



Great Swamp Baptist Church
March 10, 2024

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Bjo Mills

Praise & Worship

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

Pastor Ralph Lee

Message

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Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery



Teacher:
Olivia Stanley

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Bjo Mills



Phone: 843-271-2840

*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Growing Bigger By Growing Smaller

Introduction:

Last Sunday, we looked at priorities in worship. This came from our studies in the book of Nehemiah. One of the priorities that we examined was the priority of proclaiming God's Holy Word. We discovered that it appeared that when they held their first big Jewish festival, once they completed the rebuilding of the city walls, and Ezra, the scribe, stood on a platform above all the people and read to them from God's Holy Word that he would periodically stop, and then allow the priests that were scattered out amidst the crowd to gather the people into smaller groups to give them understanding of God's Holy Word that Ezra has been reading to them.

So the point I'm making is the proclamation of God's word was provided in both the large setting as well as the smaller groups.

We find this to be a pattern throughout God's word, That fellowship, worship and discipleship were carried in both large group settings, as well as smaller group settings. Both settings are definitely required for the health, well-being, and growth of the Body of Christ, His blessed Church.

The large group settings are needed so that everybody together can use their commitment, devotion and love for God to be able to express their worship together as one. This type of worship is good for the well-being and health of the church because watching and experiencing the large group worship gives you encouragement as you see everyone together participating in the event.

Also, however, small groups settings are needed because of what they are able to provide that the larger group worship experience cannot. As a matter of fact, most of us live out our lives in small group settings. From the families that we live with, to the small businesses that we go to, to the office where we wait to see a few people, to the classrooms that we attend in our school, we more often are in small group settings.

The value of small group settings for the church is immense. For they give to us a far more personal experience than we can get in the large group setting. You are able to build relationships on a name to name basis, and this will allow the groups to get more intimate with one another, creating a greater ability to have close fellowship and have the ability to better care for one another. It also allows for a more personal and intimate study of God's Holy Word where each participant is able to be a part of this discussion.

Small group settings help people to feel like they belong and also as though they are not overwhelmed by large settings.

At Great Swamp Baptist Church for the time being our small groups are primarily Sunday School. There is also the Grandmothers Group, Swamp Kids, youth, and praise teams. We are presently starting to have Sunday School leaders come together and discuss how we can better do our primary small groups setting, and of course one of the things that we can do to help is to promote it. So I am with this message encouraging everyone to not just settle with Sunday morning worship service, but also choose Sunday school. This way we can grow as a church bigger as we grow it smaller.

I want to close this message with how the church created health, growth, and well-being for itself when our blessed Lord brought it into existence. They did both large group meetings at the temple and small group settings in their homes. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Act 2:42-47).

Jesus Loves You,
Ralph Lee

AGENDA

Business Meeting

Wednesday, March 13th 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

Monday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Grandmothers' Group

Monday, April 8th at 11:30 a.m.

****Meet in the parsonage, please!!****

All ladies welcome!

Swamp Kids

Every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m.

VBS Supplies Needed!!

We need sand, preferably beach sand or play sand. If you go to the beach, please fill a bag and bring it



