

He will wipe away *every*  
tear from their eyes;  
and there will *no longer*  
be any death;  
there will *no longer* be any  
mourning, crying or pain ...

And *He* who sits on the  
throne said,

*"Behold, I am making  
all things new."*

Revelation 21:4-5

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*January 9, 2022*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

**The Welcome**

**Announcements**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Call To Worship**

**Invocation**

*Mack Pope*

**Selections of Praise & Worship**

**We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer  
Worship by Giving  
Offertory Special

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.*

**Invitation**

**Benediction Prayer**

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## Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak  
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



*Sunday Mornings*

*Following*

*The Song Service*

## Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Losgar/Lily Smith



*Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am*



**DEACON OF THE WEEK :**

*Today:*

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

**Keith Gamo: 843-986-8525**



*From  
Pastor*



## **When Does Your New Year Begin?**

*(Ex. 12:1-14)*

*Intro: The Jewish New Year referred to as Rosh Hashanah begins anywhere between early September to early October. There is a formula they use to determine the exact two days it begins. It is important to realize that this is the start of their Civic year.*

*However, around 3,500 years ago, God gave them a different New Year. A New Year that coincided with His deliverance of them from Egyptian bondage. He instructed them to start their New Year every year at this time of the year so that it can be a reminder to them of His great deliverance of them from 400 years of bondage in Egypt.*

*Now this New Year God initiated for them comes at a different time of the year than when their civil year begins which I mentioned at the start of the message. The New Year God instituted begins between March and April.*

*So, the question I want to ask you, is when does your New Year begin? Does it begin on January 1st? Well, as we will discover, it may but not necessarily. So, let us seek to answer that question based upon what God did with Israel when He instituted their New Year.*

### **I. First, let us notice that our New Year begins when God says so. (vs.2).**

*God point blank said that this is when you are to begin your New Year, and you are to continue keeping this time as your New Year throughout all generations. So, the nation's new journey, adventure, life and home all began with God.*

*Now, what this tells us is that newness for life begins no where else but with God. Isaiah said it in a beautiful way when he said, "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they walk and not faint." (Is. 40:31).*

*When we open up the pages of God's Holy Word, we begin with that amazing verse which is the very foundation of the Bible that says, "IN the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." so, all that exists was all new when God created it. So, God is the God of newness. Therefore, if you need a New Year, month, day, hour or minute or if you need a new life, direction, purpose or etc., turn no where else but to God who will renew your life if you submit yourself to Him. He is the God of new beginnings.*

### **II. Second, let us notice that our New Year begins when God delivers us. (vs. 12-14).**

*Now, god told the nation that He had a specific purpose why this specific time was going to become their New Year. This specific purpose was that He was about to deliver them from death, bondage and slavery. It was going to be an entire new start for their lives.*

*As we know in the text, the deliverance and redemption for the nation came at the cost of the shed blood of a lamb or goat that was without spot or blemish. The blood of the sacrificed animal was to be painted on both sides of their doors and above their doors. When the death angel passed through that night and saw the blood on the house, he knew to pass over that house and spare that home from death. The next day God moved the Egyptians to set the nation free from bondage. So, it was by the blood of the Lamb, the found freedom and a new life and direction.*

*Now, the Bible is quite clear that all of the animal sacrifices found in the Old Testament were never really sufficient enough to bring about our redemption. They were a symbol of the one true sacrifice that would be all sufficient for the redemption and deliverance from our sins, bondage, death, hell and the grave. And of course, that was the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood on our behalf.*

*Paul in revealing to the Corinthian Believers how to properly carry out the Lord's Supper shared with them what Jesus said concerning the shedding of His blood. "In the same way after supper, He took the cup saying this is the new covenant in my blood do this whenever you drink it in remembrance of me." (I. Cor. 11:25). So, Paul told them that when they drink the juice at the Lord's Supper, it is to remind them that it is by Jesus' shed blood that we have the only way of having a permanent relationship with God.*

*Peter tells us, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (I Pet. 1:3). Also, listen to Paul's words when he said, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come, the old has gone, the new is here." (II. Cor. 5:17). So, God's way of beginning newness in our lives is by fleeing to no one but Jesus Christ. He and He alone is our one and only way to a New Year, direction, life and eternity.*

