

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

*Psalm 23:1*

*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*September 24, 2023*

# *Great Swamp Baptist Church*

Sunday Morning Worship

*10:30 AM*

**Announcements**

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

*Fred Stanley*

**Praise & Worship**

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer  
Worship by Giving  
Offertory Special

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

**Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

**Invitation**

**Benediction Prayer**

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*Sunday Mornings*  
*Following The Song Service:*



Nursery



Teacher:  
Olivia Stanley

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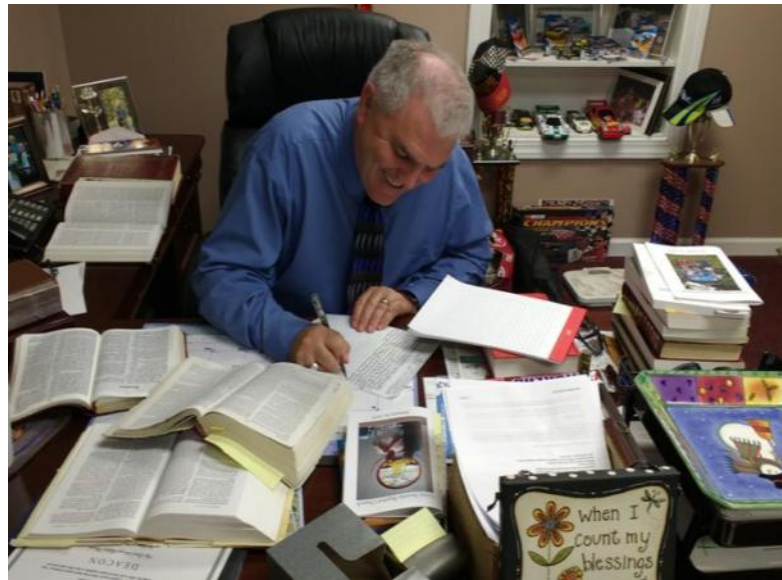
DEACON OF THE WEEK:

*Fred Stanley*



Phone: 843-726-1963

*From  
Pastor  
Ralph's  
Desk:*



## **Our Awesome Start**

For my article in this bulletin I want to take time to thank everyone who took time to sign up and serve in some ministry in our church. It's been a pleasure to see these ministries get underway. It especially has been exciting to see our new childrens' ministry called Swamp Kids get underway. It opened with 12 children, and the next week it grew by six. So far the staff, the children, and their parents have been very excited with the lessons, crafts, and recreation which they carry out in a Vacation Bible School manner but all done within an hours time.

Also I want to thank all who signed up to serve as an usher. This is a very important ministry because it helps with people's first impressions as they enter our facilities. Latrelle Steedly, as the chairperson, has quickly and efficiently organized the group into an effective ministry.

Another exciting ministry that has gotten underway is our homebound ministry which focuses on visiting all of our homebound members. Those who serve in this ministry and those who reap the benefit of this ministry have both expressed how much this ministry has been a blessing to them.

Another ministry that has once again kicked off hard and strong under Dorthie Armstrong's leadership is the shoebox ministry. This ministry has been a focus of our church for many years and each year it has bettered itself from the year before.

We've already seen children, youth, and adults get involved in organizing, putting together, and stacking hundreds of boxes.

Especially do I want to thank our grandmothers' group for carrying out their monthly meetings in the youth house so that they can help Dorthie put the shoeboxes together. Actually many of the grandmothers' group help every week not just at the monthly meeting. So thank you grandmothers' group!

Let me thank our group of people who signed up to help with our Sunday morning breakfast and our Wednesday night supper. How convenient it is to be able to eat breakfast and supper on the morning and night of our church services. Thank you Timmy and Keith for meals that help prepare us for the milk and meat of God's word.

Of course our largest ministry is our school ministry, Step of Faith Christian Academy. The excitement of this school year is the fact that we are celebrating our 25th anniversary. I am so grateful that God moved this church to start this school because more than ever our children need to be taught the truth from God's holy word.

