

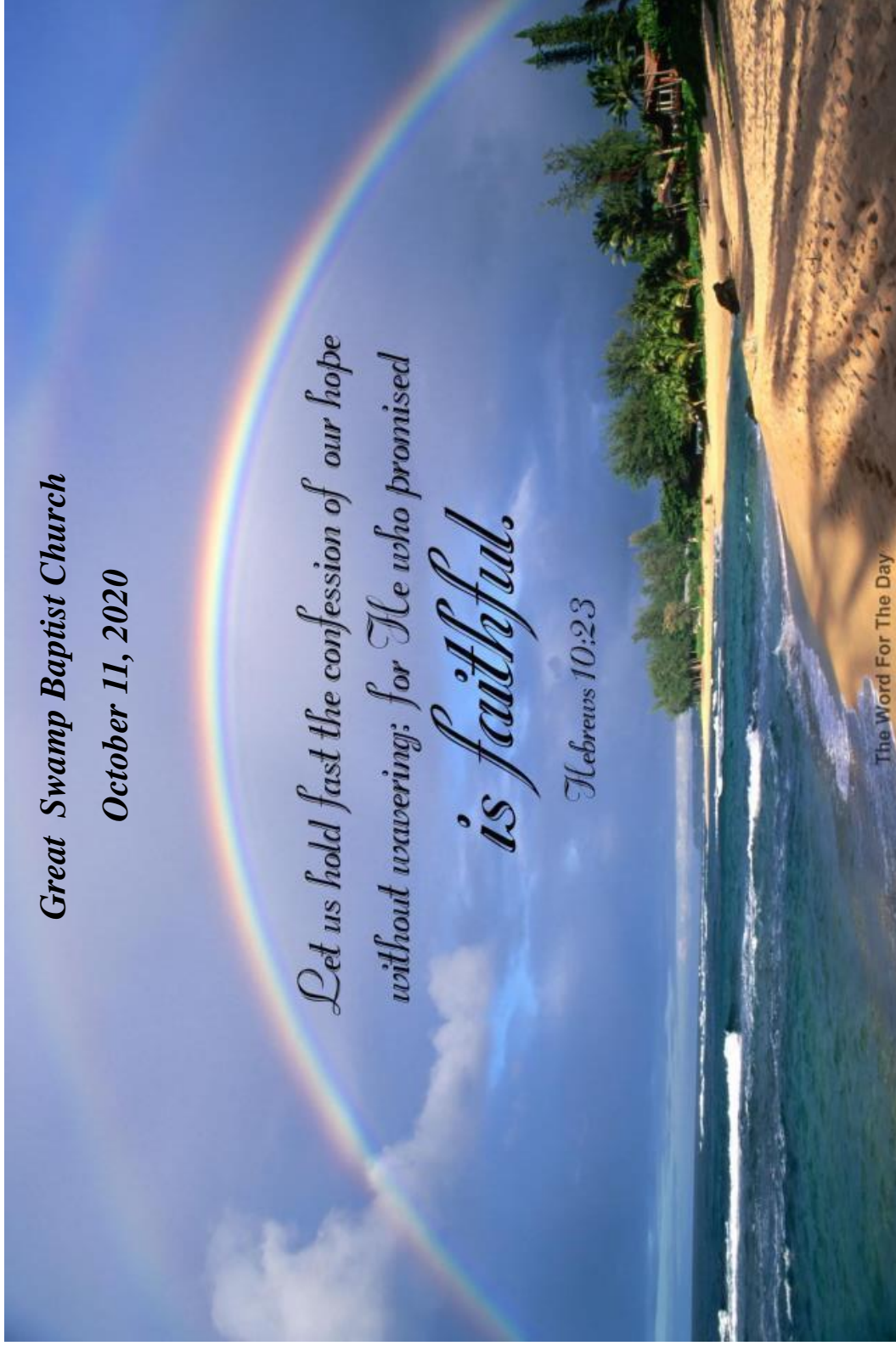
*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*October 11, 2020*

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope  
without wavering: for He who promised  
is faithful.*

*Hebrews 10:23*

*The Word For The Day*



# Great Swamp Baptist Church

## Sunday Morning Worship

10:30am

**Prelude** *Wayne Cooler*

**The Welcome**  
Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr*

**Call To Worship**  
*Hymn # 140 "Down At The Cross"*  
**Invocation** *Keith Gamo*

**Selections of Praise and Worship**  
*"10,000 Reasons"*

**We Pray for Special Needs** *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Pastoral Prayer  
Offertory Special *Randy Smoak*  
*"How Great Thou Art"*

**Message** *Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction**

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**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**