### **III. Third, let us notice that our New Year begins when God is heeded.**

*Of course, another way to say that is when God is obeyed. For God told the Israelites to place the blood of their lambs on the side of their doors and above their doors. The purpose as we have already looked at was to indicate for the death angel which homes to enter and which homes to pass over. Whenever he saw the blood he would pass over.*

*Now, if any Israelite family failed to obey God's instructions concerning the Passover lamb and painting the blood on the house then the death angel would enter that home and bring death to the first born son just like he did to the Egyptian homes.*

*This also applies to our experience today. Failure to obey God by failing to repent of our sins and place our faith 100% in Christ Jesus will result in not experiencing victory over death, hell, the grave and our sins. It would amiss of the newness God meant for you to have.*

*Now, this also applies to persons who have already obeyed God for Salvation through Christ Jesus our Lord. If as a Christian, you need new direction or any kind in your life, then heeding God's Word will help you to experience that newness that God wants you to have.*

*Many verses in the Word of God reveal how following His Word will make our lives like they are new each day. Let me share a few of them but it will be a few out of many. "The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are tight giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than, than much pure gold, they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned, in keeping them there is great reward. (Ps. 19:7-11).*

*"If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life. (Ps. 119:92-93).*

*So, let us not only hear God's Word but let us also heed god's Word in order to experience the newness it can bring to our lives.*

#### **IV. Fourth, let us notice that our New Year begins when God moves us.**

*The Children of Israel's New Year began with a night of sacrifice and preparation for their move the next morning. Starting that next morning, God began moving them on the journey toward the Promise Land that He had in store for them. They were beginning a whole new life.*

*So it is with us when God delivered us or delivers us, He also began moving us toward that permanent home land called Heaven where there will be newness forever. But along that journey toward our permanent land of eternal newness, God will give us many experiences of newness.*

*Concl. I want to close out with some Bible verses that show that our New Year begins with God and ends with God moving us on to that place of eternal newness.*

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wastelands. (Is. 43:18-19).*

*"See I will create a new heaven and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind." (Is. 65:17).*

*"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who is seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then He said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'" (Rev. 21:4-5).*

*So, if you want the New Year that leads to eternity, then turn to Christ the Eternal One.*

*Jesus Loves You*

*Ralph Lee, Jr.*

# MURDER'S IN THE HEIR

AN INTERACTIVE AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION  
DINNER THEATER  
BY

BILLY ST. JOHN

JEREMIAH 33:3

JANUARY 13, 2022

A FUNDRAISER  
PRESENTED BY S. F. C. A. DRAMA  
STEP OF FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
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RIDGELAND, SC 29936



Savannah River  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**MEN'S  
Fellowship**

**Quarterly Men's Fellowship**  
**Thursday, Jan. 20 • 6:30 pm**  
**Beaver Dam Baptist Church**

Please RSVP by 1/17 to  
Wilbur Daley at 843-305-0110

## Sunday School Classes

@

**9:15am**

**CAMO CLASS** *Room 406* **Leader– Bobby Smith**  
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**GLEANERS CLASS** *Room 401* **Leader-Darlene Bollack**  
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**VISIONARIES CLASS** *Building 3, Old Social Hall*  
**Leader-**  
.....

**SOJOURNERS CLASS** *Room 417* **Leader-Mack Pope**  
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**YOUTH** *Youth Annex* **Leader-Faye Lowther**

## Wednesday Night Services

@ 7pm

**WORSHIP SERVICE** *Multi-Purpose Building*  
**Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.**  
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**YOUTH GROUP** *Youth Annex*  
**Leader-Michelle Waitt**  
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**R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors)** *Room 417*  
**Leader-Pat Mason**  
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**G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION)** *Room 415*  
**Leader-Carol Davis/Diane Thames**  
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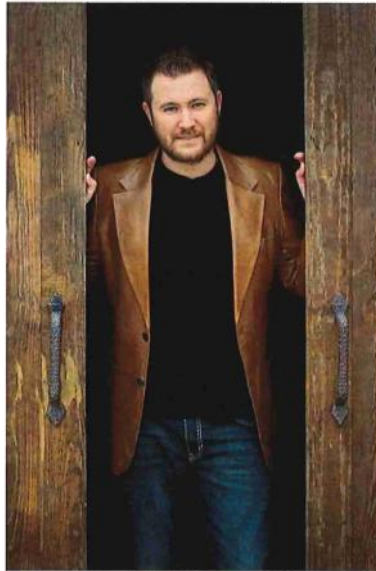