Mrs. Carter and her staff of teachers and office workers are doing a fantastic job. Our church will continue being supportive and prayerful throughout this school year. As well we will continued to celebrate our 25th anniversary throughout this year.

Let me also focus upon one more of our ministries as we start our year and that's our Sunday school. The blessing that I want to point out is that we have two new children Sunday School teachers who feel like God has called them to step up to the plate to bolster our children Sunday school department. This makes it possible for young adults with children to be able to have a place for their children while they attend one of our adult classes

However, let me point out a plea for someone or some ones to pray about helping us begin specifically a young adult class, a college and career class, and/or as well as a singles class.

In closing, let me say thanks to the many other ministries taking place that weren't specifically mentioned.

Thank for the many years of service and commitment, and thanks for committing yourself to continue carrying the work on.

Also let me thank all of our newer members who have stepped up to the plate to do service for our Lord in our various ministries.

There is so much more that needs to be done. So let's keep the plow moving forward and straight on. The Apostle Paul put it this way, "Let us not become weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal 6:9).

Jesus Loves You,

Ralph Lee, Jr.



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>24<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Ron Davis</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Emily Carter</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Ron Malphrus</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>28<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Tom Benton</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>28<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Dalton Chapman</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>29<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Patrick Malphrus</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>30<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Chris Scherger</i>



# **IMPORTANT!**

As you know, the new security system has been installed.

Some people are asking for the key fobs for the doors, however, we do not have any more fobs available. Thus, we cannot give any more out. Please remember that the regular keys to the church **still work**. They just do not open the door with the mag lock. However, the regular key will work on all the other doors, so if you have a key to the church, you do not need a key fob. Thank you.



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

## **Business Meeting**

Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m.

## **Deacons' Meeting**

Monday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m.

## **Prayer Meeting**

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

## **Grandmothers' Group**

Monday, October 2nd at 11:30 a.m.

Meet at the youth house to help with Operation Christmas Child. Please bring a dish or a dessert to share. Hope to see everyone there!  
All ladies welcome!

## **Swamp Kids**

Every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m.

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## **Gopher Hill Festival**

Thursday, October 5th, Friday,  
October 6th  
And Saturday, October 7th



October:

- 10/1 - Courtney & Jeff
- 10/8 - Kim & Richard
- 10/15 - Juliette & Mike W
- 10/22 - Latrelle & Mike D
- 10/29 - Courtney & Jeff

November:

- 11/5 - Kim & Richard
- 11/12 - Juliette & Mike W
- 11/19 - Latrelle & Mike D
- 11/26 - Courtney & Jeff

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Please remember you **must** have everything (including prayer requests) turned into Jennifer for the bulletin **no later** than Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Otherwise it will not make it into that week's bulletin. Thank you!

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**Movie: To Be Determined**



**Sunday, October 15th**  
**Concessions at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.**



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

**Come watch an amazing movie with us!**

# **IMPORTANT EVENTS:**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

## **OCC Packing Party**

Saturday, October 7th

Time to be announced soon.

## **GSBC's Homecoming**

Homecoming will be Sunday, October 15th.

More information to follow.

## **Outdoor Dreams Foundation Banquet**

September 30th, 5:00-10:00 p.m.

Located in the gym. Special guest Ian Desmond.

For ticket info please see Jennifer.

## **Harvest Fest**

October 28th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

More info and sign up sheets coming soon.

See Jennifer or Keith for more info.

## **Lord's Supper**

Sunday, October 29th during the service.

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, October 31st

Beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the MPB.

Sign up online or walk-in.



## Operation Christmas Child

These are the items being collected for September along with the amount needed. You can still take an angel off the tree or give a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you.

Thank you. :)

### September:

Washcloths = 717                  Toothbrushes = 100

Combs/Hairbrush (girls) = 336

Combs (boys) = 300

Ponytail holders, headbands, barrettes

Socks: Girls 5-9 = 128; Girls 10-14 = 165

Socks: Boys 5-9 = 138; Boys 10-14 = 148

Any questions, ask Dorthie. Thank you.

Work days are Wednesday  
and Friday this week.