*Today:*

**Keith Gamo: 843-986-8745**

*Next Week:*

**Freddie Malphrus: 843-816-3206**



 Weekly Offering	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 3,810.00	\$ 4,982.47	-\$ 826.52
<b>Online Offerings</b>	\$ 345.95		
<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>This Week</b>	*****	<b>Acct. Balances</b>
<i>Seniors Annual Trip</i>	\$ 884.00	*****	\$ 1,136.37
<i>Office Supply</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 3,107.52
<i>Dot Lee Scholarship</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 340.00
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 40.00	*****	\$ 432.97
<i>Gleaners Sunday School Class</i>	\$ 90.00	*****	\$178.33
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$72.00	*****	\$ 361.32
<i>Youth Camp</i>	\$68.00	*****	\$ 354.39

**Wednesday Night Services @ 7pm**

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**PASTOR'S PRAYER SERVICE**—*Building 3, Old Social Hall*

**Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.**

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**ABIDE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**—*Multi-Purpose Building*

**Leader-Wilbur Daley**

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**YOUTH GROUP**—*Youth Annex*

**Leader-Michelle Waitt**

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**Sunday School Classes @ 9:15am**

**CAMO CLASS**—*Room 406*

**Leader- Bobby Smith**

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**GLEANERS CLASS**—*Room 401*

**Leader-Audrey Roberts**

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**VISIONARIES CLASS**—*Building 3, Old Social Hall*

**Leader-Wilbur Daley**

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**SOJOURNERS CLASS**—*Room 417*

**Leader-Duane Armstrong**

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**YOUTH**-*Youth Annex*

**Leader-Faye Lowther**

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*From  
Pastor Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **Ways To Persevere** (Heb. 10:19-25)

*Intro: One of the ways that you can tell if a person has a genuine walk with Christ is by their perseverance. As Baptists, we clearly believe that the Word of God teaches that born again Believers have eternal security. Another way in which we state it is, once saved, always saved. However, we also believe that your eternal security will be demonstrated by your perseverance. So, if your life doesn't show perseverance in your walk with Christ, then it may very well be that you haven't truly been saved and therefore, don't have eternal security. Jesus Christ saves us and with that salvation gives us eternal security. However, once again that eternal security should be seen in our lives by preserving in our walk with Christ.*

*When the author of Hebrews wrote his Book, the Believers were experiencing great persecution. As the result, many who had displayed that they had a personal relationship with Christ began to go back to the old religion which was not experiencing much persecution at the time. So, the author of Hebrews wanted to do all that he could to challenge, particularly at that time the Jewish Believers, to persevere in their Christian faith and revert back to their former religion. As a matter of fact, Hebrews was written to show that Jesus Christ is superior to all other religions and faiths. Therefore, whatever comes our way, we must not yield but show the world that we persevere with Jesus Christ to whom all will give an account one day. So, let us examine in these verses the various ways that the author challenges us to persevere.*

### **I. The first way to preserve is through the Person of Christ. (vs. 19-20).**

*In these verses we discover that we can confidently enter into God's Holy presence because of the actions of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. The actions which He took was to take His precious body, which He took upon when He was born of the Virgin Mary, and then at the cross of Calvary allowed that body to be sacrificed shedding His blood for our redemption.*

*Now the result of His actions meant that it was no longer necessary for daily and yearly sacrifices to be made for the forgiveness of the people's sins, thus opening the way for the people to be able to seek God. For Jesus*

*Christ is the permanent fulfillment of all the Jewish sacrifices since the start of the nation. He has permanently opened the way to God for all who will call upon the Lord Jesus Christ for their eternal salvation.*

*Now, as we focus upon what Christ has done to make it possible for us to have permanent open access to our Heavenly Father, we should be moved and motivated to persevere in our faith and walk with Christ our Lord.*

## **II. The second way to persevere is by prayer through Christ. (vs. 19-22).**

*Persevering requires so much more than our own will power to make it actually happen. We absolutely need the power of God to be able to withstand the onslaught of the enemy attempting to pull us away and give up on our dedication to Jesus Christ.*

*However, we don't have to yield to the temptations to walk away from our Christian faith because we can confidently, boldly and assuredly enter into the presence of God knowing full well that the Father will receive us with open arms because Jesus Christ has in every way cleansed us by His shed blood making it possible for the Father to accept and receive us. Therefore, we can then get the help that we need from our Heavenly Father to persevere in our walk with Him. We have a permanent open door through Christ to the Father where help is readily available to stay faithful to our Lord. So, let us faithfully pray through Christ to our Father for strength and help we need to persevere with Him.*

## **III. The third way to persevere is by the promise of Christ. (vs. 23).**

*The author of Hebrews in this verse is telling us to absolutely hang on and persevere because the One whom our eternal hope is based on is fully capable of keeping His promises to us. He is completely faithful to do what He said He would do for us.*