<i>Monday</i>	<i>10th</i>	<i>Sadie O'Connor</i>
		<i>Colleen Standard</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Sherrí Scott</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Ann Nettles</i>



<i>Friday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Ralph &amp; Tammy Lee</i>
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Coming  
**January 23rd**



**Shellem Cline**  
[www.shellemcline.com](http://www.shellemcline.com)

#### **WHO IS SHELLEM CLINE**

Shellem Cline is a national award-winning artist with a desire to share the Love of Christ with the world. Born in North Carolina, Cline grew up singing with his family, The Gilbert Family, traveling locally. When his grandfather was diagnosed with Crones disease, the family left the road but Shellem continued to pursue a solo ministry. Since then, Shellem has seen a major growth within his ministry and has become a household name within the Christian Country genre. Shellem has stated on several occasions that seeing souls saved is his number 1 priority and every time he stands to sing, winning souls is his ultimate goal. Since going full time in ministry, Shellem has seen over 200 souls come to know Jesus Christ!

#### **ABOUT THE MINISTRY**

Shellem is not just another artist, but many have called him a music evangelist. His unique style combines Christian Country music along with comedy and his own personal testimony, to create a service that will inspire and encourage the believer. Every song that Shellem performs has a message and a story and they all come together to form a dynamic time of worship sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ. In every service, Cline shares his own testimony on how at the age of 31, a heart attack, lack of blood and what was thought to be cancer was trying to end his life, but he explains how God healed him of that and how God has worked through his life since these trials. With Shellem Cline in a service, You are not just getting a "Christian Singer" but you are getting music and testimony that has proven time after time to reach the heart of congregations across the country and can lead the unbeliever to Christ. Many times Shellem has stated "I am not an Entertainer, Im just a proclaimer of how good my God is and if one soul is saved and a heart encouraged, then it is worth every mile."



***GSBC 2021 Goal: \$3,000.00***  
***Raised to Date: \$ 4,752.50***

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### *Wednesday Night Supper*

