



*Family*  
*Christmas*  
GATHERING

*December 1, 2019*

*Great Swamp*  
BAPTIST CHURCH

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

December 1, 2019

Sunday Morning Worship

11:00 AM

## Great Swamp Family Christmas Gathering

**Prelude**

**The Welcome**  
Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

*Wilbur Daley*

**Selections of Praise and Worship**

**We Pray for Special Needs**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Special

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction**

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## Greeters

*Today: Connie Benton / Krey Lowther*

*Next Week: Tom Benton / Krey Lowther*

## Nursery Workers

*Today: Cassandra Bradley / Evelyn*

*Next Week: Pat Bryan / Vanessa Smoak*



## Children's Church Helpers

*Today: Kaylee Standard / Evelyn Bradley*

*Next Week: Kaylee Standard / Emma Mingledorff*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today: Wilbur Daley*

843-305-0110

*Next Week: Mack Pope*

843-540-6636



## Toll Committee

*For the month of December*

*Gail Malphrus*

*Anita Blanton*



*From Pastor Ralph's Desk:*

## **Thanking The Lord For You**

*(Phil. 1:1-11)*

*Intro: The Apostle Paul expressed an extremely positive point of view of the Philippian Believers. He begins the Book of Philippians with that positive attitude. It is an attitude of thankfulness, prayerfulness and longingness for this group of Believers. When he thought of them, it was with thanksgiving. When he longed for them, it was because he was thankful for them.*

*Now the question to consider is why did the Apostle Paul have such a thankful spirit for the Philippian Believers? Well, that is what I want to answer with my message today. Also, let me say that this Thanksgiving holiday, I am preaching this message because I feel the same way about Great Swamp Baptist Church and Step of Faith Christian Academy.*

### **I. First, Paul was thankful for the Philippian Believers because of who they were. (vs. 1,3).**

*In verse three, Paul speaking to the Believers at Philippi said, "I thank my God every time I remember you." so, who is you—well, of course, they were the Believers at Philippi. However, in verse one, he called them "The Saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi." So, who they were, were saints. By the way, these saints were living saints. The word saint means to be set apart. A saint is anyone that has been saved through the grace of our Lord. Therefore, set apart from sin, death, hell and the grave and set apart*

unto Jesus Christ. Nothing should make us more thankful for one another than the fact that the Lord has made us saints in His sight, and this is why I am thankful for you guys at Great Swamp Baptist Church and Step of Faith Christian Academy.

**II. Second, Paul was thankful for the Philippian Believers for who they were going to be. (vs. 6).**

*So, who were they going to be? Well, that answer is simple. They are ultimately going to be everything God planned on them being because Paul said, "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it out to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." so, Paul was thrilled over the fact that God wasn't through with them yet and as a matter of fact, wouldn't be until He turned them completely into the persons He intended them to be, which is being totally Christ-like, which of course, will take place when we come before the Lord.*

*So it is for me that I am so thankful for my dear friends at Great Swamp Baptist Church and Step of Faith Christian Academy because I know God will ultimately turn us into the perfect persons who are completely Christ-like. Oh, what a day that will be.*

**III. Third, Paul was thankful for the Philippian Believers because of what they were doing.**

*There were at least three things they were doing. They were giving Paul financial support to help him carry out his mission work. (Phil. 4:10-19). Second, they were giving Paul prayer support. (1:19). They were praying that God would strengthen Paul as he carried his tough task of being faithful to preach Jesus even while imprisoned for his faith. Third, they were giving Paul witnessing support. (vs. 5). Paul said they were his partners in the Gospel. They were helping Paul to share and preach the Gospel message themselves.*

*So their activities of giving, praying and witnessing just stirred his heart with praise to God and thanksgiving for their dedication.*

*Concl. I can't express my gratitude enough for all my members here at Great Swamp Baptist Church and Step of Faith Christian Academy because of who you are "Saints," and because of who you will be completely Christ-like when the Lord completes us, and for what you are doing. You are giving, praying and witnessing. May you only increase in these areas so we can continue to be thankful for one another.*

*Jesus Loves You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*

*Join Us in Our Mission to*

REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH



★ December 14, 2019 ★

**NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

**Jasper County Ceremony**

**Noon at Great Swamp Baptist Church**

*9009 Tarboro Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936*

◆ **Cemetery Wreath Laying** ◆

Great Swamp Baptist Church Cemetery; 9:00 am, December 14

Grahamville Cemetery; 9:00 am, December 14

Ridgeland Cemetery; 10:00 am, December 14

Grimes Cemetery; 3:30 pm, December 14

Gillisonville Cemetery; Noon, December 15 (after church)

