

**SEPTEMBER 15**

starting @ 10:45am



*The Lighthouse Singers*  
IN CONCERT

GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

September 15, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

## **Prelude**

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Call to Worship**

*Hymn #*

## **Invocation**

*Michael Daley*

## **Selections of Praise and Worship**

## **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: Betty Robertson / Krey Lowther*  
*Next Week: Mike Mingledorff / Krey Lowther*

## Nursery Workers

*Today: Carol Davis / Taylor Daley*

*Next Week: Vandy Amason / Natalie*



## Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff*

*Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Michael Daley*

843-505-0998

*Next Week: Wilbur Daley*

843-305-0110

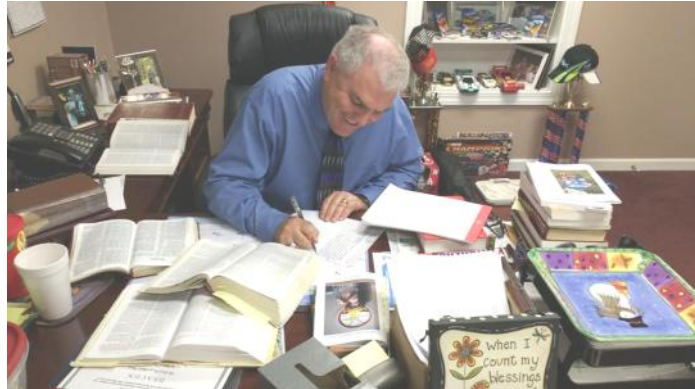


## Toll Committee

*For the month of September*

*Alice Way*

*Pat Bryan*



*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **Growing Bigger By Growing Smaller**

*(Acts 2:42-47)*

*Intro: When God created the world, He didn't begin with kingdoms, empires, nations, states, cities or even communities. Rather, He began with the family unit. It was from this family unit that He grew communities, cities, states, nations, empires and kingdoms. Really it is still this way. All of these entities that I have mentioned are all made up of families, many families. So, it is clear that God made the family unit as the number one way and means of growing every other entity that I have mentioned.*

*Now let me move this to the point I want to make for the church. Whenever we look at how God worked among His people, we see that He worked with large assemblies of His people but then we see that He breaks the large assemblies into smaller units. It is with these smaller units, much like a family unit, that He worked with the people on a more personal level. With the small groups, He could and can better prepare people who in turn can affect the overall growth of the larger unit because they have grown more and better while being involved in the small group. Jesus Himself spent more time with twelve men than He did with the crowds. With those twelve men He turned the world upside down with the glorious message of the Gospel.*

*Also, when we look at the way the Apostle Paul carried out his ministry, he also worked with crowds or large assemblies and small groups. Listen to his words to the church leaders in Ephesians. "You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you, but have taught you publicly and from house to house." (Acts 20:20)*

*So, Jesus lectured and ministered to large crowds and then to his small groups of disciples, and Paul ministered to them in larger public settings and then in smaller settings with them in their homes. This then should set the tone and direction for our own church. We must continue to focus upon our larger corporate worship services, but we must also, and more so focus upon our smaller groups which for right now is primarily our Sunday School. For in our smaller groups, we can be more successful at personally helping our people to grow spiritually and care for them and prepare them to be more effective in their walk with the Lord which will result in the ability to help the overall growth of the church. We will grow bigger by growing smaller. The church from its very beginning understood the important privilege of growing large by growing small. Let's us examine how the church at the beginning did this very thing.*

**First, let us notice the focus of the early church.** *The New Testament church in these verses focused upon at least five different things. These things that the church focused upon were and are still the things that the church still needs to focus upon. They are if you would, the essentials that gives life to the church. These focuses are what the church needs to zero in on in each and every sitting. Let us take a look at what the five are.*

**A. The first focus was Biblical doctrine and teaching. (vs. 42).** *They devoted themselves to the apostle teaching..." Now almost all of the New Testament books were written by the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. The few that were not came from men who got their information from the Apostles, and we know that all of these men were guided and directed by the Holy Spirit when they taught their lessons; preached their messages and wrote their books and letters that became a part of the Holy Word of God.*