*For years there were men's conferences taking place around our country called Promise Keepers. Thousands of men would show up for these events. However, I can assure you that because all of these men are human beings, they have not fully kept their promises. However, Jesus Christ is the true Promise Keeper because He is not merely a human being rather He is the eternal Son of God. Thus He is fully able to keep His promises and wants to keep His promises because He loves His people. So, let us persevere because we know that Christ will totally and fully keep all the promises He made to us meaning that we will ultimately win against all coming enemies and reign eternally with the Blessed Godhead who gives us the victory through His promises.*

## **IV. The fourth way to persevere is through the people of Christ. (vs. 24-25).**

*In these two verses the writer of Hebrews is telling us that we the people of Christ can help each other to persevere by constantly finding ways to challenge, encourage and motivate one another to demonstrate sacrificial love and carry our good works.*

*He actually also shows us that the best way that we are able to challenge, encourage and motivate one another is sacrificial love and good deeds is by regularly assembling and meeting together. In these assemblies, we can, in a face to face personal way, genuinely encourage one another on in our walk with Christ. This is why it is so important that we all begin returning back to our churches.*

*I believe that it is important that we assemble together in small groups and a larger gathering together of God's people. In small groups, we can get and give more close personal attention and greater involvement in the study of God's Holy Word.*

*However, we also need the larger gathering of God's people so that we as the whole family can worship God together. My vision is that we will create and have the best Sunday morning Bible study groups available for all age groups that will inspire the people so that when we gather as the whole church for worship there will be great anticipation that our God will be praised and our hearts drawn closer to the Lord. So, let us people of God be a big part of helping each other to persevere by our willingness to assemble together every Lord's day to encourage one another in our walk with Christ.*

**V. The fifth way to persevere is by knowing the plan of Christ. (vs. 25).**

*The people of Christ are told that they need to encourage one another by assembling together because they can see that the day is approaching. Well, of course, the question is what day is he referring to? Well, the majority of Biblical scholars believe that he is referring to the return of Jesus Christ. Well, very clearly we know that the plan of Christ is that He is going to return. This plan to return should motivate us to clearly persevere because we absolutely know that He is coming again some day, and when He does He will set up His glorious Kingdom and we will reign with Him forever.*

*So, let this motivate us to stay the course because we know one day He is coming again and will make all things right. We, also, need to let it motivate us because when He comes, we want Him to find us doing the things He's called us to do.*

*Concl. So, let me conclude by asking what I talked about in the introduction. Will you and I display to the world that we are the Children of God permanently? We will do so by persevering in the ways that this message tells us to do so. Are you persevering?*

*Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



*The Church & School Offices  
will be closed on  
Monday, October 12th.*

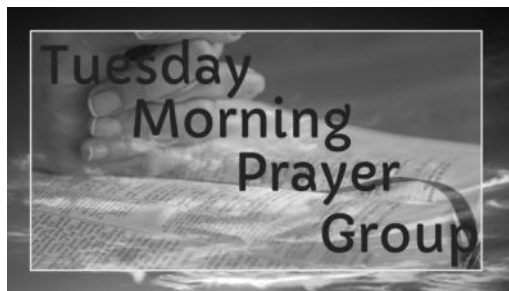
## Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak  
*Helpers Needed; See Vanessa*



## Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am

## Congratulations

to

Mrs. Patricia Malphrus

on the

Birth of her new Grandson

Fin Ruben Malphrus

October 8, 2020





***November 7th***

*Packing Party at 10am-3pm in the youth house. Come anytime. Bring finger foods for lunch. Vegetable soup and tea provided.*

***Collection week: November 16th-23rd***

*If you would like to help during collection week, let Dor-thie know. The busiest days are Saturday and Sunday. Times and more info will be posted at a later date.*



# Operation Christmas Child Kick Off

*There are 4 ways to donate:*

- (1) **The Angel Tree**; take an angel which has an item on the back, bring the angel back with your donation.*
  - (2) **Shoe box list in foyer** by age groups on table*
  - (3) **Monetary donations***
  - (4) **Items listed below** for the month of October.*
- Any questions, see Dorthie Armstrong.*



## **October Collections Needed:**

- Soap-141*
- Wash Cloths-166*
- Toothbrushes-100*
- Boys combs-124*
- Girls combs & brushes-188*
- Stuffed Animals/Barbie Dolls-157*
- Matchbox Cars-157*
- Scissors-78*
- Glue Sticks-79*



