessary. There is one God but made up of three persons. Each person is their own distinct person but so connected that you don't have God without all three. They are co-equal to one another and they each carry-out a different function within the Godhead but together they are the on true God.*

*Let us close this point out by saying praise God that we don't go out there with all different faiths and religions to try and win people over. That would be total confusion with no coherency whatsoever. No thank you Lord. We have a single message and together we can go our and know where we stand and what we believe and boldly be able to proclaim it.*



*Concl. So, let us pray that we will become totally united together for the cause of Christ by zeroing in on these elements that creates unity.*

*Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



**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)*

**THE REAL CHRISTMAS STORY  
NARROWAY, FT. MILL, SC**

Saturday, December 7, 2019 | Trip#13007 | \$129.00 per person

Early Bird Book By November 7, 2019 - \$119.00 per person



*Persons who have signed up already,  
the \$50.00 deposit is now past due.  
Make check payable to GSBC.  
Place monies under (005) Seniors offering.  
(Total Amount: \$119.00)*

***Deacon Election Candidates***

***Deacon Rotation***

*Robert O'Dell*

*Duane Armstrong*

*We will be electing two Deacons August 11th.*

*If you would like your name removed  
or if your name was omitted in error,  
please call the church office at 843-726-3631.*

*Thank You*

*Michael Daley  
Keith Gamo  
Ronald K. Malphrus  
David Meador*

*Robert O'Dell  
Fredrick Stanley  
Mel Toland  
Johnny Westbury*

**This is the covenant that our Deacons adopted for their  
ministry at Great Swamp Baptist Church**  
**Read it, Encourage your Deacons, and stay in prayer for them.**

### **The Deacon Covenant**

**We will be accountable to God and to each other. We will ask the hard questions about faith and ministry to this church and will provide honest answers.**

**We must be men of peace. We will strive to allow the Spirit of Christ to rule in our relationships with our families, with each other, and with the members of our church.**

**We will be shepherds of the Family of God that worships at Great Swamp Baptist Church. We will be servants in the model of Jesus who tenderly watched over his sheep.**

**We will be vigilant in our personal life. We will put on the whole armor of God as a necessity to help guard against the attacks of Satan.**

**We will seek an intimate relationship with God through His Son Jesus. We will try to live a life that is above reproach in speech, love, faith, and purity.**

**We will support the ministries of this church with our finances, our influence and with our prayers.**

**We will partner with the pastor of this good church to meet the spiritual needs of all of our members, our guests and the community as God leads us.**

Sign up sheet is on bulletin board.

# Senior Celebration



**August 15, 2019 • 10:00 am**  
**Port Royal Baptist Church**

***Food, Fun, Fellowship,  
Music, Inspiration,  
Door Prizes!!***

**Music by:  
Tidal Fource  
Katie Lynn Godowns  
Gale Parker**

Great Swamp will cover the costs of the tickets for members.



Bring A Kid to the Race  
Sign Up sheet on bulletin board.

## Announcements

*Tuesday, August 6th  
Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 am*



*Thursday, August 8th  
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am*

**OCT. 21-24 / 2019  
LECONTE CENTER  
PIGEON FORGE,  
TENNESSEE**

**SCHEDULE**

Doors open approx. one hour before each session.

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| Charles Billingsley<br>David Jeremiah<br>Tim Lovelace comedy   | <b>MONDAY<br/>EVENING<br/>7-10</b>    |
| Charles Billingsley<br>David Jeremiah<br>Jason Crabb concert   | <b>TUESDAY<br/>MORNING<br/>9-12</b>   |
| "Greater Vision<br>Hymn Sing" with the<br>Mark Trammell<br>Quartet, Jim and<br>Melissa Brady, the<br>Mylon Hayes Family,<br>and the HymnSing<br>band | <b>TUESDAY<br/>EVENING<br/>7-9</b>    |
| Charles Billingsley<br>David Jeremiah<br>"Front Porch Chat"<br>with Charlie Daniels  | <b>WEDNESDAY<br/>MORNING<br/>9-12</b> |
| Annie Moses Band<br>concert  | <b>WEDNESDAY<br/>EVENING<br/>7-9</b>  |
| Charles Billingsley<br>Phil Waldrep  | <b>THURSDAY<br/>MORNING<br/>9-11</b>  |



Join us  
ON THE  
**FRONT  
PORCH**

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| CONFERENCE ONLY RATE | <b>\$125</b><br>PER PERSON |
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| STANDARD LODGING PACKAGE  | 4 PER ROOM \$209 |
| EARLY BIRD COST PER PERSON FOR THREE NIGHTS PLUS THE CONFERENCE | 3 PER ROOM \$229 |
|   | 2 PER ROOM \$269 |
|   | 1 PER ROOM \$389 |

**Notice**

***Due to the price increases with the Charter Bus, It will cost \$100.00 per person. Bus Fee Due, October 7th.***

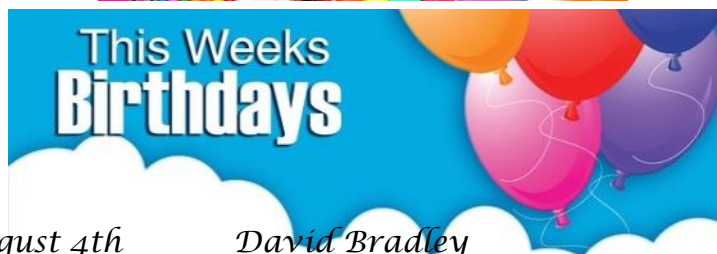
All package rates increase \$20 per person after 7/24/2019. Register EARLY for the best availability. See available hotels at **CELEBRATORS.ORG**.