#### *Menu*

*To Be Announced*

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

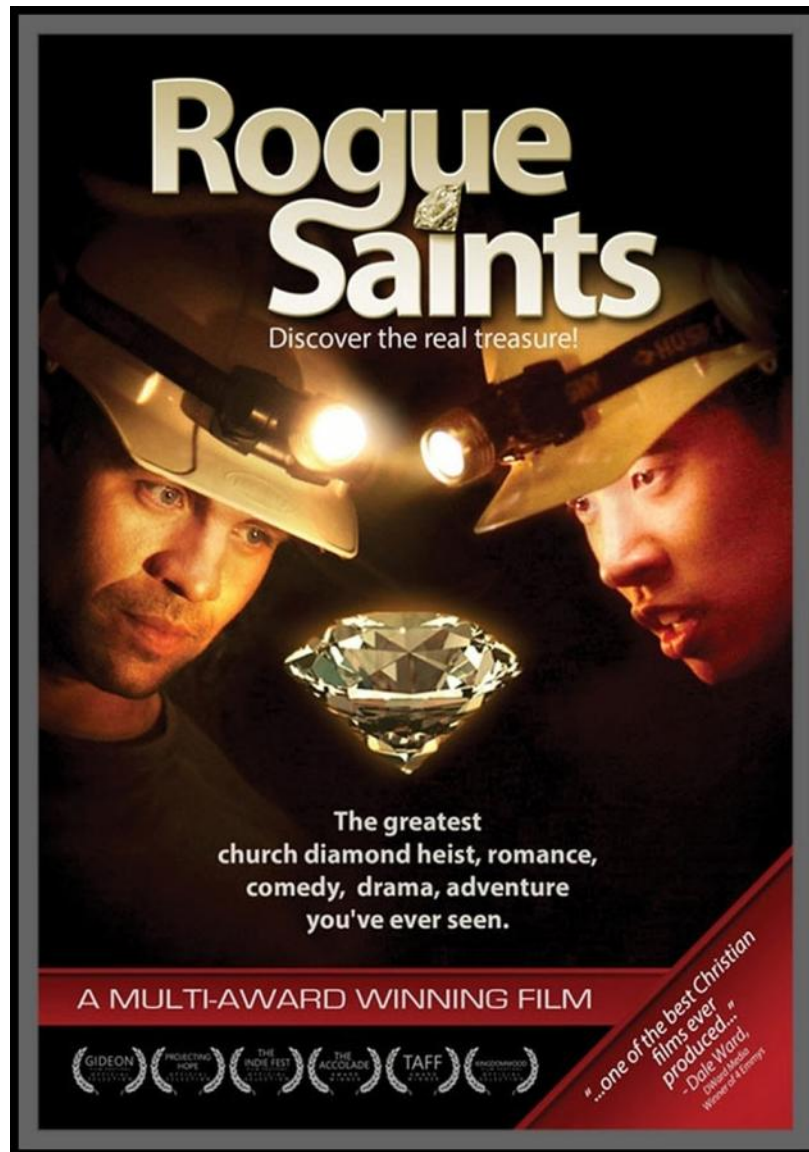


## **Grandmother's Group**

*Monday, January 10th*

*11:00 am*





**Movie Night**  
**TONIGHT**

Concessions: 6:00 pm

Movie: 6:30 pm

Popcorn & Tea provided

Please Bring finger foods to share

# GSBC Prayer Page

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

## Leadership

*President / Vice President of the  
United States of America*

## Hospitals

## Surgery / Recovery

*Skylar Saygen  
Michelle Rooks  
Judy Rogers  
Louise McAlhaney  
Chance Tracey  
Ralph Lee, Jr.  
Sherri Scott  
Emma Scott*

## Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC  
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC  
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI  
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.  
Dot Nettles-RNC*

## Please Continue To Remember

### Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Dot Nettles</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Scott Boyles</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Kenneth &amp; Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Alice &amp; Gary Way</i>	<i>Redden &amp; Gloria Tuten</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Lucille &amp; Ron Degler</i>
<i>Carol Bradham</i>	<i>Red &amp; Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	

## Church Needs

*Sunday School  
SFCA-Donna Carter  
Child Development  
Ministries*

## Unspoken

*Jessica Cleland  
Steve Crosby  
Heather Betz  
Randy Bethune  
Jason Holt*

## Cancer / Treatments

*Douglas Denegel  
Becky Goretzka  
Gail Sims  
Skip Brooks  
Regina Bouye  
Kaiaya Alston  
Wesley Ethridge  
Raj's Mother*

*Ministries  
Outreach Ministry  
In reach Ministry*

## Bereavement

*Family of  
Lloyd Way  
Conrad Knowles  
Roy Tillotson*

## Other Health Needs

*Loony Jones  
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)  
Tracey Lake  
Keith Gamo  
Pinky Rushing  
Phyllis Sutler  
Sara Davis  
Bob Cramer  
Shelby Green  
Karen Phillipi  
Bertha Kinard  
Ron & Marie Malphrus  
Kenny Hay  
Lee Martin  
Alexus Busby  
Natalyn Mann  
Mary Kay  
David Raines  
Ellen Nettles  
Jess & Tabby Arzillo  
Charlee Carter  
Donna Roberts  
Jennifer Pitts Key  
Ernest Blount  
Stephen Roberts  
Donna Carter*

## Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed  
Matthew Mills-US Marines  
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force  
Washington, D.C.  
Michael Sottile - Ret.  
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC  
Andrea C. Daring-Petaluma, California*

## Church Staff

Pastor: **Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr** .....jehu27@gmail.com  
 Music Director: **Richard Waitt** .....waittfamily83@gmail.com  
 Sunday School Director: **Mike Davis** .....  
 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  
 Finance Director: **Timmy Sauls** .....greatswampbc@gmail.com

## Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 4,465.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 417.47
<b>Online Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Lottie Moon Offering</i>	\$ 3,121.00	*****	\$ 4,752.50
<i>Senior Trip (2022)</i>	\$ 135.00	*****	\$ 1,433.72
<i>Children's Ministries</i>	\$ 50.00	*****	\$ 1,446.86
<i>Gleaner's Sunday School Class</i>	\$ 58.00	*****	\$ 710.66
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 1,456.20	*****	\$ 2,055.63
<i>SMB</i>	\$ 92.00	*****	\$ 92.00



## Deacon's Meeting

Monday, January 10th  
7 pm



Great Swamp Baptist Church  
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*Sunday School*.....9:15AM  
*Morning Worship*.....10:30AM  
*Wednesday Night Service*.....7:00PM

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