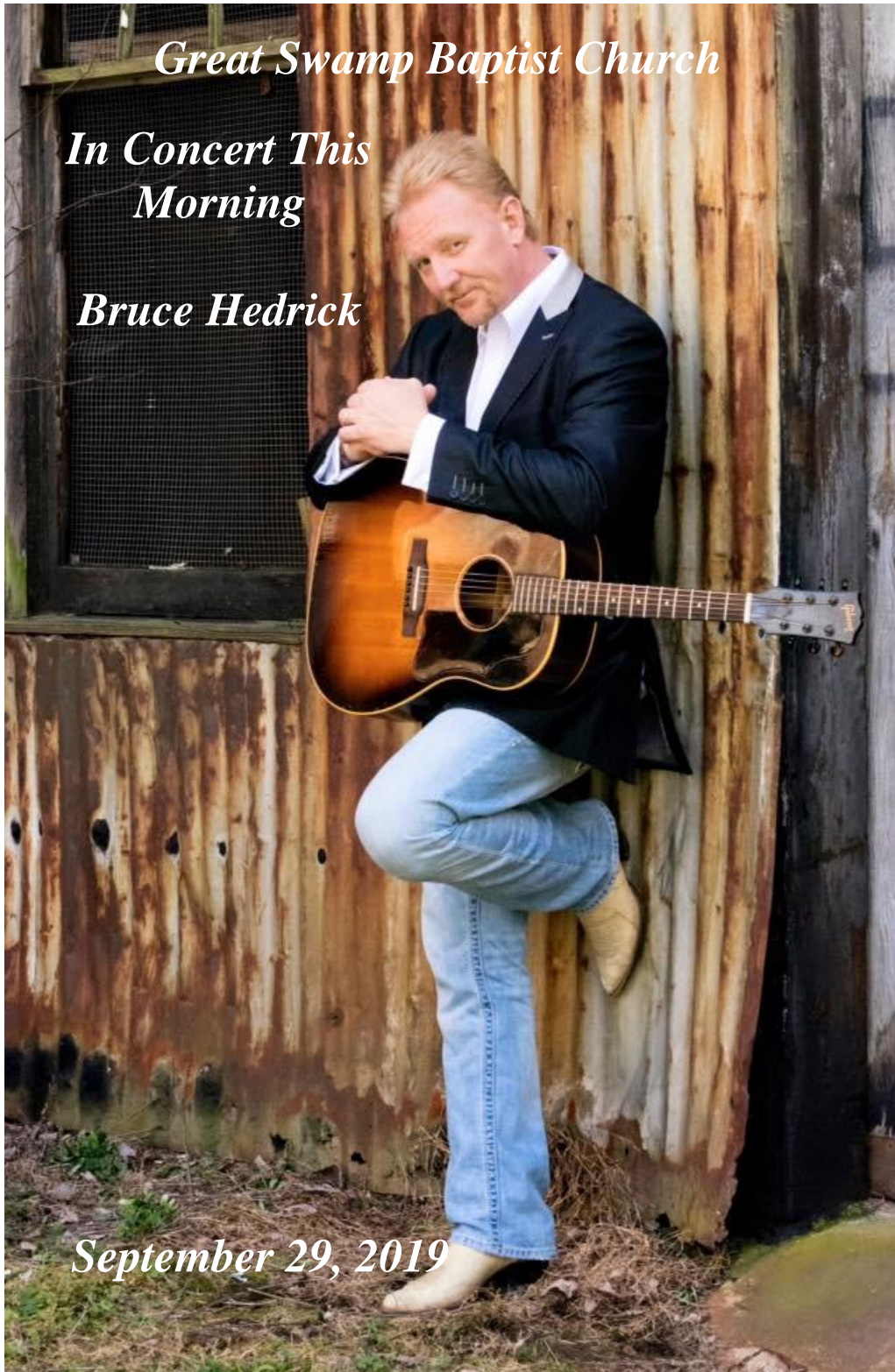


Great Swamp Baptist Church

*In Concert This
Morning*

Bruce Hedrick



September 29, 2019

Great Swamp Baptist Church

September 29, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 644 "Count Your Blessings"