*It was from these lessons and writings that the early church came to understand what they must believe and how they were to act and what they were to do. So it is that the church today must focus upon giving all their people the Biblical doctrines and teachings of the Word of God. We must do this for our society has become so secular that they no longer know about the things of God.*

**B. The second focus of the early church was fellowship that centered around the breaking of bread and prayer.** *Now this was fellowship that did more than just simply getting together and eating. Though it did involve getting together and eating it went much further. It was the kind of fellowship that went out of the way to really get to know one another in a very intimate and personal way. This was so that you can understand how you could help each other.*

*However, most important this fellowship focused upon the Lord Jesus Christ. He was the center of their fellowship. The breaking of the bread, many scholars believe, was the carrying out of the Lord's Supper. Then the other aspect of their fellowship was prayer. They understood that when they got together for fellowship it should drive them to prayer because the best thing they could do for one another was to pray for each other. So, we see that they had a deep sense of fellowship and so should we.*

**C. The third focus of the early church was caring for one another. (vs. 44-45).** *The was a very powerful aspect of the early church. They cared for one another to the point that they would sell extra things that they had and use that money to help those in need. Again we must show this kind of care for one another so we can show the world that God cares.*

**D. The fourth focus of the early church was worship and praise. (vs. 46-47).** *In verse forty-three, the Bible tells us that they were filled with awe. Of course, they were filled with awe because of everything that Jesus Christ had and was doing for them. The result of this is that it tells us that they were, "praising God." Really worship and praise is in a nutshell the number one thing we are to do, and when we are doing it, it will result in doing all the other things that are essential. We live our lives and do church to glorify Him.*

**E. The fifth thing the early church focused on was evangelism. (vs. 47).** *The Bible tells us here that, "The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." of course, the Lord was using the church to preach the message of the Gospel so that He could save those who heard and believed. Today, we must emphasize the great importance of preaching and sharing the Gospel message in order that the Lord can save souls and add them to our number.*

Now I want us to understand that we can't be a true New Testament church and leave out any of these focuses.

**II. Second, let us notice the assembling of the early church.**

Of course, what I mean by their assembling their gatherings. They assembled together primarily in two settings. These are the settings that I was referring to in my introduction. Let us take a look at these two settings.

**A. First, they assembled together corporately.** In other words, the whole group came together for worship. For it tells us right here that, "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts." this would have been their larger more public meetings. We, too, must continue to come together in larger corporate worship. So the larger body together can give praise to the Lord.

**B. They secondly assembly in smaller gatherings.** (vs.46). These verses not only tell us that they met together in the temple court but it also says, "They broke bread together in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." So as we see their second means of gathering was in much smaller groups as they met from house to house.

There was no way the church could care for the people exclusively in large settings. They also needed the smaller groups where they could better care for and grow the people on a personal level which would then in turn help the people to go out and help the overall church. We must encourage our people to not just attend Sunday morning worship but also to become involved in one of our small group Sunday School Classes where we can personally care for you better in a setting where you can become more intimate and personal with one another, which in turn will bless the overall church.

Concl. So, when focusing upon what the early church focused upon and do all this in both the larger corporate assembling and the smaller more personal setting, then we will be able to watch as the Lord adds to the church those who are being saved.

*Jesus Loves You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*



*Anyone who would like to make a dessert for Wednesday Night Supper should sign up on the sheet out front.*



Chicken 'N Fixins

Dessert

Tea & Coffee

Dorthie Armstrong Cooking Team  
\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of  
4 or more





