



Great Swamp Baptist Church

December 15, 2024

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee*

Call to Worship

Invocation *Chuck Scoggins*

Praise & Worship

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee*

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Message *Pastor Ralph Lee*

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Laying of the Wreaths

Immediately after worship service

Reciting the Names of Each Veteran *Bjo Mills*

The Playing of "Taps"

Scripture and Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee*

Laying of the Wreaths *GSBC Cemetery*

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Audrey & Sophia S.

Next Sunday 12/22:
Juliette & Melissa I.



Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Mike Davis

Next Sunday 12/22:
Courtney

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Chuck Scoggins

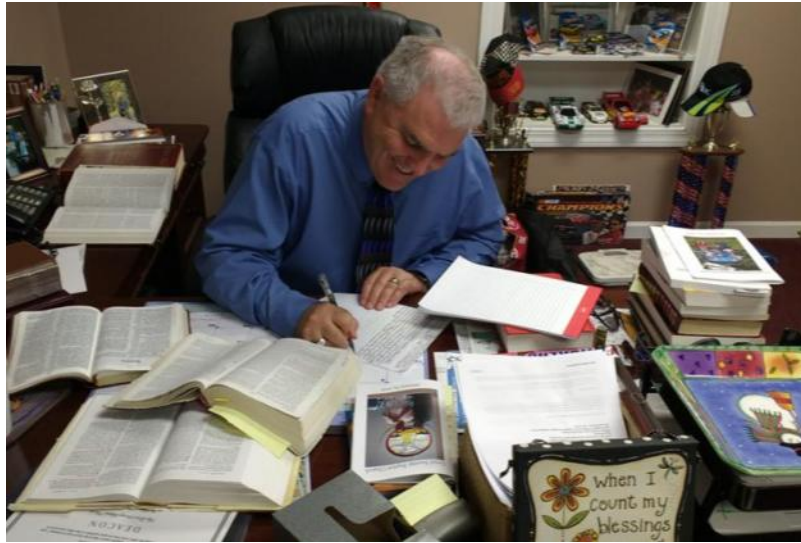


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**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:**
Calvin Bryan



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



Eternity Stepped into Time

John 1:1-14

Matt 1:18-23

Introduction:

I asked our kids in our school where was Jesus before the very first Christmas came into existence? Of course the answer I get was heaven which is the right answer.

I then asked them what do we know about heaven? There were many answers that they could have been given, but I wanted to focus primarily on one of the many, many marvelous truths of heaven. To give the answer I wanted to focus on I pointed out that in heaven there are not calendars, nor clocks or watches. Nor are there days, weeks, months, or years. For heaven is the place of eternity.

Therefore, going back to my original question where was Jesus before the first Christmas took place? The answer is that He was dwelling in eternity. As a matter of fact He had always dwelt in eternity. There was never a time that Jesus hasn't been because He always has been and will always be.

There are many Bible verses that reveal the eternity of Jesus Christ the Son of God. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Heb 13:8)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, 'Who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'" (Rev 1:8)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev 22:13)

"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." (Ps 90:2)

Now on the other end of the spectrum we as human beings were created when time began, and time began when God created all things. So we have always dwelt with time. Our world includes calendars and clocks, days and weeks, months and years.

Thus between Christ Jesus our Lord and we human beings we are looking at two entirely different dimensions. There is the eternal one which Christ dwells in and the one locked in time which humanity dwells in.

However, praise be to our eternal Lord, that there was a time when eternity stepped in the dimension of time and that's what I want to dwell upon. That our eternal one, the Lord Jesus Christ, freely, willingly and graciously stepped into the world of time.

I. First, of all let's consider why Christ was dwelling in eternity. (vs 1)

John is very clear as to why Jesus was dwelling in eternity. He tells us that, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." from the context that this verse is written we know that the expression found in the verse that says, "The word" is referring to Jesus Christ thus it is telling us that Jesus Christ is God. And therefore that's why he dwells in eternity because He's the second person of the triune God, or as we call it the blessed Holy Trinity, God is one made up of three distinct persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

For Christians the question, 'when did God begin' is a question that we don't really consider. For once you do then you have a god who is not God. For to be God is to be eternal, without beginning or ending. So our amazing Lord and Savior Jesus He's one with God and thus eternal.

II. Second, let's consider when did Jesus step into time? (vs 14, 20-23)

The one who dwells in eternity stepped into time when He chose to take upon Himself flesh. "The word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." So Jesus Christ was willing to take upon Himself human flesh and live in our midst.

And when did Jesus Christ take upon Himself human flesh so that eternity could step into time? Matthew in His gospel gives us the best answer.

"But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home to be your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel' (which means 'God with Us')."

We know that these verse are referring to the time when the angel appeared to Joseph to tell him to not divorce Mary but to go ahead and marry her because the child in her was none other than God Himself who came through Mary to take upon flesh. Therefore the first Christmas was when the Son of God, the one dwelling in eternity chose to step into time, our time, our world, our dwelling place.

Oh, what a blessed Lord and Savior we have that He, the eternal one stepped into our world of time and dwelt among us.

III. Third, let's consider why Christ stepped into time (vs 9-13, Matt 1:21)

All these verses tell us that Jesus Christ the glorious Son of God stepped into time for one reason that He might save us from our sins and make us the children of God.

