



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*October 4, 2020*

# Great Swamp Baptist Church

## Sunday Morning Worship

10:30am

### **Prelude**

### **The Welcome**

Announcements

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr*

### **Call To Worship**

*Hymn # 514 "When We All Get To Heaven"*

### **Invocation**

*Mack Pope*

### **Selections of Praise and Worship**

*"Days of Elijah"*

### **We Pray for Special Needs**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Special

*Mended*

*"Anxious For Nothing"*

### **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

### **Invitation**

### **Benediction**



## **DEACON OF THE WEEK :**


*Today:*

**Mack Pope: 843-540-6636**

*Next Week:*

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



 Weekly Offering	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 3785.00	\$ 4,982.47	-\$ 771.85
<b>Online Offerings</b>	\$ 425.62		
<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>This Week</b>	*****	<b>Acct. Balances</b>
<i>Seniors Annual Trip</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 252.39
<i>Office Supply</i>	\$ 52.25	*****	\$ 2,936.74
<i>Janie Chapman Offering</i>	\$ 25.00	*****	\$ 25.00
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 2.00	*****	\$ 510.97
<i>Air Condition Fund</i>	\$ 80.22	*****	\$16,953.93
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$79.00	*****	\$ 289.32

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### 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**

*From  
Pastor Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **Fixing Our Country, Churches and Families by Prayer** *(1 Tim. 2:1-8)*

*Intro: Last Saturday, Franklin Graham led a prayer walk in our nation's capital. There were at least 50,000 in attendance to help carry out this event. As they walked, Franklin asked the people to pray either quietly or out loud as they went from point to point. There were at least eight things he asked them to focus their prayers on. Here are the eight things they prayed specifically about.*

- *Military, police, firefighters, other law enforcement and their families*
- *Frontline medical workers, salvation of the lost, an end to the Corona virus pandemic, strength in families*
- *An end to abortion*
- *The President, Vice President, their families and those who work in the White House*
- *Kindness to one another and respect between the races*
- *Healing to communities torn by violence and injustice*
- *Religious freedom and boldness for churches to preach in a troubled world*
- *Congress, state and local leaders and the Supreme Court and judges across the U.S.*

*Now, the question I want to ask is did Franklin Graham do the right thing by leading this Washington D.C. prayer walk? Well, of course. We all know that he did do exactly the right thing and why do we know that it was the right to do? Well, because of what the Word of God teaches. Our present set of verses will clearly show that by praying we can fix our country, churches, and families. So, let us take a look carefully at these verses and see just how it could be possible to be in the fixing business by zeroing in on prayer.*

**I. Fixing our country, churches and families by prayer requires prioritizing prayer. (vs. 1).** *Paul leaves no doubt whatsoever that what*

*needs to take place before anything else is prayer. In the Book of Timothy, Paul is giving to young Timothy instructions on how to carry out the activities of a church, and the first activity of any Bible-Believing church when they come together is to pray. Listen to Paul's words themselves, "I urge, then, first of all, that requests; prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone." (vs. 1).*

*So, let us make it a priority to pray before we do anything else so that we can be dependant upon God for each and everything we do.*

**II. Second, fixing our country, churches, and families requires using every means of prayer. (vs.1).** *So, the Apostle Paul not only urged us to make praying a priority but also to use every means of prayer when we are praying. He mentions four means of praying and we will examine each one of them.*

*First, the Apostle Paul says that we should pray prayers by means of requesting. The word requesting pretty much means what it says to ask for the needs and concerns of each person we are praying for. As human being, we all have needs and no one can better deal with them than our Sovereign God, but also our Heavenly Father who loves us.*

*The second word Paul mentions is the most common word in the New Testament for prayer and it is the word prayer. This word is the word used to emphasize that praying to God should be done privately and publicly. It should be done often and continuously. In other words, it is telling us that when it comes to praying, we need to get it done.*

*The third means of praying Paul mentions is intercession. The emphasis of this word is confidence. In other words, when we pray we should pray knowing that beyond a shadow of a doubt that we are literally communicating with Almighty God and that because of His grace, we have His absolute attention and therefore we can pray with complete confidence and boldness. You can only pray this way when you know that you have a personal relationship with the Lord.*

*The fourth word Paul used was thanksgiving. The meaning of this kind of praying is obvious. You know exactly what the word says. You are to spend time giving thanks and praise unto our precious Lord who has done so much for us. This is the only kind of praying that we will continue to do throughout eternity.*

*The shape of our country, churches and families requires that we use every means of prayer available to us. So, are we praying and are we praying in every means available to us?*

**III. Third, fixing our country, churches and families by prayer requires praying for everyone. (vs. 1).** *That's exactly what Paul tells us to do to pray for everyone. We really fail at this point. For we pray for our families, our friends, those who are like us and with us but it pretty much ends right there. We need to realize that the entire world is lost, hurting, troubled, and needs Jesus Christ. Since we can't be everywhere at one time, we can go to the One who can. So, let us expand our prayer list to include everyone.*

**IV. Fourth, fixing our country, churches and families by prayer requires that we focus our prayers on our leaders. (vs. 2).** *We must focus upon praying for our leaders because the decisions they make can greatly enhance or discourage our service to Jesus Christ our Lord. When the Apostle Paul wrote this, Emperor Nero was making life hard and difficult for Christians. After Rome burned, he blamed the Christians for the fire, and therefore came out hard against them. Therefore, in light of that, Paul is asking us to pray that our leaders will rule in such a fashion that we can live lives that are holy, Godly and peaceful. Thus, we could carry on our mission for Christ without governmental interruptions.*

*Now, the best way we do this is to pray for their salvation. For if they are saved, they will make the right kind of decisions that will enhance our service to our Lord. Let us pray for our leaders on a regular basis.*

