

Celebrating  *174 years of God's Faithfulness*
October 20, 2019



Homecoming with Evangelist Frank Shivers

Great Swamp Baptist Church

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Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

Prelude

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Hymn # 407 "Because He Lives"

Invocation

Michael Daley

Selections of Praise and Worship

Hymn # 345 "Now, I Belong to Jesus"

Hymn # 151 "The Way of the Cross Leads Home"

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Special

The Proclaimers

"Halfway"

Message

Evangelist Frank Shivers

Invitation

Benediction



Greeters

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

Nursery Workers

Today: Latrelle Steedly / Kim Malphrus

Next Week: Vicky Roberts / Emma



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

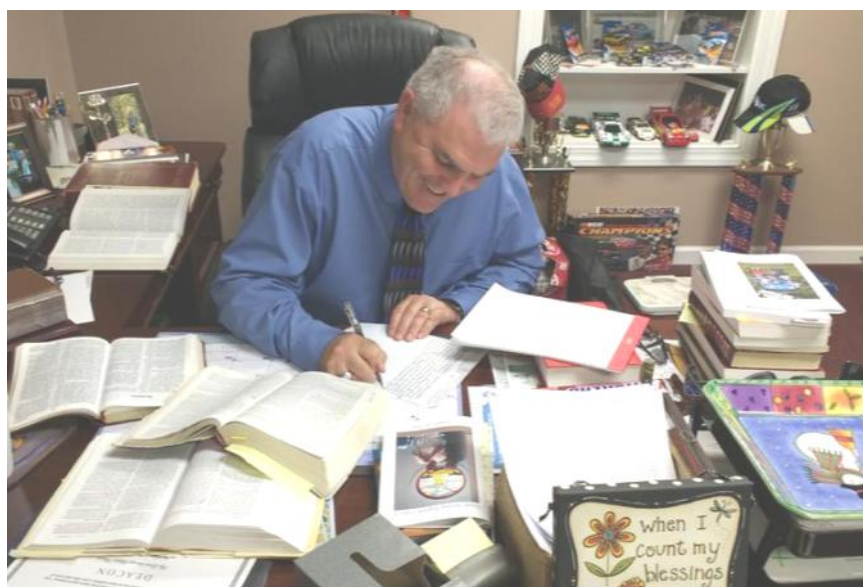


Toll Committee

For the month of October

Bernice Malphrus

Bonnie Pope



From Pastor Ralph's Desk:

The Reason For Homecoming

(Matthew 16:13-19)

Intro: Homecoming Celebrations have been with the church for a long time. Usually the main purpose for them is to celebrate the history of the particular church that is carrying the celebration out.

Another purpose for homecoming celebrations are to bring together people who for various reasons have left a particular church, for a Sunday of fellowship with the folks they once worshipped with. These reasons are valid and good reasons for celebrating homecoming.

However, I would like to admit to you that there are some even greater reasons to celebrate homecoming. I would like to simply point out four of them that come from the Scripture verses that I am using for this message.

I. The first reason to celebrate Homecoming is so that we can honor the One who brings us altogether anyway.

Of course, that person that brings us all together is the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus asked the disciples, who do people say He is? They answered many different answers; that He was a great prophet, or teacher, or so on. Then He asked them, who He was, and Peter answered, "You are the Christ the Son of the Living God." (vs 16). Jesus responded by declaring that Peter was blessed because it was His Heavenly Father that had revealed that truth to Him.

So when we come together for Homecoming, we should all celebrate the fact that our Heavenly Father has revealed to us just exactly who Jesus Christ our Lord is, and with that revelation we should exalt and magnify Jesus for whom we have discovered Him to be. So on this Homecoming day, let us lift up Jesus.

II. The second reason to celebrate Homecoming is so that we can celebrate the One who built our Church to begin with.

You say, oh, I know it was our great, great grandfather, or distant relative or it was the group that pulled out of another church or it was a church planter that came and built my church. Well, most churches have started from one of the means just mentioned.

However, the fact of the matter is that the true origin of our churches go all the way back to Jesus. For in our present set of verses, Jesus said, "I will build my church..." (vs. 18). No true church of the Living Lord would be here today apart from the real builder and His name is Jesus.

So may we celebrate our Homecoming by giving all the glory to our origin as a church to the true builder, Jesus Christ. We are here because He is. Amen.

