



He heals the
Brokenhearted
and
bandages
their
wounds.

Psalm 147:3 (NLT)

Great Swamp Baptist Church

March 19, 2023

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call to Worship

Invocation

Freddie Malphrus

Praise & Worship

Richard Waitt

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery
Help Needed



Helpers:
Emily Johnson



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Today:

Freddie Malphrus: 843-726-3905

Next Week:

Bjo Mills: 843-726-4344



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Reasons for the Plot to Kill Jesus **(John 11:45-57)**

Introduction:

From this time until Easter I'm going to lead us on a journey through many of the things that happened to Jesus during His last week here on earth right up through His crucifixion and resurrection. My primary source for this journey will be the Gospel of John because much of John reveals the events that took place during Jesus' last week here on earth.

However, to begin this journey we are going to look at an event that happened in Jesus' life just prior to His last week. Jesus has resurrected Lazarus from the dead, and some of those who were an eye witness to Lazarus' resurrection have reported to the Pharisees what has happened. The Pharisees are so bothered by this news that they go and report it to the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin, which is the Jewish Religious Authority in Israel, made up of 70 men, call for a counsel meeting to deal with this news of Lazarus's resurrection. The result of the meeting was a desire and plot to kill Jesus. So what I want us to see in this message are the reasons why the Sanhedrin plotted to kill Jesus.

I. The first reason the Sanhedrin plotted to kill Jesus was because of who He was.

What prompted the Sanhedrin to call a council meeting was to address what they were going to do with Jesus because he had resurrected Lazarus from the dead. Now the significance of this is that what this means is that those who saw the miracle and reported it to the Sanhedrin, and the Sanhedrin itself, who all believed that only God can raise the dead are therefore angry with Jesus because He is God.

Now they're not out right saying that Jesus is God but they can't deny the resurrection that has just happened for two reasons: First, Lazarus, who laid in the grave for four days can be produced. Second, because there were many eye witnesses to Lazarus's resurrection. As a matter of fact it was some of these eye witnesses that relayed the information to the Sanhedrin. Plus, the Sanhedrin doesn't deny it and declares that He's performed many other miracles.

So the point I am making is that by their own admission that Jesus had done this miracle and many more, they are saying that Jesus is God, though they deny it. So they are plotting to kill Jesus because He really is who He's claimed to be all along, God.

This is what much of John's Gospel is all about showing that Jesus is indeed and in fact fully God. It begins with Jesus as the word of God who also was God. Then with many other expressions it continues to declare this message of Jesus Deity. In this gospel Jesus is called the Lamb of God; the Bread of life; the Living Water; the Resurrection and the Life; the Son of God; the Way, the Truth and the Life; and the list goes on.

Now a very important lesson to learn is that miracles are not necessarily going to convince someone to become a believer in Jesus Christ. For some of the very ones who actually witnessed Lazarus's resurrection not only didn't believe in Him, but also ran off to report the message to the Pharisees to help them do something about Jesus.

People have often said if Jesus would only do this or that then they would believe in Him. Usually they are referring to some magnificent miracle such as Lazarus's resurrection.

However today we don't need to be looking for great miracles to convince ourselves and the lost world that Jesus was and is God. The reason why is because God's word has already revealed to us that Jesus did magnificent miracles when He walked among us.

Thus, the most important tool to use to convince people that Jesus is God and therefore should be believed on as God and as our Lord and Savior is God's Holy Word.

Jesus tells the story of another man named Lazarus and his connection to a rich man. Lazarus was poor and begged the rich man just for his crumbs but would not give them to him. Eventually they both died. Lazarus wound up in Abraham's bosom but the rich man ended up in hell.

The rich man was able to speak to Father Abraham. He asked Abraham to send someone back from the grave to convince his brother not to end up in hell like he did. However, Jesus said that Abraham replied by saying, "They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them. No. Father Abraham he said but if someone from the dead goes to them they will repent. He said do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead" (Luke 16:39-31).

So let us keep right on preaching, teaching, and sharing God's word if we want to help sinners believe in Jesus Christ as God who alone can save us.