WMU Association-Wide



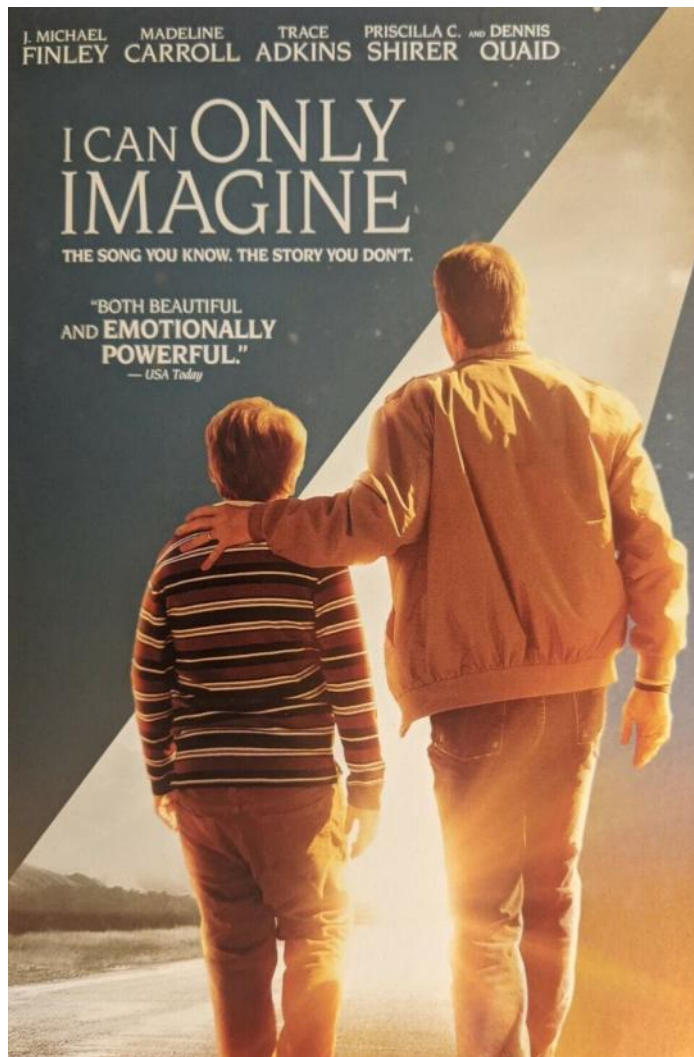
Help Re-stock our Association Churches' Food Pantries!

Please collect food pantry items during the month of February through your church and bring them to either: (1) Beth Bonds, 5942 Pleasant Farm Drive, Beaufort, SC, OR (2) The SRBA Office on Bees Creek Road in Ridgeland. They will be distributed from there to our associational churches with food pantries.



**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
EASTER OFFERING®

The Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is March 3-10. The theme this year is "Make Jesus Known." Our church goal this year is \$1,200. For every \$100 given, we will color an Easter egg in the basket. See the back wall information board.



MOVIE NIGHT!!

Showing: I Can Only Imagine

Sunday, March 17th

Concessions at 6:00 p.m.

Movie starts at 6:30 p.m.



Please bring finger foods for your family and more to share with all!

Tea and Popcorn provided.

Come watch an amazing movie with us!



<i>Monday</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Wallace Malphrus</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Alice Way</i>



Sunday, March 10th:
 Jason & Vanessa Smoak

Monday, March 11th:
 Davey & Barbara McGill



Please continue to bring your old religious church material (Bibles, Christian magazines, books, devotionals, hymnals, old Sunday School materials, and other used Christian Literature) and place them in the barrel in the vestibule.



They will be sent out to pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers all over the world to aid them in their ministry.



Every item donated will make a difference. Help us help others learn about Jesus!





Greeters for Today:
Latrelle & Mike D.

Next Sunday 3/17:
Courtney & Jeff

Sunday School Classes

@ 9:15am

CAMO CLASS - Room 406 - Bobby Smith

GLEANERS CLASS - Room 401 - Darlene Bollack

VISIONARIES CLASS - Building 3, Old Social Hall

Leader - Greg Mariocourt

SOJOURNERS CLASS - Room 417 - Mack Pope

YOUTH - Youth Annex Leader - Amanda Hodges

BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES - Room 417 -

Nicole Mauriocourt

RAINBOW KIDS - 3RD GRADE AND OLDER - Room 415 -

Kelly Scherger

Wednesday Night Services

@ 7:00 pm

WORSHIP SERVICE *Multi-Purpose Building*

Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

YOUTH GROUP *Youth Annex*

Leader-Michelle Waitt

SWAMP KIDS *Nursery Hall*

Leader - Kim Malphrus

Great Swamp Baptist Church
Sunday School Social

We're Having a
COOKOUT

Invite your friends and neighbors so
we can grow our Sunday School



Saturday, April 27th
11:00 am to 3:00 pm
At the church



Church will provide the
hot dogs and hamburgers, fries, tea
and water.

