

A scenic landscape featuring a large, leafy tree in the foreground on the right. The background shows a body of water, possibly a swamp or marsh, with a sunset sky in shades of orange and yellow. The text is overlaid on the image.

But the fruit of  
the Spirit is love,  
joy, peace,  
forbearance,  
kindness,  
goodness,  
faithfulness,  
gentleness and  
self-control.  
Against such  
things there is  
no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*March 1, 2020*

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March 1, 2020

*Sunday Morning Worship*

*11:00 AM*

## **Prelude**

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Call to Worship**

*Hymn # 426 "Victory In Jesus"*

## **Invocation**

*Bjo Mills*

## **Selections of Praise and Worship**

*"Soon and Very Soon"*

*"How He Loves"*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Offertory Special

*Proclaimers*

*"Orphans of God"*

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

## **Invitation**

## **Benediction**

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*Regular Services Tonight @ 6:00pm*



**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**

**Today:** Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344

**Next Week:** Michael Daley: 843-505-0998



**Greeters**

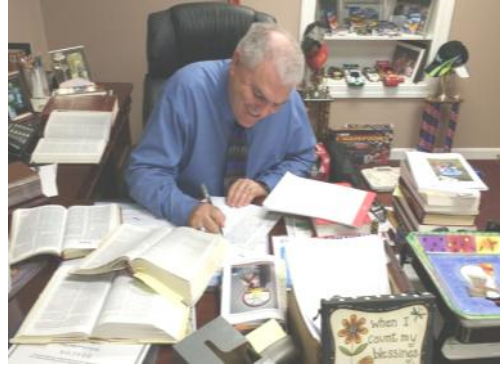
**Today:** Dorthie Armstrong / Krey Lowther

**Next Week:** Duane Armstrong / Krey Lowther

**Stewardship**

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes &amp; General Budget</i>	\$ 2,840.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 2,142.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>WNS</i>	\$ 198.00	*****	\$ 458.95
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 107.00	*****	\$ 169.06
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 20.00	*****	\$ 315.48
<i>Youth Camp Deposit</i>	\$ 169.00	*****	\$ 1,392.63
<i>Cemetery Fund</i>	\$ 20.00	*****	\$ 40.00
<i>Gleaners SS Class</i>	\$ 36.00	*****	\$ 235.33
<i>Sojourners SS Class</i>	\$ 21.00	*****	\$ 280.99

*From  
The Pastor Ralph's Desk:*



## **Praying That Brings Joy**

*(Philippians 4:4-7)*

*Intro: No Book in the New Testament speaks more about joy than the Book of Philippians. The Apostle Paul begins this Book by speaking about the joy that the Philippian Believers bring to him when he thought of them. (1:3). Then when we come to the last chapter in the Book, Paul reveals to this body of Believers how they could pray and maintain their joy. He shows them that praying is one of the key ingredients to remaining joyful when the joy has gone away or when the circumstances of joy are not joyful. The Apostle Paul could speak from experience because even while he was writing about joy, he was imprisoned for preaching about Jesus, which indeed, was not a joyful situation. Yet through prayer, he was able to maintain a joyful spirit and attitude. So, let us examine what I'm calling Praying That Brings Joy.*

### **I. First, let us notice that praying that involves joy involves rejoicing. (vs. 4).**

*In order to experience an attitude and mindset of joy, you must be willing to carry out the activity of rejoicing itself.*

*Now, you might say that I am asking you to do the near impossible when you are experiencing times of difficulties, worries, hardships and very unpleasant circumstances.*

*Well, the key Paul says is that our rejoicing is not something that we manage to drum up by our own human ability. Rather, he says that our rejoicing is rejoicing in the Lord. So often your circumstances will indeed not give you a reason for rejoicing, but when you consider our Lord who He is, and what He has done for us and what He will do for us, then it will be possible to rejoice.*

*Therefore, when we began praying and rejoicing our Lord in our prayers, it will begin to set us in the mood of joy that is beyond measure. As you continue that rejoicing it will only continue to build your hearts and minds in a spirit of joy.*

### **II. Second, Praying that brings joy involves displaying. (vs. 4).**

*Paul told the Philippian Believers to, "Let your gentleness be evident to all." In other words, the person who is continuously rejoicing in the Lord will be able to display that by our public display of gentleness which will reveal to others that we are not anxious about our difficult circumstances because we have so much to be thankful for in our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*So, when we are praying prayers with rejoicing, and when we are praying prayers asking the Lord to deal with our anxiety, the result will be that we will not be anxious which will make it possible for us to be gentle in our dealings with people.*