Oh by the way because they were plotting to kill Jesus for who He was then they're plotting was doomed to failure from the get go.

II. The second reason the Sanhedrin plotted to kill Jesus was because of what He could do.

Now this at first may sound like I'm doing a repeat of my first point. However I will make a distinction between this point and the previous one.

The Sanhedrin was made up of 70 men. These 70 men were made up primarily of two specific religious sects, the Sadducees and the Pharisees. The two groups had some vastly different theologies concerning their religious beliefs. One of the main differences was that the Pharisees believed in the resurrection of the dead while the Sadducees didn't. However, when it came to Jesus despite their differences these two groups were willing to work together to get rid of Jesus. It's ironic that both groups wanted to get rid of Jesus because of the fact that He did raise the dead.

The Sadducees were angry because right in the midst where they live and do their work at the Sanhedrin Jesus so powerfully resurrected Lazarus from the dead in front of many witnesses. So that event could not be clarified as a fraud. How dare Jesus come into their domain and challenge their preaching, their message, and their theology.

Their theology continues sadly right on down to our times and even in our so-called churches where they want to deny the power of Christ, and deny the miracles He performed, and deny Him as the creator, and deny His deity.

Paul tells us to watch out for those who, "having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people." (2 Tim 3:5).

Once again their plot to kill Jesus will fail because Jesus has the power to lay His life down and the power to raise it up again (John 10:18). So they can deny His power all day long but that won't stop it.

III. The third reason the Sanhedrin plotted to kill Jesus was because He was not one of theirs.

This point is not as much about theology like the two previous points. Rather this point is about the personal and selfish motives of the Sanhedrin. In their minds they had to kill Jesus because He was going to cause them to lose their authority, influence, employment, prosperity, property, and their way of life.

Now the way they addressed this was to say that Jesus will cause them to lose their place and their nation. Now when they say their place many scholars believe that they are referring to the temple. However, other scholars believe that they are referring to their place in Sanhedrin. I think that it's both: the temple and their position in the Sanhedrin.

Really however what it's all about is that Jesus has got to go because He's interfering with their way of life and tragically that's how so many people see Jesus today that He's interfering with their way of living and He's got to go so to speak.

But as Jesus prophesied a little later of the destruction of Jerusalem including its walls and temple, it had nothing to do with Jesus. Rather 40 years later Rome came and completely destroyed Jerusalem and the nation of Israel because of their rebellion. However because Jesus was and is God and because he can save the dead He was able, back in 1948, to resurrect the nation of Israel back into existence. Blessed be the name of our amazing Lord!

IV. The fourth reason why the Sanhedrin plotted to kill Jesus was because His death could save them.

Back during the time that Jesus walked on earth there were many rebellious Jews called zealots who rebelled against Rome's control over Israel. These zealots always made the Sanhedrin nervous because they were fearful Rome would send an army to squash the nation.

Caiaphas the high priest at the time and leader over the Sanhedrin, saw the plot to kill Jesus as their golden opportunity to end the threat of the Romans destroying the entire nation by giving to Rome the one main person who was according to them was Rome's real threat and if they could turn Him over to Rome then they would kill him but spare the nation. So Caiaphas was saying that by Jesus's death the rest of the nation would be saved. He meant saved from destruction.

However God intended that His words meant something far more valuable than Caiaphas even understood. God was leading him to say these words as a true prophecy that Jesus was going to die not only for the nation of Israel but also for all that would ever trust in Him for eternal salvation and the Sanhedrin wasn't aware that God was even in control of what they were planning to do. For God had already determined in eternity past that the way He was going to save us was by the means of the crucifixion.

Conclusion:

So let us remember what Joseph told his brothers who had brutally harmed and mistreated him. He said to them, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." (Gen. 50:20). So what the Sanhedrin meant for harm God meant for our salvation. Oh, what a savior we have!

Jesus Loves You,
Ralph Lee

SFCA Drama Department Presents.....

NIGHT AT THE
WAX MUSEUM

THE MUSICAL

Friday, March 24th @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 25th @ 7:00 p.m.