Invocation

Mack Pope

Selections of Praise and Worship

Concert with Bruce Hedrick

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Offertory

Offertory Special

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

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

Nursery Workers

Today: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn

Next Week: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak



Children's Church Helpers

Today: Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff

Next Week: Olivia Stanley / Angel Cole

DEACON OF THE WEEK :



Today: Mack Pope

843-540-6636

Next Week: Keith Gamo

843-986-8745

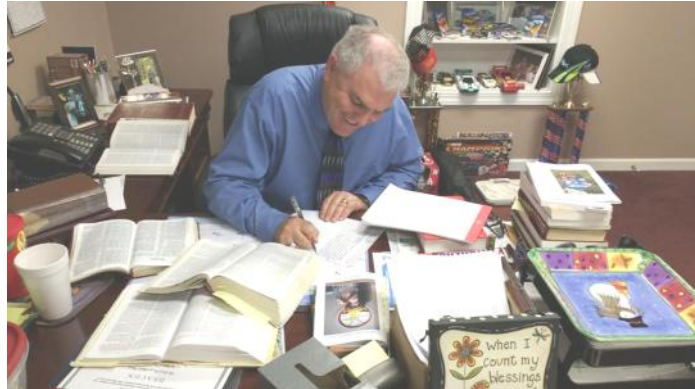


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For the month of October

Bernice Malphrus

Bonnie Pope



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

Invitation Must Always Drive The Church

(Luke 14: 12-23)

Intro: Have you considered how many times Jesus invited someone or someones to come to Him? Well, when you read the four Gospels, you become keenly aware that there was rarely a moment that He wasn't inviting people to come to Him. Let us consider a few of those examples in which He invited people to come to Him. First, consider His invitation to His disciples when He told them to, "Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17).

Another example would be when some adults were bringing their children and infants to Jesus for Him to bless them. However, the Word of God tells us that the disciples of Jesus tried to prevent these parents from doing so. But this infuriated our Lord. He was completely upset with His disciples and told them, "do not hinder them," (the little children) from coming to Him. His door of invitation was opened even to small children. (Matt. 19:13).

Finally one of the greatest examples was when He spoke out to really all who would hear, and listen, and understand what He was saying to come to Him and rest in His work done on or behalf so that we don't have to keep on struggling, trying to get it right with God for He would and did what was necessary to make that happen. Here are the exact words, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt. 11: 28-30). Wow, what our invitation!

So, from our Lord, Master and Savior, we learn that as the people of God, His witnesses in the world, we must be a people driven to continuously be inviting people to come to Christ; to come to church; to come to Sunday School; to come to a closer walk with Jesus and the list goes on.

Our set of verses that we are examining today may be the greatest example of giving out an invitation that we find Jesus expressing. May it help our church to always be driven by giving invitations.

I. First, we must be driven to invite because of the place of invitation. (vs. 15). *Now, when Jesus was giving this story, He was at a dinner being put on by a prominent Pharisee. I am sure that because he was a prominent Pharisee, he probably had a very nice house. There, also because he was a prominent Pharisee, was probably a number of guests there and most probably were the more affluent people of the area in which the meal was taking place.*

However, what place became the focus of attention was not the present place they were eating at. For sometime during the meal, a participant at the meal made the statement to Jesus, "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the Kingdom of God." (vs.15). It was at this point that Jesus gives the story about the great feast a man threw and all the people that were invited.

Now the point is that the place of focus shifted from the kingdom of men or of this world to the Kingdom of God, and the story Jesus gives is in conjunction with the man's statement. So, Jesus also brings the story up to the same level. Therefore, Jesus emphasis upon invitation is an emphasis upon inviting people to be able to feast in the Kingdom of God.