*However, if we are not praying prayers of rejoicing and prayers giving our concerns to the Lord, we will be anything but gentle because we would be so anxious. So, let us pray with rejoicing and giving our worries to the Lord so we can display the joy the Lord has given to us.*

### **III. Third, Praying that brings joy involves knowing. (vs. 5).**

*Now the knowledge I am referring to is the knowledge Paul mentions in this verse which is the fact that, "The Lord is near." Near in what way? Well, near because He always is with His people. Second, He is near because He is soon coming again. It could be at any moment.*

*So, when we pray we can pray with total confidence that our Lord hears us and not only does He hear us but because He is with us, He know what we are going through. Also, because He walked among us and faced trials as no other. When He sees what we are facing because He is with us, He then offers our prayers of concern to our Heavenly Father with true sympathy for our battles. This kind of knowledge will indeed help relieve our anxiety and bring us joy unspeakable and full of glory.*

### **IV. Fourth, praying that brings joy involves asking. (vs. 6).**

*Now this one verse alone gives us plenty of reasons to be able to find joy when our circumstances are not joyful. For what this verse tells us actually commands us not to be anxious about anything. You say well it is easy to say don't be anxious about anything but how is that possible? Well, he gives us a simple yet powerful answer and that answer is take your case to our Lord in prayer for He is ready and desiring to hear from us. He wants us to ask Him to help us face whatever we are going through. He wants us to lay them at His feet, and just to be able to do that alone will begin to take away our anxiety and replace it with joy.*

*Also, to know that He has the means to do something with our issues makes it all the more joyful knowing that the One we are asking to deal with our problems is the One who cares enough, loves enough, and powerful enough to answer and see us through whatever is worrying us. Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

### **V. Fifth, praying that brings joy involves blessing. (vs. 7).**

*Actually this should be my conclusion. When we pray in the manner that I have referred to, it will result in us experiencing the peace of God which transcends all understanding. I will also set our minds and hearts with that attitude and sense of joy that comes alone in Christ Jesus.*

**Concl.** *So, let us pray that we may have this peace of the Lord and this mind and heart that filled with the joy of Jesus Christ.*

*Jesus Loves You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Coming on  
March 27-28, 2020

**The Step of Faith  
Christian Academy  
Production of**



R & H Theatrical

Music and Lyrics by:  
Irvin Berlin

Book by  
Herbert and Dorothy Fields

Orchestrations by  
Robert Russell Bennett



## **Donations Needed:**

Boxes of Spaghetti Noodles  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Desserts

Drop off at SFCA Office  
9009 Tarboro Rd, Ridgeland, SC

# GSBC Prayer Pages March 1, 2020

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

## **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

## **Hospitals**

*Pam Stanley-MUSC  
Kevin Malphrus-HHH  
Rose Boyles-CCH*

## **Surgery / Recovery**

*Mack Pope (9/19)  
Deidre White (11/12)  
Mandy Drew (1/12)  
Chelsea Lake (1/17)  
Jennifer Resh (1/6)  
Alice Reynolds (2/12)*

## **Nursing Centers**

*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Doris Blackmon-Morningside  
Becky Jones-Anderson  
Royce Malphrus-RNC  
Betty Robertson-Encompass*

## **Church Needs**

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

## **Unspoken**

*Olivia & Juan Garcia  
Jessica Cleland  
David Meador  
Steve Crosby*

## **Cancer / Treatments**

*Mitzi Cramer (1/28)  
Lynn Daugherty (8/30)  
Sidney (8/15)  
Douglas Denegel (9/16)  
Donald Fludd (9/30)  
Pam Stanley (1/17)  
Lynn Braden (1/19)  
Mary Ann Rowell (1/19)  
Tommy Deal (1/21)  
Mark McDougal (1/21)  
Mark Tuten (1/21)  
Becky Goretzka (2/12)*

## **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

## *Ministries*

*Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry  
Abide Wednesday Services*