The reason why He had to step into time to save us was because it's in the world of time that we sinned against God and therefore He had to come into our world to rescue us out of it. He did this by coming and going to Calvary Cross to pay for the debt of our sins. Had He not stepped into time we would be eternally lost. Oh, what a Savior.

Conclusion:

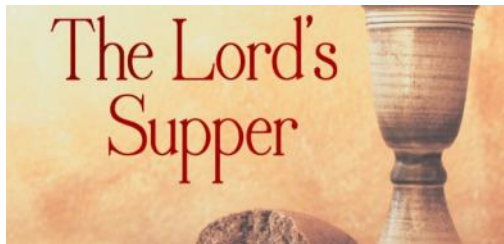
So the blessed eternal one stepped out of eternity into time so that He could take us out of time and bring us into the dimension of eternity. Thus if you want to spend your life in eternity when you leave this world of time you must trust Christ the eternal one.

Jesus Loves You
Ralph Lee

ANNOUNCEMENT



The church office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th through Friday, December 27th. We will reopen Monday, December 30th. However, the office will also be closed Wednesday, January 1st for New Years.



Lord's Supper,
Sunday, December 29th.



MOVIE NIGHT!!



Showing: TBD
Sunday, December 22nd
Concessions at 6:00 p.m.
Movie starts at 6:45 p.m.

CANCELED

Please bring finger foods for your family and more to share with all! Tea and Popcorn provided by the church.

Come watch an amazing movie with us!



Sunday School Classes

Starting at 9:15 am

CAMO CLASS: (Rm 406) -- *Leader: Bobby Smith*

GLEANERS CLASS: (Rm401) -- *Leader: Darlene Bollack*

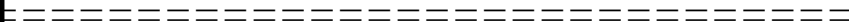
VISIONARIES CLASS: *Old Social Hall, Bldg #3 -- Leader: Greg Mariocourt*

SOJOURNERS CLASS: *Room 417 -- Leader: Mack Pope*

YOUTH: *Youth Annex*

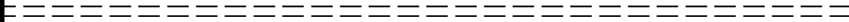
BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES:
Room 417 -- Leader: Nicole Mauriocourt

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



Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting

*Breakfast begins at 9:00 am
Followed by the Prayer Meeting
Located in the Multi-Purpose Building*



Wednesday Night Services

@ 7:00 pm

WORSHIP SERVICE *Multi-Purpose Building*
Leader - Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

YOUTH GROUP *Youth Annex*

SWAMP KIDS *Nursery Hall*
Leader – Kim Malphrus

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	15th	Greg Mauriocourt
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Thurs, Dec. 19
 Bill & Donna
 Carter

Friday, Dec. 20
 Wallace & Allene
 Malphrus



Candlelight Service will be held on Sunday, December 22nd during the regular worship service. If you do not have candles, please let us know and we can provide it to you.

CANCELLED

There will be NO Wednesday night supper on Wednesday, December 25th
NO supper on Wednesday, January 1st
and NO Sunday morning breakfast on Sunday, December 29th.



Wednesday Night Supper

Meals served from
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
\$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family of
four or more.
No meal deliveries.



Sunday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast will be served
from 8:30 a.m. to
9:00 a.m.
\$5.00 per person or
\$15.00 per family of
four or more.

Christmas Card Delivery



\$0.50 per card delivered
The SwampKids will deliver
in-house Christmas cards this year.

Mailbox for cards is in the foyer.

Proceeds go to Lottie
Moon Christmas offering.





Help is needed on Wednesday
nights for SwampKids. We could use
an extra person in crafts, back-up for
Missions and a floater. Please contact
Kim Malphrus at 843-540-0365.



LOTTIE MOON

CHRISTMAS OFFERING



We are needing 2 more greeters on Sunday mornings. Please let one of the greeters know or the nominating committee if you are interested.



Greeters



GSBC Prayer Page

Church Leadership

Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries
Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Deacons

Leadership

President / Vice President of
the United States of America

Bereavement

Family of Brenda Barton

Unspoken

Hospitals

Surgery/Recovery

Mike Mingledorff (shoulder)
Ann Blocker (foot)
Vera Miles (broken shoulder)
Charles Malphrus (shoulder)
Jane Himes (wrist)

Cancer/Treatments

Revel Crosby - 4 years old
(Leukemia)
Ken Lawler
Rachel Vaughn
Ella Gourlay - 10 years old
(Leukemia)

Other Health Needs

Ralph Lee
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Arthur Pearson
Earl Dean Pope
Jeff Bladen (liver)
Rachel Mixon
Lily Smith (migraines)

Nursing Centers

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

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

Rose Boyles
Judy Smith
Vera Floyd
Barbara Mills
Kenny Smith
Tom Hinely
Ann Blocker
Red & Helen Malphrus
Diane Hannah
Ann Long
Shirley Malphrus

Pray For Our Military

Sgt. Jared Blanton - Deployed
Matthew Mills - US Marines -
Okinawa, Japan
Jericho Malphrus - Sp. Agent/Air Force -
Pinehurst, NC.
Andrea C. Daring - Charleston, SC
Schuyler Johnson - Basic Training Marines

Church Staff

Pastor: Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr. *jehu27@gmail.com*
Sunday School Director: Mike Davis *greatswampbc@gmail.com*
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Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Meador *greatswampbc@gmail.com*
843-726-3631
School Administrator: Donna Carter *dcarter@sfcaweb.org*

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$3,060.00	\$4,923.33	\$-1,863.33
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$341.00		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances
Lottie Moon	\$50.00		\$239.00



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

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