Now, let me drive home my point. We need to get all excited about going after people and inviting them to come because we have the privilege of not just inviting them to come to our church services, which is wonderful, and we not only get to invite them to our Sunday School and other small group gatherings but more importantly we get to invite them to become a part of the Kingdom of God. We get to invite them to sit down and feast at the banqueting table of our precious Lord with the people of God that are born again into our precious Lord's Kingdom. OH, may we get all excited and tell everybody that Jesus Christ has come and invite them to come to Him, which means to come to the Kingdom of God.

II. Second, we must be driven to invite because of the price of invitation. (vs. 12,16-17). *The meal that Jesus had been invited to by the prominent Pharisee didn't cost Jesus or any of the guest any money that we can tell.*

However, Jesus indicates that the prominent Pharisee, though he did not charge for the meal he served, he did however anticipate that he would get paid back by his fellow guest inviting him to a meal at their homes.

However, when Jesus gives the story of the great banquet, he clearly shows that the man throwing the great banquet did everything to provide this great feast. It was all at his expense without any thought of charging a fee or be paid off by getting invited over to his guest home. For ultimately the people he got to come couldn't possibly even throw a great feast to invite him or anyone else.

This great feast was one hundred percent completely free of charge. All you had to do was show up just as you are. Oh, Child of God, we must say to the people come, come, come, for our feasts are free. Salvation is full and free because, Hallelujah, Jesus paid it all. Now it is true we will pay the price is serving our Lord, but to get the privilege of being in His Kingdom, and the honor of serving Him comes to us absolutely free. Jesus' death of the cross covered the entrance fee to get in to the greatest feast of all times, the feast in which we sit around the table in the glorious Kingdom of God.

Rarely do we get our invite where everything is free but when God covers the cost you can bank on it that there won't be any hidden fee.

III. Third, we must be driven to invite because of the person of the invitation. Now, at the actual feast that Jesus was at when He gave the story of the great banquet, as I've already mentioned, appears to be more of the prominent and influential people of the area. For Jesus told them at the dinner that you should invite, who obviously were not like the guests who had been invited, people who were down and out of society.

Then when Jesus gave the actual story of the great feast He seems to categorize them in two groups. There was the first group that He invites in the story to the meal who seems by worldly standards to be at least in very good financial state or at least in good enough situation to buy land, animals and get married. This group represents mostly the affluent and at least the middle class.

Now in the story Jesus also shows us a second group. They were the down and our who lived in the city and out in the country. So, the point is that every group represented in society were invited to the great banquet. From the rich to the poor; from the well known to the not known at all; from the healthy and strong to the sick and weak and so on, all were invited.

As the song says, whosoever will may come. We can never blame that there is not any prospects to invite because all are invited. We must get out there and say come, come, come, ya'll come because God has opened the door for whosoever will. Amen and Praise the Lord.

IV. Fourth, we must be driven to invite because of the period of invitation.

When the final invitation was sent out for the people to come to the banquet, it wasn't our invitation to come in a few weeks, days or even hours. No, the time was immediately, right now, at this moment. In other words, the meal was prepared already and was in need of immediate attention. The host of the banquet demanded immediate response.

Now, of course, this urgency to invite people to come, and to do so immediately, still applies today, because the meal is already prepared. For Jesus Christ the host of the eternal banquet in the Kingdom of God has taken all the necessary steps, efforts, and works required to make the banquet possible and to make it possible for whosoever will to come to the feast. For He not only is the host of the meal but the One who did the entire preparation with no help from us.

You say when did He do these things? When He left His home in glory and descended down here to earth, He was coming to do all that was necessary to prepare the great banquet and to personally invite us to come. When He went to the cross, He paid the price and when He arose from the dead, He accomplished all that was needed to be done to say, It is finished. Therefore, it is now, not tomorrow, next week, month or year but this moment that our Lord is giving you, and us the opportunity to come through repentance and faith in Him and find our place at the great feast in Glory.

So, we must invite with urgency because the day will come when the opportunity to come will be shut down. As Paul said, "I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation." (II Cor. 6:2).