# Harvest Fest

## Saturday

October 31st

5 pm-8 pm  
Great Swamp Baptist Church  
9009 Tarboro Rd. Ridgeland SC



Costume Contest



Trunk or Treat



Chili Cook-Off

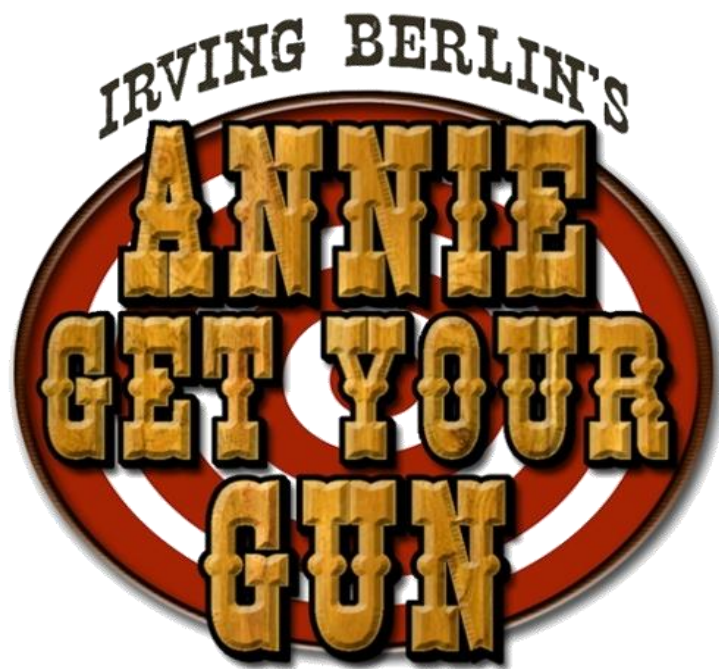


- Games
- Cake Walk
- Face Painting
- Costume Contest
- Bingo
- Chili Cook Off
- Hot Dogs



Sign-up sheets are on clipboards on the back wall.  
Trunk or Treat 5-6pm  
Other events 6-8pm

**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

SFCA Gymnasium

October 23-24, 2020 7pm

GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

175TH Anniversary!

Sunday, October 18 in the Multi-Purpose Bldg

MUSIC BY  
Mary James

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS  
after the service

MESSAGE BY  
Eddie Malphrus

*The church will provide the meat and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite side dishes And desserts.*



*Timmy Sauls Cooking Team  
Menu to be announced.*

*\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more.*

*NO Meal Deliveries at this time.*

# GSBC Prayer Page

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

## **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

## **Hospitals**

*Jane Waitt-Charleston*

## **Surgery / Recovery**

*Skylar Saygen  
Ann Blocker  
Michelle Rooks*

## **Nursing Centers**

*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Doris Blackmon-Morningside  
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC  
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI  
Byron & Margaret Vaigneur-Assist.*

## **Church Needs**

*Sunday School  
SFCA-Donna Carter  
Child Development  
Ministries*

## **Unspoken**

*Jessica Cleland  
Steve Crosby  
Heather Betz*

## **Cancer / Treatments**

*Lynn Daugherty  
Sidney  
Douglas Denegel  
Becky Goretzka  
Gail Sims  
Gloria Davis  
Gary Malphrus  
Skip Brooks  
Cynthia Box  
Regina Bouye  
Mack Pope*

## **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

## *Ministries*

*Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry  
Abide Wednesday Services*

## **Bereavement**

*Family of  
Marlene Thornton*

## **Other Health Needs**

*Cookie Daley  
James Harris  
Jane Gorman  
Jane Waitt  
Jerry Cooler  
Bobby Tootle  
Randy Smoak  
Brenda Farve  
Andrew Miller  
Lloyd Way  
Jason Smoak  
Celeste Lucas  
Pinky Rushing  
Chip Sutler  
Diane Hannah  
Loony Jones (Jeffrey Stanley's  
grandfather)  
David Sauls*

## **Expecting / Births**

*Heather Reid, Feb.*

## **Please Continue To Remember**

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

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

*Gary Way  
Frankie Malphrus  
Betty Robertson  
Kenneth & Doby Cleland*

## **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*

## Church Staff

*Pastor: Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr*.....*jehu27@gmail.com*

*Music Director: Richard Waitt*.....*waittfamily83@gmail.com*

*Sunday School Director: Wallace Malphrus*.....*Josie6@embarqmail.com*

*ABIDE Contemporary Service: Wilbur Daley*.....

*Pianist: Michelle Waitt*..... *waittfamily83@gmail.com*

*Administrative Assistant: Sybil Reynolds*.....*greatswampbc@gmail.com*

*School Administrator: Donna Carter*.....*dcarter@hargray.com*

*Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus*.....*Josie6@embarqmail.com*



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>13<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Rob Smith</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>15<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Chandler Thames</i> <i>Julie Mingleдорff</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>16<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Bill Carter</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>17<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Diane Malphrus</i>

## Announcements

*We need items for Bingo prizes for Harvest Fest.  
Bring to church office.*

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*Other ministries within the church  
will be starting back up soon.  
We will announce which ones  
with the dates, times and locations*



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9009 Tarboro 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

Email: [greatswampbc@gmail.com](mailto:greatswampbc@gmail.com)  
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