**V. Fifth, fixing our country, churches and families by prayer requires that we pray in accordance with the will and purpose of God. (vs. 3-4).** *According to these verses, what is the will and purpose of God that we need to be praying about? Well, these two verses show us that God's purpose and desire is that all men would come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved.*

*So, what this means is that much of our praying should be praying for the lost that they will hear the truth, be convicted and be saved. However, without the power of God these things would be impossible, but through God these things can happen.*

*Our prayers need to focus upon God's desire and purpose that He would convict the sinners and draw them unto Himself.*

**VI. Sixth, fixing our country, churches and families by prayer requires that we pray for boldness. (vs. 5-7).** *In these verses, Paul reveals what all the Word of God teaches that salvation is found in Christ Jesus our Lord alone. There is absolutely no other means of salvation. Then Paul tells us that he had been appointed by God to proclaim that message of the Gospel of Christ to the Gentiles. So, Paul and us as well, need to pray that God will give us holy boldness to proclaim the great Gospel message that Jesus Christ alone can reconcile to God. Satan will do all he can to stop us from preaching this message. So, we will need all the prayer we can get to get the job done. A great example of this kind of praying is found in the Book of Acts. Peter and John had been arrested and threatened not to preach in Jesus' name anymore. When they were released, they went straight back to where they church was gathered and prayed for boldness to the Gospel message in spite of the threats brought against them. After they prayed God literally shook the building they were in and with great boldness they witnessed and many souls were saved. So once again, pray for boldness.*

*Concl. My conclusion concludes with Paul's challenge to make a priority once again after he has already stated in verse one. He said, "I want all men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or dispute." (vs.8). So, Paul is saying to don't fix things by anger or disputing or any other means other than prayer. Let us pray like never before if we want to see our country, churches and families fixed.*

*Jesus Loves You  
Ralph Lee, Jr.*



*A great big thank you to all who helped with the upgrades made around our church and school facilities.*

*To all those who helped with the construction projects, painting, flooring and furniture, a great big thank you.*

*To all those who donated money to carry out these projects, a great big thank you.*

*May God bless each and everyone of you for your contributions in getting our buildings back in*





# 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



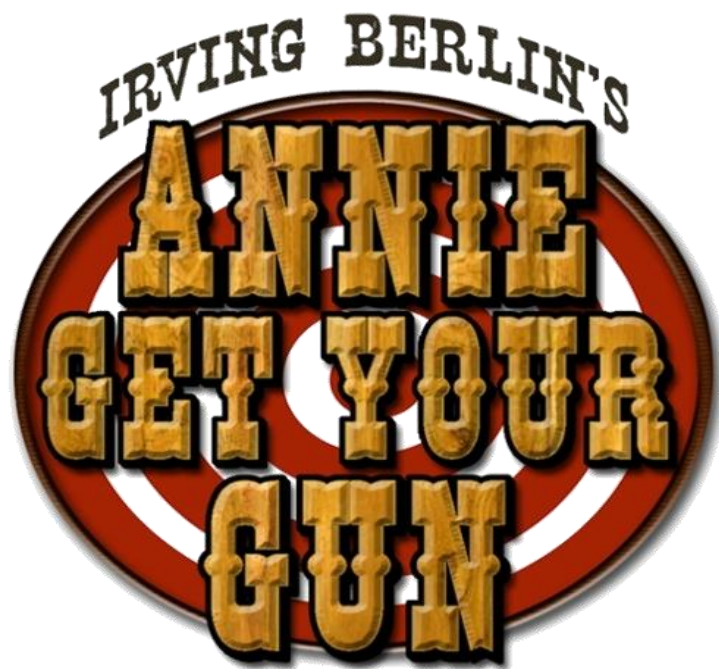
- Games
- Cake Walk
- Face Painting
- Costume Contest
- Bingo
- Chili Cook Off
- Hot Dogs



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

GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

175TH Anniversary!

Sunday, October 18 in the Multi-Purpose Bldg

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS  
after the service

MUSIC BY  
*Mary James*

MESSAGE BY  
*Eddie Malphrus*

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



*Will resume on Wednesday October 7th*

*Keith Gamo 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.*

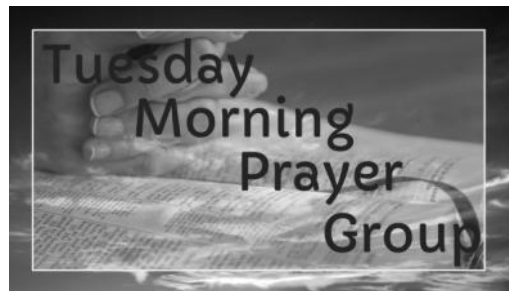
## Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak  
*Helpers Needed; See Vanessa*



## Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley



*Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am*



# 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 September.*
- Any questions, see Dorthie Armstrong.*



## **October Collections Needed:**

- Soap-255*
- Wash Cloths-290*
- Toothbrushes-200*
- Boys combs-124*
- Girls combs & brushes-188*
- Stuffed Animals/Babies-157*
- Matchbox Cars-175*
- Scissors-100*
- Glue Sticks-147*

# GSBC Prayer Page

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

## **Leadership**

*President Donald Trump  
United States of America*

## **Hospitals**

*David Sauls-McLeod Health  
Cheraw  
Dot Nettles-CCH*

## **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  
Marlene Thornton  
Cynthia Box  
Skip Brooks  
Regina Bouye*

## **Called to Ministry**

*Chris Carter & Family*

## *Ministries*

*Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry  
Abide Wednesday Services*

## **Bereavement**

*Family of*

## **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)*

## **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>Wednesday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Donna Carter</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>8th</i>	<i>Nicole King</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</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  
 as soon as information  
 becomes available.*



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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

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