## Wednesday Night Supper

Meals served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
every Wednesday night.

### Wednesday, Sept. 27th:

*Cooking Team: Team Keith*

\$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per  
family of four or more.

No meal deliveries.

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## Sunday Morning Breakfast

Beginning Sunday,  
September 10th. Breakfast  
will be served from 8:00  
a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

\$5.00 per person or \$15.00  
per family of four or more.



# Join us on Monday, Oct 2nd at 7pm at Red Dam Baptist Church

Our Guest speaker, Stacy Hollingsworth, will share her Christ led journey that ultimately led her to Kenya and the formation of The Esther Project Shop. It is a nonprofit, fair trade company that has been in existence for 3 years.

“I work with each of our artisans individually in order to market their products and provide a sustainable income thus helping to prevent human trafficking. We have over 250 artisans, an orphanage for children removed from trafficking, and we partner with two schools with over 900 children”.

If you would like to attend, please contact

**Gail Roberson**

**email: [gaileeyore@gmail.com](mailto:gaileeyore@gmail.com) or**

**text: 843-384-0100**

and give us a final head count by Sept 25th.

There will be refreshments provided.

Please plan to come out and hear Stacy's story and grab some of The Ester Project shop products. You won't be disappointed.



# Sunday School Classes

**@ 9:15am**

**CAMO CLASS - Room 406 - Bobby Smith**

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**GLEANERS CLASS - Room 401 - Darlene Bollack**

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

*Leader - Greg Mariocourt;*

*Assistant - 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 -**

**Nicole Mauriocourt**

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# 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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**SWAMP KIDS *Nursery Hall***

*Leader - Kim Malphrus*

SAVANNAH RIVER  
BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION  
WMU  
CHRISTMAS 2023  
BACKPACKS FOR  
JASPER COUNTY

DUE  
TO  
SRBA  
BY  
DEC.  
6TH.

**ITEMS TO INCLUDE**

- 3 Winter accessories: such as hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks.
  - 3 Pop top cans of food: such as Vienna sausages, SpaghettiOs
  - 3 other food items: such as wrapped hard candy, jerky, fruit snacks, breakfast bars, gum, sunflower seeds
- NO PEANUT PRODUCTS, PLEASE!**  
AN AGE-APPROPRIATE BIBLE OR BIBLE STORY BOOK

ATTACH  
TWO  
RIBBONS  
ON EACH  
BACK-  
PACK

RIBBON  
# ONE  
GENDER

BOY -  
BLUE

GIRL -  
PINK

RIBBON  
# TWO  
GRADE

PRE K & K  
PURPLE

1<sup>ST</sup> - 3<sup>RD</sup>  
YELLOW

4<sup>TH</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup>  
GREEN

6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup>  
RED

9<sup>TH</sup> -12<sup>TH</sup>  
WHITE

**ALSO, TO BE INCLUDED**

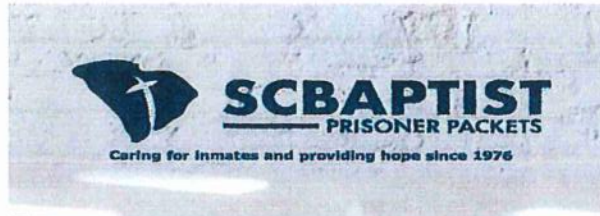
**FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN: HYGIENE ITEMS:**  
Place in Ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, washcloth. **3 FUN ITEMS** such as fleece blankets, stuffed animals, dolls, hair accessories, cars, crayons and coloring books, puzzles, card games story books, fidget spinners, bubble pop toys.

**FOR OLDER CHILDREN/TEENS HYGIENE ITEMS:**  
Place in Ziploc bag: tooth brush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, wash cloth, deodorant. **3 FUN ITEMS:** such as make up, jewelry, fleece blankets, thermos, flashlights with batteries, drawing items, markers, colors pencils, craft sets, balls with pump, Uno, fidget spinners etc.

Do not overstuff bags, place any extra items in box or bag that can be donated.