SFCA Gymnasium
9009 Tarboro Road
Ridgeland, SC 29936

Ticket Prices:

Student - \$8.00

Senior - \$8.00

Adults - \$12.00

Concession stand will be open.



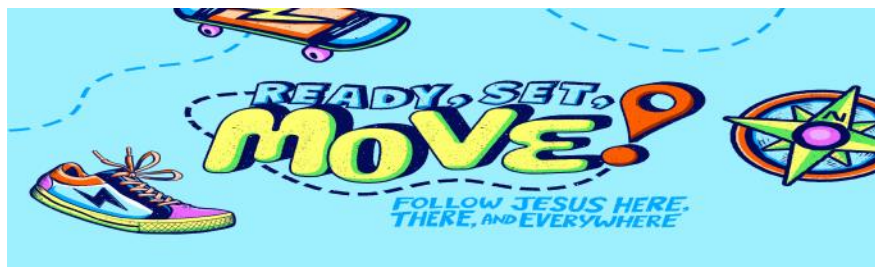
VBS 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Our VBS 2023 will run Sunday June 18th through Wednesday
June 21st from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
The meal will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

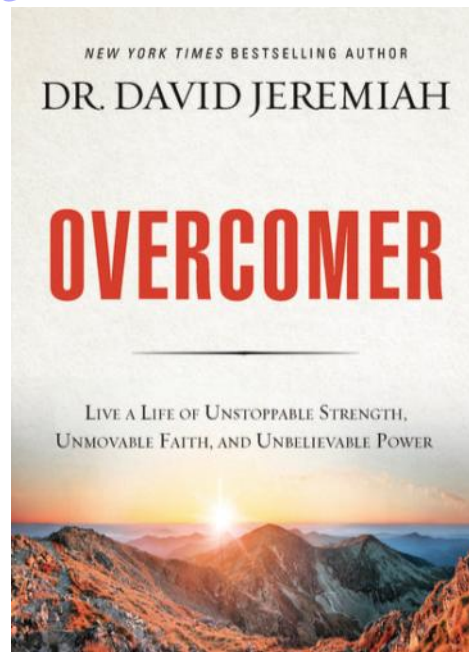
Please mark your calendars and sign up on the back wall to help out where you can. A list of supplies needed will be produced shortly and we also accept monetary donations to help with supplies and food costs.

Any questions, comments, suggestions, etc. please call Nicole Mariocourt at 843-726-2211, Saylor Olivas at 843-812-8879, or Jennifer Meador at 843-726-3631