Reserve your place today with a \$25 per person non-refundable deposit, which is included in all our prices. (balance due 9/11/2019.) We look forward to seeing you!

**Lodging has been reserved at Willowbrook Lodge**

## 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.*



*August 4th  
August 6th*

*David Bradley  
Mary Cope  
Larry Malphrus*

*August 7th  
August 9th*

*Lanell Smith  
Juliette Daring*



*August 8th  
August 9th*

*Ken & Doby Cleland  
David & Iola Daring*

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## GSBC Prayer Pages August 4, 2019

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

### **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

### **Hospitals**

*Mike Hodge-St. Joseph's*

### **Surgery / Recovery**

*Patrick Malphrus (5/8)  
Wallace Malphrus (7/8)  
Max Cole (8/1)*

### **Nursing Centers**

*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Doris Blackmon-Morningside  
Becky Jones-Anderson  
Royce Malphrus-VA Walterboro  
Mr. Creech-NHC  
Dot Tindal-Bft. Rehab*

### **Special Requests**

*Robert O'Dell-Job*

### **Church Needs**

*Sunday School  
SFCA-Donna Carter  
Child Dev. Ministries*

### **Unspoken**

*Olivia & Juan Garcia  
Amanda*

### **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)  
Heidi Crosby (12/26)  
Bill Martin (12/30)  
Mack Pope (4/22)  
Roschell Bush (5/2)  
Eddie Kinard (5/23)  
Lynn Daugherty (2/26)*

### **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
Inreach Ministry*

### **Bereavement**

*Family of  
Derald Smart*

### **Other Health Needs**

*Baby Gabrielle (2/7)  
Nicole Cole (2/11)  
Danny Fogle (2/14)  
Christen Gogol (3/21)  
Ana Price Busby (3/21)  
Dorthie Armstrong (6/26)  
Dan Peeples (6/26)  
Charles Maney (7/2)  
Audrey Key (7/2)  
Lee Martin (7/3)  
Pat Bryan (7/17)  
Chris Carter (7/17)  
Melonie Williams (7/25)  
Ann Blocker (7/25)  
Tim Tomlison (7/29)  
Ray Goethe (7/29)  
Lisa Cartin (7/30)  
Wallace Malphrus (8/1)*

### **Expecting / Births**

### **Please Continue To Remember**

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

*Dot Nettles  
Tom Hinely  
Lois Bootle  
Grace Boyles  
Patricia Malphrus  
Scott Boyles  
Ann Blocker  
Annette Malphrus  
Betty Robertson  
Tommy Cooler*

*Gary Way  
Christy Gagel  
Vera Miles  
Barbara Mills(Knee)  
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.  
Lanell Smith  
Dot Tindal  
Pam Stanley  
Garbade Carter  
Peggy Fludd*





## **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*

*Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC*



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

*Betty Robertson*

*Vera Miles*

*For Prayer Needs*

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



*Come out and join us on  
Tuesday, August 13th  
for this ministry.  
Hope to see you there!*



## Next Sunday

Step of Faith Christian Academy  
Teacher Recognition  
11:00 am service

*A gift of \$150.00 was given to the  
MPB & Kitchen Funds  
in Memory of  
Wallace (Wally) Altman  
by Winnie Altman.*

### **Grandmother's Group**

*There will be NO Grandmother's Group for August.*

## 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<br>+ / - |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Tithes &amp; General Budget</i>       | \$ 3,814.00 | \$4,982.79    | -\$ 1,168.79             |
| <i>Online Offerings</i>                  |             |               |                          |
|  |             |               |                          |
| Designated Funds                         | This Week   | *****         | Acct. Balances           |
| <i>Benevolence (Wheelchair Ramp)</i>     | \$550.00    | *****         | \$ 595.00                |
| <i>Senior Trip</i>                       | \$ 205.00   | *****         | \$ 2,662.40              |
| <i>Cemetery Maint.</i>                   | \$ 166.35   | *****         | \$ 241.35                |
| <i>MPB Fees (Altman Reunion)</i>         | \$ 100.00   | *****         | \$ 1,154.39              |
| <i>Kitchen Supplies (Altman Reunion)</i> | \$ 50.00    | *****         | \$ 50.00                 |
| <i>Sojourners Sunday School Class</i>    | \$ 30.00    | *****         | \$ 226.04                |

## Nursery Announcement

*Our nursery is in need of some volunteers for Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. If you would like to be added to our rotation schedule, please contact*

*Vanessa Smoak  
Thank You*

## WNS & SMB Announcement

*Reminder that there will be no Wednesday Night Suppers or Sunday Morning Breakfasts during June, July and August. Meals will resume in September.*

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

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

Great Swamp Baptist Church  
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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