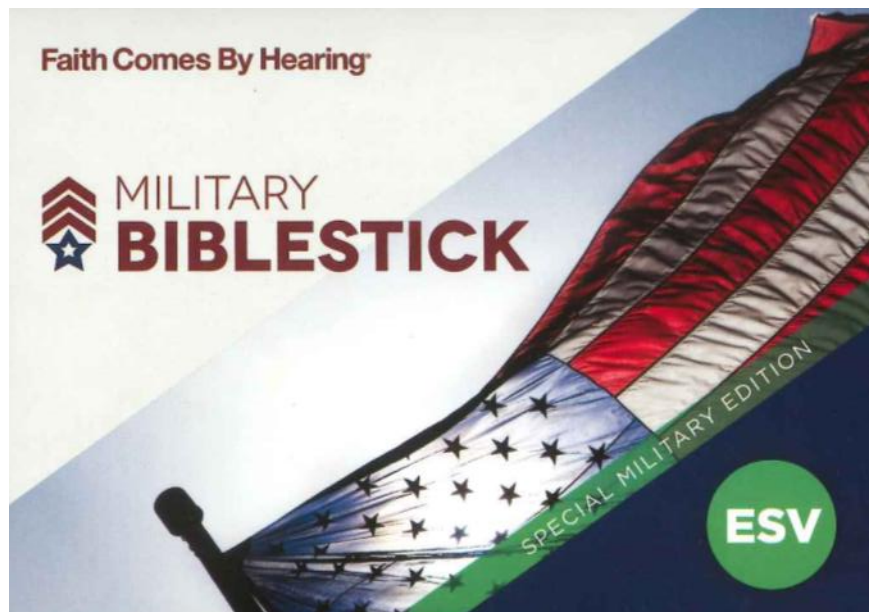


*As week pray this coming week, please remember all those within our congregation that are having surgery this week.*

*Pam Stanley*

*Mack Pope*

*Eva Migliore*



## HOPE FOR OUR HEROES

Partnering with the Local Church  
to Support Our Troops

 **MILITARY BIBLESTICK**  
A ministry of Faith Comes By Hearing®

Offering will be take up on Sunday, September 1st



Iron sharpeneth iron;  
so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

Proverbs 27:17 KJV

## ***Coming in October***

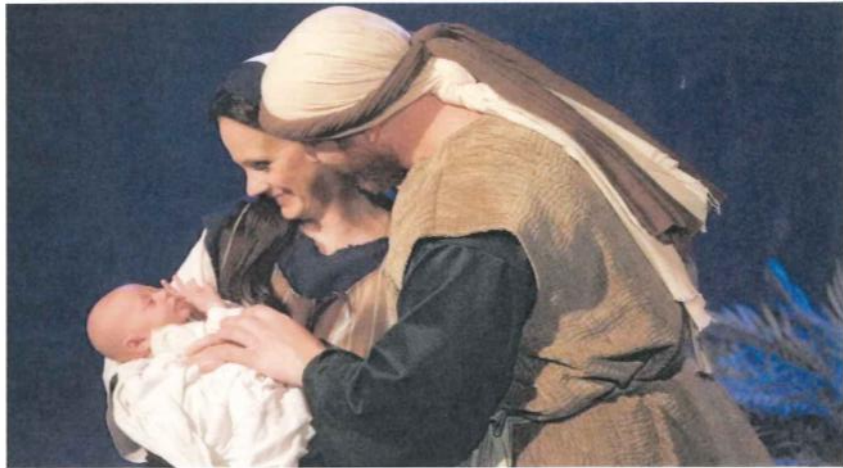
*Calling all Men*  
*Join us for the Men's Quarterly*  
***Gillisonville Baptist Church***  
***Date: October 17th***  
*Supper @ 7pm*  
*Meeting to follow*

*“Make plans to attend”*

**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.*

*Check Envelope Box # 005*

*Seniors Offering.*

*(Total Amount: \$119.00)*

***DUE NOW***

## **Announcement**

*All committees and teams for the 2019-2020 Church  
year need to elect officers and turn in to church office  
no later than the end of September so that Leadership  
manuals can be printed.*

*Thank You*



Nicky Schweickert

October 4th  
During  
Morning Chapel

*Having alcoholic parents was so* volatile that Nicky, then age 4, felt safer living on the streets. He repeatedly ran away from home in Ukraine, returning in hopes that things had gotten better. But that hope was always crushed. Nicky ate out of garbage cans and slept in a sewer drain before police took him to an orphanage at age 9. Nicky felt like no one loved him until he received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift—his first present—and heard about God's love for the first time. Come hear what a difference that has made in Nicky's life.

08-31-451



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# Announcements

*Tuesday, September 17th  
Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 am*



*Thursday, September 19th  
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am*

*Kairos  
Saturday, September 21st*



## **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 rota-  
tion schedule, please contact  
Vanessa Smoak  
Thank You*

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

**SCHEDULE**

Doors open approx. one hour before each session.