## **Bereavement**

*Family of*

## **Other Health Needs**

*Charles Maney (7/2)  
Danny Breland (9/19)  
Cookie Daley (11/19)  
James Harris (12/10)  
Jane Gorman (12/19)  
Paul Malphrus, Jr. (12/19)  
Pinky Rushing (1/22)  
Gary Malphrus (2/3)  
Morgan Scherger (2/13)  
Diana Hannah (2/13)  
Rodney Malphrus, Sr (2/21)  
Luke McCay (2/28)  
David Sauls (2/28)*

## **Expecting / Births**

*Sophia Sineath  
Ashleii Lynch  
Courtney Humbert  
Brantley Lawson*

## **Please Continue To Remember**

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

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

*Gary Way  
Rodney Malphrus, Sr.  
Lanell Smith  
Dot Tindal  
Keith Floyd  
Frankie Malphrus*



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

*Timmy Sauls  
Carol Davis*

*For Prayer Needs*

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





## **Pray For Our Military**

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed  
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*



*St. Helena Baptist Church  
Saturday, April 4, 2020*

Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship and inspiration.

The missionary speaker will be Peter Copeland, Mission Service Corps, North American Mission Board. He is a resort missionary and evangelism catalyst in Myrtle Beach, SC.

SC WMU representative will be Becka whose responsibilities include Students and Baptist Nursing Fellowship. She grew up in Tanzania, East Africa, and spent twenty years as a missionary in Africa and the Middle East. (For security, her last name isn't used.)

- 9:30 Registration (coffee and pastries)
- 10:00 Program
- 11:30 Salad lunch (each church brings salads to share)



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Richard Waïtt</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>DJ Daring</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Carlene Bollack</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Jeffrey Stanley</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Sarah Malphirus</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Latrelle Steedly</i> <i>Phoebe Goethe</i>



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Kris &amp; KayCee Goethe</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Ben &amp; Cheryl Mills</i>



Grandmother's Group

First Tuesday of the month at 11:30am



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am

All Welcome

ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Wednesdays  
7pm

Great Swamp Baptist Church  
9009 Tarboro Rd Ridgeland 29936

All ages welcome

Quilt Club

Every Thursday



Will be working

from home until

Youth Annex Building is completed



# Women's Bible Study

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



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

**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

# Men's Wild Game Banquet

767 Palmetto Avenue (Old Door Plant)

Varnville, SC 29944

**Saturday, March 14, 2020 6:00pm**

## Door Prizes

(Must be present to win)



**MENU:**



Venison Wild Hog Boiled Shrimp Turkey Rice  
Fried Frog Legs Quail Cole Slaw Banana Pudding

## Guest Speaker:

**John Godwin (Duck Commander)**

**Tickets: \$10.00 per person**



### For more information contact:

Wade Freeman: 803-942-3147

Jim Vincent: 803-943-6105

Varnville First Baptist: 803-943-3089

### To Pay and Print tickets go to:

[www.menswildgamebanquet.com](http://www.menswildgamebanquet.com)

Tickets may be purchased in person at the following locations:

### Hampton, SC

Ace Hardware

Freeman Agency

Palmetto State Bank - ALL Locations

Hampton, Estill, Allendale, Fairfax, Beaufort, Bluffton



Salisbury Steak  
Potatoes / Gravy  
Cole Slaw  
Desserts  
Tea & Coffee  
Roberts Family Cooking Team

## Church Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.**.....[jehu27@gmail.com](mailto:jehu27@gmail.com)  
Music Director: **Richard Waitt**.....[waittfamily83@gmail.com](mailto:waittfamily83@gmail.com)  
Sunday School Director: **Wallace Malphrus**.....[Josie6@embarqmail.com](mailto:Josie6@embarqmail.com)  
Pianist: **Michelle Waitt**.....[waittfamily83@gmail.com](mailto:waittfamily83@gmail.com)  
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School Administrator: **Donna Carter**.....[dcarter@hargray.com](mailto:dcarter@hargray.com)  
Landscape: **Wallace Malphrus**.....[Josie6@embarqmail.com](mailto:Josie6@embarqmail.com)  
Finance Director: **Timmy Sauls**.....[greatswampbc@gmail.com](mailto:greatswampbc@gmail.com)

## Nursery Workers

Today: Vicky Roberts / Emma  
Next Week: Diane Thames / Chesney



## Children's Church Helpers

Today: Olivia Stanley / Evelyn Bradley  
Next Week: Angel Cole / Emma Mingledorff

## Toll Committee

For the month of March  
Latrell Steedly / Dorthie Armstrong



Baby Bottles  
are due back this week!!!



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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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