V. Fifth, we must be driven to invite because of the push for invitation. (vs. 21-23)

Now of course when the first set of invited folks refused to come, the host told his servants to go out into the alleys and streets of the city and bring in all the people who are considered the down and out of the town. Now, the emphasis to bring them in meant the servants were to do what was necessary to invite the people to the banquet.

However, when the servants came back from carrying out this responsibility, it still wasn't enough people to fill up the home and table of the owner. He wasn't going to be satisfied until his home was full.

Jesus Loves You

Ralnh Lee, Jr

Now, from this we must know that the Lord wants His house to be full. He wants His banquet to feed a number that can't be counted.

To satisfy his desire, the host told the servants this time to go out into the countryside to find people to bring in. However, this time he didn't just tell them to bring them in, rather, he said compel them, or make them come in. it sounds as though he was saying force them to come in.

We know that he couldn't actually force the people to come in because the host couldn't even force the first groups to come in. however, the point he was making was for his servants to do everything possible and within their power to get people to come to the feast.

So, dear friends, Jesus is saying to us the meal is ready but the house is not full. There is still plenty of room. Therefore we must get out there and do everything just shy of forcing them to come, in order that the Father's house will be full. Are we doing everything we possibly can in order to get people to say yes to Christ? Am I doing everything I can to encourage people to come to Christ? Are you pushing people to come to Jesus? We can never push too much because the Father's house still has room.

VI. Sixth, we must be driven to invite because of the prize of invitation. (vs 12-13). *There are several prizes that come from inviting people to Christ. First let me say that when we are inviting people to come to Christ, we are honoring the host who is putting on the great banquet. Of course, that is the Lord Himself. We are giving Him all the glory, honor, and praise for hosting the meal and doing all the work to make it possible.*

The second prize that we get to experience is the prize of helping to fill up the Father's house. To know that we had something to do with helping people to be ready to spend eternity in glory will indeed bless our lives.

The third prize is the prize of being repaid when we stand before the Lord and He rewards us for getting out there and attempting to bring them in. I like the way the Psalmist says it. "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seeds to sow, will return with songs of joy carrying sheaves with him." (Ps. 126:5-6)

Concl. So, folks, the banquet is ready but the house is still not full, and the price is free and the prizes are out of this world. So, what are we waiting for? Let's get out there and beg them to come in.

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Ralph Lee, Jr.



Grandmother's Group



*Tuesday, October 1st
11:30 am*

*Will meet in the Parsonage to work on
Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes
Everyone is asked to bring finger foods
to share for lunch.*



**Beef Stew In Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Salad
Dessert
Tea & Coffee**

**Roberts Cooking Team
\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of**



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

Proverbs 27:17 KJV

Coming in October

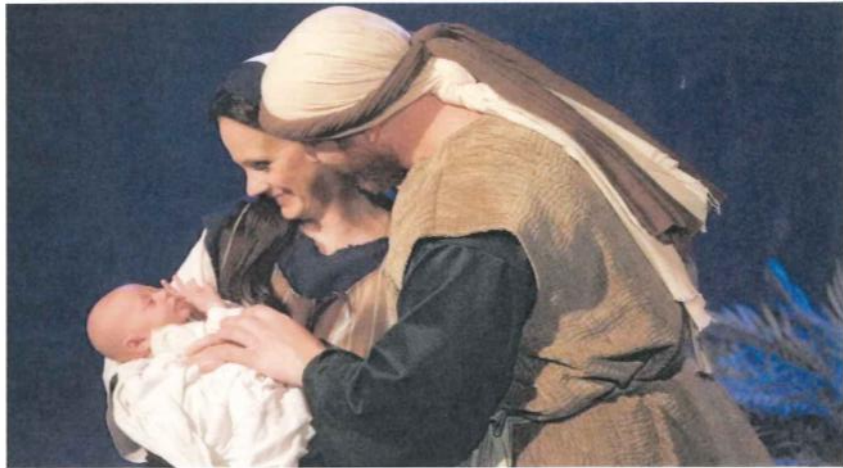
Calling all Men
Join us for the Men's Quarterly
Gillisonville Baptist Church
Date: October 17th
Supper @ 7pm
Meeting to follow

“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



Discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in my life ...