Old Sardis Cemetery; time TBA

Floyd Cemetery; time TBA

Everyone Plays a Part

wreathsjasper@gmail.com

# Women's Bible Study

*Every Thursday @ 6:00 pm  
In the MPB  
Come out and Join us.  
Contact Carol Davis  
for more info*



**Club House**

*“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.”*

**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

# Announcements

*Tuesday, December 3rd  
Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 am*



## ***Church Council Meeting***

*Sunday, December 8th*

*Following Morning Worship Service*

*Lunch will be provided*

*Anyone who is going to be having any function at the church for 2020, needs to notify the church office with the dates and times so the church council can approve.*

## ***Church Council Members***

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

*Vicky Roberts*

*Mack Pope*

*Wallace Malphrus*

*Kim Malphrus*

*Wilber Daley*

*Richard Waitt*

*Michelle Waitt*

*Donna Carter*

*Timmy Sauls*



## **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*





For more information or to volunteer please contact us:  
www.schabapist.org/serve or www.sommum.org  
803.227.6064

### Christmas Prisoner Packets

Since 1978

This ministry is a joint effort of SCBC and SCWELC. As this project has grown, our churches continue to give faithfully and generously.

Last year, your beloved church gave more than 100,000 Christmas packets. All these packets were given to men and women who arrived after the distribution date.

Heavy envelopes have no window. Your gift of Christmas provides hope and love to these men and women.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

Why do the envelopes need to be stamp-embossed?

Local stamps are prohibited by the South Carolina Department of Corrections policy since they can be used to smuggle illegal drugs into the facilities.

Can I include a gospel tract, Christmas card, or note in the packet?

No. You may NOT add tracts, cards, or notes to the packets. Please do not place Bibles or tracts in the address of the zipper bags. An approved Christmas card and Scripture booklet will be added to each packet by volunteers of St. Andrew's Baptist Church on December 9.

Why do we need to check the contents of our packets before delivering them to St. Andrew's Baptist Church?

The packets must be checked to be sure that all contents meet the requirements of the South Carolina Department of Corrections. We will be conducting your packets every 10 days from the end of the year and report to the Department of Corrections on December 9.

Why are we so particular about what goes into the packets?

The Department of Corrections officers will check each packet. All packets must be sealed in a tamper-evident bag and placed in green envelopes stamped with Extra from our ministry to help packets get through.

### Approved Packing List from SC Department of Corrections

- ONE black, non-retractable pen (no silver clips, no other color ink)
  - ONE writing tablet no larger than 5 1/2" x 8" (no wire bound books, composition books, or post-it notes)
  - ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
  - ONE 4 oz to 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)
  - ONE 3.2 oz to 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped/unboxed bars)
  - TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Nicco Wafers, Bolus, Starburst, Tic Tacs)
  - FIVE first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed Envelopes (from US Post Office- NO regular stamps, no other size envelopes)
  - ONE gallon size zipper bag (no other size bags accepted)
  - ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE ZIPPER BAG WITH ZIPPER CLOSED SECURELY
- DO NOT INCLUDE: washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, combs
- Extra approved items may be sent to St. Andrew's Baptist Church on collection day in a bag/bag marked "extra items."

**A** This resource is made possible through the Cooperative Program giving of South Carolina Baptist Churches.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### NOVEMBER 2019

Christmas packet materials to be delivered to St. Andrew's Baptist Church by South Carolina Department of Corrections officers by noon Dec. 9th

#### December 9, 2019

All packets MUST BE delivered to St. Andrew's Baptist Church by Noon 228 South River Road, Columbia

Volunteers must provide all contents. All items should be sealed and placed in packets for distribution by December 9, 2019.

2020 DATE: 11/20/2019

## Savannah River Baptist Association International Mission Study

Okatee Baptist Church  
Monday, December 9, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
Refreshments (including ethnic foods)



Each day, more than 28,000 people are forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution. Christ followers want to get involved — to help and support refugees — but what can we do?

The world tells refugees that they are not wanted, but we serve a God Who desires a relationship with displaced people. He beckons every person to an eternal home and offers a gospel that knows no boundaries.

**International Mission Study: Rohingya** centers around the challenges and the opportunities the Rohingya refugee crisis presents for missionaries and followers of Christ. Our God "defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow and loves the foreigner residing among you" (Deut. 10:18–19 NIV). He commands His followers to do the same.