Visionaries Sunday School Class

**Let's
overcome our
difficulties
together with
God!**

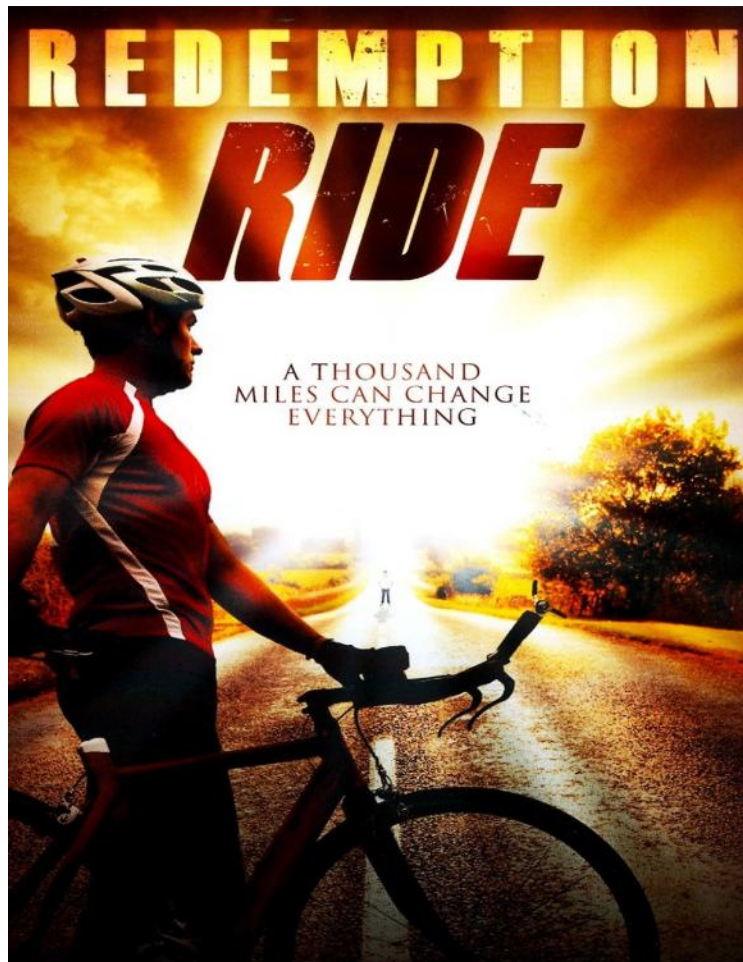


**Sundays at
9:15 a.m.
Building #3
School office
building**

Come join us for the Bible study called “Overcomer” by David Jeremiah. This is an amazing Bible study from a trusted pastor. We all face difficulties today such as anxiety, fear, temptation, confusion, etc. and we have to choose how we respond to those. This study will help teach you to how to overcome them all. We will meet Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in building 3 (school office building).

Hope to see you there!

*If you have children, April Malphrus will be teaching the children’s Sunday school class.



MOVIE NIGHT!!!

**Tonight, Sunday, March 19th
Concessions at 6:00 p.m.
Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.**

**Please bring finger foods to share!
Tea and Popcorn provided.**

Come Enjoy A Great Wholesome Family Movie!

Men's Quarterly Multi-Church Fellowship

Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Kingdom Touch Ministries

For more info contact

Wilbur Daley 843-305-0110



2023 SRBA WMU SPRING MEETING

Saturday, April 1, 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 pm (Lunch will follow)

Okatee Baptist Church

OUR MISSIONARY GUEST SPEAKER

"Allie" - from West Africa



Operation Christmas Child

For the month of March we will continue collecting hygiene items for boys and girls. The more you can donate, the more boxes we can fill, hence the more children receive boxes. So let's all bring in some hygiene items!

March:

Wash Cloths	Toothbrushes
Comb/Brushes (Boys & Girls)	
Pony tail holders	Head bands
Hair Barrettes	





<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Jane Himes</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Wayne Cooler</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Judy Smith</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Sam Mock</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Myra Malphrus</i>



**Annie Armstrong
Offering
Now through
Easter.**





Business Meeting
Wednesday, April 12th
at 7:00 p.m.



Deacons' Meeting
Monday, April 10th
at 6:00 p.m.



Grandmothers' Group
Monday, April 3rd
at 11:30 a.m.

All grandmothers welcome!





**Beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Service to follow at 7:00 p.m.**

**Team Timmy will be cooking!
Come out and have dinner
and fellowship with us!**

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



**Sunday Morning
Breakfast**

Begins at 8:00 a.m.
Ends at 9:00 a.m.
\$5.00 each or \$15.00
for a family of 4
or more

Sunday School Classes

@ 9:15am

CAMO CLASS - Room 406 - Bobby Smith
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GLEANERS CLASS - Room 401 - Darlene Bollack
.....

VISIONARIES CLASS - Building 3, Old Social Hall
Leader - Greg Mariocourt/Diane Thames
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SOJOURNERS CLASS - Room 417 - Mack Pope
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YOUTH - Youth Annex Leader - Amanda Hodges
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BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES - Room 415 -
April Malphrus

Wednesday Night Services

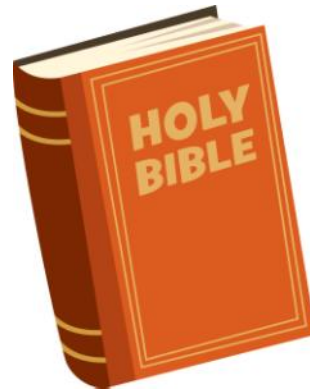
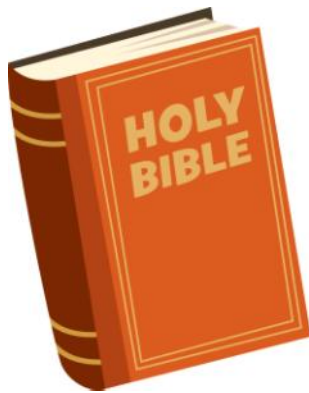
@ 7:00 pm

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
.....