ANY QUESTIONS: CONTACT THE SAVANNAH RIVER  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AT 843- 726-8294





**Every single Prisoner Packet gets delivered. And every single packet contains a Message of Hope - the story of Christ's love and forgiveness. Last year S.C. WMU sent 17,500 packets.**

### PACKING LIST

- ONE black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
- ONE standard size writing tablet approx. 6"x9" (no wire bound books, composition books, post-it notes, or colored paper)
- ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
- ONE 4 oz to 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)
- ONE 3.2 oz to 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped or unboxed bars)
- TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- THREE first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed Envelopes (from US Post Office, NO regular stamps, no other size envelope)
- ONE gallon size zipper bag (no other size bags accepted)

ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE ZIPPER BAG WITH ZIPPER CLOSED SECURELY DO NOT INCLUDE: washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, combs. Extra approved items may be sent to NewSpring Church on collection day in a bag/box marked "extra items."

*You put it together. We'll put it in the right hands. God will do the rest.*

The Christmas Packets for Prisoners project began in 1976. It is a joint project of SCBC and SC WMU. As the project has grown, our churches continue to give faithfully and generously. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with those who need to know Jesus in a personal way.

Many men, women and youth have no one who cares for them. They have no visitors, nor do they receive gifts at Christmas. You make Christmas special for them through this ministry. You provide hope and love. As a result, some have received the true Christmas gift. They have come to know Christ because you care.

It is the easiest gift on your shopping list. Every item on the list is in your grocery store, dollar store or variety store and to gift wrap it, all you do is put the items in a zipper plastic bag. Of all the gifts you give, it is the one most likely to change a life!

**ALL PRISON PACKET MUST BE DELEVERED TO THE SAVANNAH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION BUILDING NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**



# GSBC Prayer Page

## Church Leadership

*Sunday School*  
*SFCA-Donna Carter*  
*Child Development*  
*Ministries*  
*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor*  
*Richard Waitt- Music Director*  
*Deacons*  
*Church Finances*

## Leadership

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

## Bereavement

## Unspoken

## Hospitals

## Surgery/Recovery

*Judy Smith*  
*Karen Malphrus*  
*Mike Davis - Neck Surgery*  
*David Raines - Sprenger Rehab*

## Cancer/Treatments

*Pat Headley*  
*Leigh Laycock*  
*Joyce Garbade*  
*Lloyd Freeman*  
*Revel Crosby - 4 years old*  
*(Leukemia)*  
*Morgan Warren*

## Other Health Needs

*Mary Kay Cade*  
*Debbie Hale*  
*Gene Price*  
*Julia Rushing*  
*Pinky Rushing*  
*Amy Hannah*  
*Judy Smith*  
*Kathy Breland*  
*Mr. Williamson - heart attack*  
*Mike Wall*  
*Grace Hetrick*  
*Arthur Pierson*  
*Dwight Malphrus*  
*Clark Daring*  
*Arlette Jones*

## Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler - RNC*  
*Bobby Mohn - Indigo Pines HHI*  
*Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe*

## Expected Mothers:

*Chelsea Lake - Due 10/16*

## 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 &amp; Ron Degler</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Red &amp; Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Thomas &amp; Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Diane Hannah</i>	<i>Marie Malphrus</i>

### 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*  
*Schuyler Johnson - Basic Training Marines*

## 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: Jennifer Meador* ..... *greatswampbaptist@hargray.com*  
*843-726-3631*  
*School Administrator: Donna Carter* ..... *dcarter@hargray.com*

## Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	<i>\$3,369.00</i>	<i>\$ 5,012.49</i>	<i>\$-1,643.49</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>		
<b>Designated Funds</b>		*****	<b>Acct. Balances</b>
<i>Adult Senior Trip 2023</i>	<i>\$290.00</i>	*****	<i>\$451.94</i>
<i>Sunday Morning Breakfast</i>	<i>\$73.00</i>	*****	<i>\$741.83</i>
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	<i>\$49.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,213.72</i>
<i>Wednesday Night Supper</i>	<i>\$153.00</i>	*****	<i>\$-194.77</i>



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

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