*The Grandmother's Group  
And*

*The Gleaner's Sunday School class  
will be having our Annual Christmas Party  
on Tuesday, December 3rd at 11:30am*

*In the MPP  
Bring up to a  
\$10.00 Exchange Gift,  
Finger Foods  
and  
Lottie Moon Offering.*



## **Christmas Card Mailbox**

*is now open in the Foyer*

The Servant's Heart Club and the Youth Sunday School Class has opened the Christmas Card Mailbox in the Foyer.

They will deliver your in-house Christmas Cards for 25-cent each.

The proceeds are going toward the Youth Annex renovations.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

*We would like to thank everyone who participated in Operation  
Christmas Child Shoebox project this year.*

*You helped make it a success.*

*A total of 1,711 boxes were collected during Collection Week.  
And a total of \$1,300 was given by GSBC towards shipping ex-  
penses. An increase of \$300.00 over last year.*

*Thank You*

# Christmas Parade SFCA

Thursday, December 5th  
6:00 pm

Everyone who is interested  
in helping with the float  
Please see  
Wilbur Daley

## Great Swamp Baptist Church



## GSBC Prayer Pages December 3, 2019

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

### **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

### **Hospitals**

### **Surgery / Recovery**

*Pam Stanley (9/16)  
Mack Pope (9/19)  
Eva Migliore (9/18)  
Pat Bryan (9/27)  
Deidre White (11/12)  
Judy Roberts (11/22)*

### **Nursing Centers**

*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Doris Blackmon-Morningside  
Becky Jones-Anderson  
Royce Malphrus-RNC  
Dot Tindal-NHC*

### **Special Requests**

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

### **Church Needs**

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

### **Unspoken**

*Olivia & Juan Garcia  
Jessica Cleland*

### **Spiritual Guidance**

### **Cancer / Treatments**

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)  
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)  
Sidney (8/15)  
Douglas Denegel (9/16)  
Donald Fludd (9/30)  
Gen Malphrus (11/19)*

### **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry*

### **Bereavement**

*Family of  
Philipp Hannah*

### **Other Health Needs**

*Dan Peeples (6/26)  
Charles Maney (7/2)  
Lee Martin (7/3)  
Ann Blocker (7/25)  
Ruby Keiffer (9/19)  
Eddie Kinard (9/19)  
Danny Breland (9/19)  
Pinkie Rushing (10/10)  
Wallace Malphrus (11/1)  
Cookie Daley (11/19)  
Margaret Davis (11/19)  
Helen Malphrus (11/19)*

### **Expecting / Births**

*Gary Way  
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.  
Lanell Smith  
Dot Tindal  
Pam Stanley  
Philipp Hanna*

### **Please Continue To Remember**

*Dot Nettles  
Tom Hinely  
Lois Bootle  
Grace Boyles  
Patricia Malphrus  
Scott Boyles*



## **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**

*Truett Vaigneur*

*Mike Mingledorff*

*For Prayer Needs*

*You may access by calling the church at*

*843-726-3631*

# This Weeks Birthdays



*December 2nd*      *Eva Lee Migliore*


*December 3rd*      *Robert Sauls*  
*Stephanie Carter*

*December 4th*      *Lucille Degler*

*December 5th*      *Ronnie Nettles*  
*Chris Carter*

*December 7th*      *Victoria Keiffer*  
*Vanessa Smoak*  
*Rylie Ford*

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May your marriage be blessed with love,  
joy and companionship for all the years of your lives.

A very happy  
Wedding Anniversary  
to both of you

*December 5th*      *Chris & Kelly Scherger*

## 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>	\$ 2,797.00	\$4,982.79	-\$ 1,700.59
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 485.20		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trips</i>	\$ 188.00	*****	\$ 668.00
<i>Youth Camp Deposit</i>	\$ 195.00	*****	\$ 1,447.33
<i>Benevolence</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 411.00
<i>Cemetery Maint.</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 270.00
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 89.00	*****	\$ 288.00
<i>WNS</i>	\$ 190.00	*****	\$ 543.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$ 222.00	*****	\$ 1,570.77
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$ 392.70	*****	\$ 877.90
<i>Wreaths Across America</i>	\$ 215.00	*****	\$
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$ 34.50	*****	\$ 208.33
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 2.00	*****	\$ 2.00
<i>SFCA Electric</i>	\$ 1,854.45	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Janitorial Supplies</i>	\$ 500.00	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Security</i>	\$ 123.89	*****	\$ 0.00
<i>SFCA Trash Pick UP</i>	\$ 240.00	*****	\$ 0.00

**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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