III. The third reason we celebrate Homecoming is so tht we can celebrate the victory of the church.

Now the great news is that I am referring to is the eternal victory of the church. You ask what victory I am referring to? Well, the answer is in the words of Jesus here in our set of verses. "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (vs. 18).

Jesus is telling His church that no matter what Satan and this world throw at them, they will always and ultimately win.

That victory will be final when Jesus calls His church permanently home to be with Him. (I Thess. 4:13-18).

So, let us come together today to celebrate our victory given to us by Jesus Christ our Lord.

IV. The fourth reason we celebrate Homecoming is so that we can promote the purpose of the church.

Jesus states the purpose of the church with these words, "I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in Heaven." (vs. 19). What we believe that Jesus is saying to the church is that I am giving you the key that opens the doorway to Heaven. Of course, the key is He, Himself. He is the only way to Heaven. With that key we offer people the opportunity to believe and be saved. Those that do will be bound for Heaven. Those who don't will not make it to Heaven.

So let us encourage one another on in the work of evangelism as we gather for our Homecoming that it will lead us to work hard at preparing people for Heaven.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



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

Wash Cloths-41

Stuffed Animals-170

Match Box Cars-20

Scissors-38

Glue Sticks-77

Pencil Sharpeners-100

SFCA Drama Department



Pancake Supper Fundraiser
Thursday, October 24th

OCTOBER 27

starting @ 10:45am





Shepherd's Pie
Green Beans
Rolls
Dessert
Tea & Coffee
Youth Cooking Team
\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of
4 or more

Step of Faith Christian Academy

Drama Department presents...



November 1-2 @ 7:00 PM

**SFCA Gymnasium
9009 Tarboro Rd
Ridgeland, SC 29936**

**Ticket prices:
Student & Senior Adults 65+
\$8.00**

**Adults
\$12.00**

**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
ARE DUE NOW so that Leadership manuals can be
printed.*

Thank You

Announcements

*Tuesday, October 22nd
Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am*



*Thursday, October 24th
Quilt Club*

*Thursday-Saturday
October 24th-26th
Kairos*



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*

Women's Bible Study

Every Thursday @ 6:00 pm

In the MPB

Come out and Join us.

Contact Carol Davis for more info

Next Meeting will be on November 7th



GSBC Prayer Pages October 20, 2019

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

Leadership

*President Donald Trump
United States of America*

Hospitals

Mike Hodge-St. Josephs

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)
Donald Fludd (9/30)*

Called to Ministry

Chris Carter & Family

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

*Family of
Annette Peeples Malphrus*

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)
Murray Nettles (10/2)
Pinkie Rushing (10/10)*

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

Mack Pope

Kevin Malphrus

For Prayer Needs

You may access by calling the church at

843-726-3631



*“For even the
Son of Man
did not come to be
served, but to serve,
and to give his life
as a ransom for many.”*

Mark 10:45

Wednesday Nights @ 7:00 pm

*Do you know a young girl
in the 1st through the 6th grades?
We want to invite them to our
Servant's Heart Clubhouse
to learn about the
blessing of serving others.*

Any Questions call
Diane Thames @ 843-321-0806
or
Carol Davis @ 226-0258



Harvest Fest

Saturday

October 26th

4 pm-8 pm

Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd. Ridgeland SC



Costume Contest



Trunk or Treat



Chili Cook-Off



Games
Cake Walk
Face Painting
Costume Contest
Bingo
Chili Cook Off
Hot Dogs



*All Proceeds will go toward
Remodeling the Youth Annex*



October 23rd

Pearl Malphrus



October 25th

Eddie & Vandy Amason



SFCA

*Is now accepting applications for the position of
K5 Assistant and After school worker.
Hours are from 10:00am to 6:00pm.
See Mrs. Donna Carter for details.
Needed immediately.*

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 & General Budget</i>	\$ 3,415.36	\$4,982.79	-\$ 1,446.36
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 121.07		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trips</i>	\$ 573.00	*****	\$ 5,885.40
<i>Youth Annex</i>	\$ 40.00	*****	\$ 2,606.07
<i>Fall Landscaping</i>	\$ 28.00	*****	\$ 28.00
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 112.00	*****	\$ 112.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$ 151.00	*****	\$ 151.00
<i>Audio Visual</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 3,733.76
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 713.03

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

and the journey will continue until God returns...

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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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Website: greatswampbaptistchurch.com
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