Church members please bring a
side and/or a dessert to share!



Bounce House and
Games for Kids!!





Operation Christmas Child



It's that time again -- time to start our year 'round collection! We've had two months off for the holidays, but now onward to the rest of this year. 600 boxes are anticipated to be packed this year, possibly more if more donations come in. The OCC account is \$0 but good thing we have items left over from last year to get us started! You can donate the items each month from the list or give a monetary donation if you don't want to shop. Let us do the shopping for you!

Here is the list for the month of March:

Washcloths Stuffed Animals
Toothbrushes Barbies Tennis Balls
Combs/Brushes - both boys and girls

Thank you for your donations.

-Dorthie



SwampKids is in need of the following items on Wednesday nights:

- 1) small bottles of water
- 2) *snacks such as fruit, fruit cups, fruit snacks, pretzels, Goldfish, cookies, crackers, etc*
- 3) paper products, such as plates, small cups, small zip lock bags, napkins, paper towels, straws, wet wipes
- 4) *monetary donations to purchase craft supplies*

We appreciate your support and prayers. If you would like us to minister to anyone through cards, prayer, etc, please let Kim Malphrus know.

Grandmothers Group Spring Luncheon

Monday April 8th at 11:30 a.m.
Located in the Youth House

Please bring a covered dish or a
dessert to share.

All ladies are welcome, even if
you aren't a grandmother. Bring
a friend and be ready to have a
good time with good people!
Hope to see you there!

Any questions, please call
Jennifer at 843-726-3631 or
Debbie at 843-368-5436



UPCOMING EVENTS

Esther, The Musical

Friday, March 22nd in the SFCA Gymnasium

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24th

Narrowway Dinner & Show

Sunday, March 29th

Good Friday - SF No School

Friday, March 29th

Easter "Son Up" Service

Sunday, March 31st at 8:00 a.m. at the crosses

Regular Easter service in MPB at 10:00 a.m. like normal

Lord's Supper

Sunday, March 31st during normal worship service

"Down by the Creek" Musical

Friday, April 12th at 12:00 p.m.

SFCA 1st-6th grades

Great Swamp Cookout

April 27th 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Wednesday Night Supper

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

Team Timmy will be cooking Wednesday, March 13th.

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

No meal deliveries.



Sunday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast will be served
from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00
a.m.

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four or more.

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

Nursing Centers

Byron Vaigneur - Legacy at South Pointe
Tommy & Erma Cooler - Ridgeland Nursing Home
David Sauls - Morrell Nursing Center
Doby Cleland - Life Care Center of HHI

Cancer/Treatments

Revel Crosby - 4 years old
(Leukemia)
Morgan Warren
Ken Lawler
Tex Lowther

Other Health Needs

Mary Kay Cade
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Kathy Breland
Grace Hetrick
Arlette Jones
Jennifer Wall
Arthur Pearson
Pete Williamson
Dwight Malphrus
Latrelle Steedly
Sarah Sanders
Rodney Malphrus, Jr.
Mark Mingleдорff
Bill Carter
Donna Carter

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>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Vera Floyd</i>	<i>Marie Malphrus</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Diane Hannah</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Ann Long</i>

Pray For Our Military

Sgt. Jared Blanton - Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines -
Okinawa, Japan
Jericho Malphrus - Sp. Agent/Air Force -
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Ret.
Tristan Blanton - Louisiana
Andrea C. Daring - Charleston, SC

Church Staff

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

Music Director: Richard Waitt

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@sfcaweb.org*

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	<i>\$4,679.00</i>	<i>\$4,923.33</i>	<i>\$-244.33</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances
<i>SMB</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>	*****	<i>\$918.76</i>
<i>WNS</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>	*****	<i>\$-30.46</i>
<i>Seniors Group</i>	<i>\$842.85</i>	*****	<i>\$1,171.60</i>
<i>Annie Armstrong</i>	<i>\$45.00</i>	*****	<i>\$80.00</i>
<i>Gleaners SS Group</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>	*****	<i>\$1,327.06</i>



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

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