Nicky Schweickert

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.

October 4th
During
Morning Chapel

08-31-451



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Announcements

*Tuesday, October 1st
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am*



*Thursday, October 3rd
Quilt Club @ 10:00 am*

New Women's Bible Study Group

Starting October 3rd @ 7:00 pm

In the MPB

Come out and Join us.

Contact Carol Davis for more info



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

Celebrating  174 years of God's Faithfulness

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd
Ridgeland, SC

Homecoming

October 20th
Celebrating 174 years



Guest Speaker
Evangelist Frank Shivers

Church will provide Meat & Beverages
Everyone is asked to bring side dishes & desserts



September 22nd Alayna Schrader
September 23rd Sophie O'Connor
September 24th Ron Davis
September 26th Emily Carter
Ron Malphrus
September 28th Tom Benton
Dalton Chapman
September 29th Patrick Malphrus
September 30th Chris Schertger
October 2nd Timmy Sauls



September 24th Rodney & Patricia Malphrus
Franklin & Sherri Fryman
October 3rd Don & Eva Migliore

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. **Still Needed Items***

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| <i>Wash Cloths-???</i> | <i>Note Pads-???</i> |
| <i>Soap-282</i> | <i>Crayons-175</i> |
| <i>Combs/Brushes-125</i> | <i>Scissors-186</i> |
| <i>Stuffed Animals-250</i> | <i>Glue Sticks-150</i> |
| <i>Match Box Cars-119</i> | <i>Toothbrushes-100</i> |
| <i>Colored Pencils-14</i> | <i>Pencil Sharpeners-146</i> |

GSBC Prayer Pages September 29, 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)
Pam Stanley (9/16)
Gail Malphrus (9/16)
Mack Pope (9/19)
Eva Migliore (9/18)
Pt Bryan (9/27)*

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)
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)
18 month old Baby Girl (8/15)
Douglas Denegel (9/16)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
Inreach Ministry*

Bereavement

Family of

Other Health Needs

*Dan Peeples (6/26)
Charles Maney (7/2)
Lee Martin (7/3)
Ann Blocker (7/25)
Tiim Tomlison (7/29)
Eric Chapman (8/15)
Ruby Keiffer (9/19)
Eddie Kinard (9/19)
Danny Breland (9/19)*

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*



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

Harvest Fests Saturday

October 26th

4 pm-8 pm

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd. Ridgeland SC



Costume Contest



Trunk or Treat

Games

Cake Walk

Face Painting

Costume Contest

Bingo

Chili Cook Off

Hot Dogs



Chili Cook-Off



All Proceeds will go toward
Remodeling the Youth Annex

Step of Faith Drama Department
Presents...

Theater in the Round Fundraiser



October 19th, 6:00

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Road
Ridgeland SC 29036

Drama, Clowning, Interpretive Dance,
Singing, Black Light, One Acts,
Refreshments

Adults - 5-61-\$10.00

Students and Senior Adults-\$7.00

Price includes an evening of entertainment,
worship and food.

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr. *jehu27@gmail.com*
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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 & General Budget</i>	\$ 3,628.00	\$4,982.79	-\$ 1,354.79
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trips</i>	\$ 1,733.00	*****	\$ 8,975.40
<i>Youth Annex</i>	\$ 10.00	*****	\$ 1,332.07
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$ 10.00	*****	\$ 249.44
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$ 10.00	*****	\$ 20.00
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 87.00	*****	\$ 301.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$ 160.00	*****	\$ 329.00
<i>Church Repairs (Grayco)</i>	\$ 16.56	*****	\$ 211.39
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 123.89
<i>SFCA Trash Pick Up</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 240.00
<i>SFCA Exterminator</i>	\$ 197.50	*****	\$ 197.50
<i>SFCA Liability Ins.</i>	\$ 741.50	*****	\$ 741.50
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 3,369.68	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Janitorial Supplies</i>	\$ 500.00	*****	\$153.43

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

and the journey will continue until God returns...

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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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