G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION) *Room 415*
Leader-Diane Thames



Okatee Baptist Church is collecting Bibles, old Sunday School materials, and other used Christian literature to send to Love Packages, a non-denominational, not-for-profit ministry that equips pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers all over the world with free bibles and Christian literature. Everything they send is donated by individuals, ministries, and publishers in the U.S.

If you have old religious materials that you no longer use please consider donating them to this ministry. Items may be dropped off at Okatee Baptist Church or Savannah River Baptist Association. For more information contact Pastor Woody Oliver at 864-554-7335 or email okateepastor1@gmail.com. *****You can also drop them off with Jennifer in the church office and she will get the materials where they need to go.***

To learn more about Love Packages and to see a list of materials needed visit their website <https://lovepackages.org/>.



MEN'S WILD GAME DINNER

413 Ashley Park Road, Palmetto, Hampton County, South Carolina
Varnville, SC 29384

DOOR PRIZES

Friday, March 24, 2023

7:00pm

MENU:

Lowcountry

Boll

**Shrimp
Corn
Sausage
Potatoes
Onions**

Dessert



Guest Speaker:

David Ellis

(aka: YAWT YAWT)

For more information contact:

Varnville First Baptist: 803-943-3089

or check out our website

menswildgamebanquet.com



*Free
Admission*

Tickets may be picked up at the following locations:



Hampton, SC

**Ace Hardware
Freeman Agency
Walsh Supply**



Palmetto State Bank - ALL Locations

Hampton, Estill, Allendale, Fairfax, Beaufort, Bluffton

Class of
2023
PRESENTS



2023
KICKBALL
TOURNAMENT

April 1st

Donation/Gatefee of \$5.00 per person
Sign your team up and win!
We will have concessions!
Rain or Shine

Deadline to sign up March 28th.

To register or for more information contact
April Smith (843) 816-5459 or
timnapril10@aol.com

JRYB Baseball Fields

(beside the DMV in Ridgeland)

GSBC Prayer Page

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

Leadership

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

Hospitals

*Jane Garbade—MUSC
Bill Horry—MUSC (open
heart surgery)*

Surgery/Recovery

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler - RNC
Bobby Mohn - Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe
Dot Nettles - NHC
Karen Malphrus - Encompass (Room 114)*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Doby Cleland</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Lucille & Ron Degler</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Alice & Gary Way</i>	<i>Thomas & Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Marie Malphrus</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	

Church Needs

*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken

Cancer/Treatments

*Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Pat Headley
Leigh Laycock*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement

Other Health Needs

*Pinky Rushing
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Mary Kay Cade
Ellen Nettles
Jennifer Pitts Key
Chris Blanchard
Doug & Melanie Hamm
Rose Sheehan
Steve Bailey
Kayla Malphrus
Stephanie Crowe
Dorthie Armstrong
Lewis Hughes
Rose David
Barry DeMay
Tristan Simmons
Marie Coleman
James Williamson
Marie Cole
Glenn Scott*

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-Charleston, SC*

Church Staff

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

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Pianist: Michelle Waitt *waittfamily83@gmail.com*

Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Meador*greatswampbaptist@hargray.com*
843-726-3631

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



Please note the Step of Faith School's
upcoming holidays:
Monday, March 20th is a Teacher workday
and
Monday, April 3rd thru Friday, April 7th
is Spring Break.

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$2,822.00	\$ 5,012.49	-\$2,140.49
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Office Supplies</i>	\$30.00	*****	\$363.63
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	\$85.00	*****	\$1,075.47
<i>GSBC Senior Adult Trip 2023</i>	\$40.00	*****	\$668.94
<i>Annie Armstrong Offering</i>	\$40.00	*****	\$60.00



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Ridgeland, SC 29936

Sunday School.....9:15AM
Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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