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| 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**

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| CONFERENCE ONLY RATE | <b>\$125</b><br>PER PERSON |
|----------------------|----------------------------|

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| 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.***

***Spaces still available for any church  
Contact Timmy Sauls  
@ 843-783-3418  
For more info***

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.*

*Wash cloths*

*Soap*

**September Collections:**  
*School Supplies*

*Combs/Brushes*

*Stuffed Animals*

*Full Supply List in Foyer.*

*Match box Cars*



*September 16th Doby Cleland*

*September 19th Eric Chapman*

*September 21st Katie Ford  
Nanthaniel Smoak*

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*September 16th Krey & Faye Lowther*

## GSBC Prayer Pages September 15, 2019

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

### **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

### **Hospitals**

### **Surgery / Recovery**

*Patrick Malphrus (5/8)*

### **Nursing Centers**

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

### **Special Requests**

*Robert O'Dell-Job*

### **Church Needs**

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

### **Unspoken**

*Olivia & Juan Garcia  
Jessica Cleland*

### **Spiritual Guidance**

*Enriqueta Torres  
David Peacock  
John Woodly  
Mary Lou Torres  
Emerald Trujillo*

### **Cancer / Treatments**

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)  
Mack Pope (4/22)  
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)  
18 month old Baby Girl (8/15)*

### **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
Inreach Ministry*

### **Bereavement**

*Family of  
Garbade Carter*

### **Other Health Needs**

*Dan Peebles (6/26)  
Charles Maney (7/2)  
Lee Martin (7/3)  
Ann Blocker (7/25)  
Tiim Tomlison (7/29)  
Eric Chapman (8/15)*

### **Expecting / Births**

### **Please Continue To Remember**

*Mike Hodge  
Shirley Malphrus  
Rose Boyles  
Mary Cope  
Judy Smith  
Jeffrey Stanley  
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  
Wallace Malphrus*

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





## **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**

*Mack Pope*

*Kevin Malphrus*

*For Prayer Needs*

*You may access by calling the church at*

*843-726-3631*



*Savannah River Baptist Association  
 Woman's Missionary Union Fall Meeting*

*Great Swamp Baptist Church  
 Saturday, September 28, 2019*

The purpose of this meeting is to prepare for the new church year. Conferences will be offered twice to allow participants the opportunity to learn about different organizations.

Mellie Jones, a SC WMU specialist from Saluda Association, will lead conferences for myMISSION, the organization for young women.

Each church is asked to bring enough salads for the number in its group to be shared.

The church having the largest number attending conferences will be recognized.

Schedule

|               |                                     |                  |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 9:00          | Registration (coffee and pastries)  |                  |
| 9:30          | General Session                     |                  |
| 10:00 & 10:55 | Conferences (two sessions)          |                  |
|               | WMU Directors                       | Joyce Bunton     |
|               | Missions                            | Nell Simmons     |
|               | *Craft Mission Project Ideas        | Barbara Cook     |
|               | Women on Mission                    | Loraine Ferguson |
|               | myMISSION (young women)             | Mellie Jones     |
|               | *Youth Organizations                | Barbara Cook     |
|               | Children's Organizations            | Carol Davis      |
|               | Mission Friends (preschool)         | Denise Wilson    |
|               | *These conferences offered once     |                  |
| 11:45         | Salad Lunch (bring salads to share) |                  |

## 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> | \$ 3,077.30 | \$4,982.79    | -\$ 1,705.49             |
| <i>Online Offerings</i>            | \$ 200.00   |               |                          |
|                                    |             |               |                          |
| Designated Funds                   | This Week   | *****         | Acct. Balances           |
| <i>Senior Trips</i>                | \$ 738.00   | *****         | \$ 5,220.40              |
| <i>Bible Sticks</i>                | \$ 40.00    | *****         | \$ 186.00                |
| <i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>         | \$ 50.00    | *****         | \$ 345.00                |
| <i>SMB</i>                         | \$ 101.00   | *****         | \$ 101.00                |



### Gifts

*A gift of 25.00 was given to the Building Fund  
 in Memory of Joyce Sutler  
 by Gregory & Jennifer Rushing.*

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

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

Great Swamp Baptist Church  
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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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