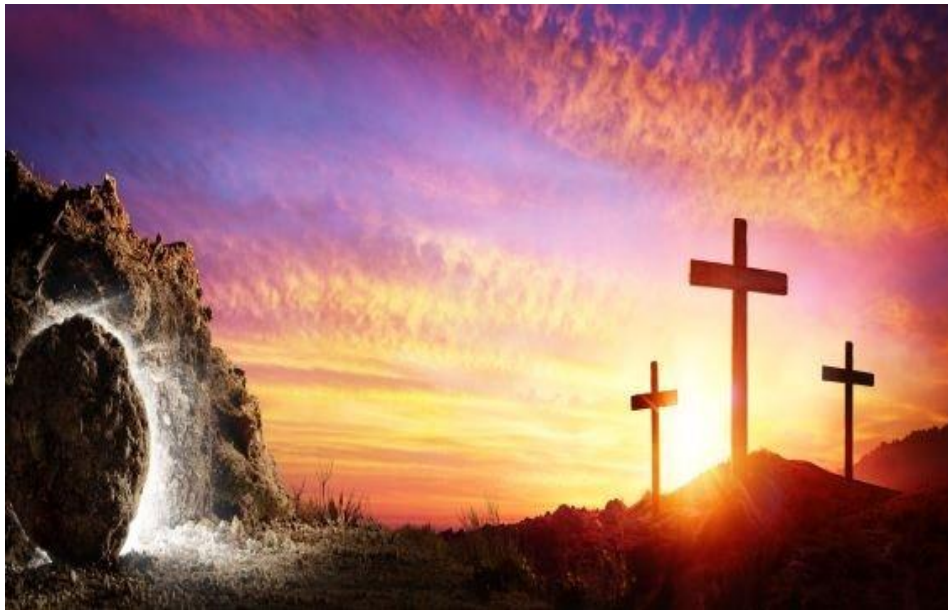


**Journeying
Toward the
Resurrection
Matt 21:12-17**



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
March 23, 2025*

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements *Pastor Ralph Lee*

Call to Worship

Invocation *Lloyd Freeman*

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer *Pastor Ralph Lee*

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Message *Pastor Ralph Lee*

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

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Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Sophia & Teresa G.

Next Sunday 03/30:
Juliette & Barbara L.



Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Kim & Richard

Next Sunday 03/30:
Juliette & Mike W.

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Lloyd Freeman



Phone: 803-943-6312

**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:**
Chuck Scoggins



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



See Your King Part II

(Matthew 21: 12-17)

12 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers." 14 The Blind and the lame came to Him at the temple, and He healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things He did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. 16 "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked Him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise?'" 17 And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where He spent the night.

Introduction: In four more Sundays we will celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. We are going to look at different events that happen to our blessed Lord as we journey toward that life changing event. Two Sundays ago we began looking at the first of those events; Our Lords' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. This event was used for the purpose of declaring the Kingship of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The first Sunday we looked at four points which revealed just what kind of King Jesus came to be. Using a statement from one of the verses we are using in these messages, "See Your King", we are taking a close look at, as Dr John MacArthur says, "a King like no other king".

When we took our look we saw that He was the King who was determined to accomplish His purpose; fulfill prophecy, bring peace and receive praise of which He was worthy. This message will continue the theme of seeing your King. For once Jesus triumphantly entered into Jerusalem the first place He went was to the temple area, and there He continues to show us what kind of King He came to be. So once again lets see our King.

V. Fifth, lets notice as we look, our King came to restore priorities. (Matthew 12-13)

The priest and religious leaders who were in charge of the temple and its ministry had their set of priorities for the temple, but they weren't the same as the ones that King Jesus had. As a matter of fact their priorities were completely opposite of the very One who has revealed Himself as their King.

The Priest and religious leaders priorities were to use the temple as a place to make money instead of worshipping God. A place to trust in wealth instead of trusting God. A Place to seek prosperity instead of a place to promote God.

Now Jesus displayed His priority in a very bold manner by turning over the tables and benches that they were using to sell sacrificial animals and to make money exchange for the correct currency, both at exorbitantly high prices. This resulted in increased difficulty for people to come and do what God had called them to do there, which was to come there to seek Him, focus upon Him, worship Him, and trust Him. That is why Jesus told them, after turning over their money making scheme, "It is written", he said to them, 'My house will be called a house of prayer, but your are making it a den of robbers!" (vs. 13).

So you can imagine, under these circumstances that though the people understood their obligation to come and worship God, and their need for God, that these money making schemes took away the joy of coming before the Lord because they were so focused upon how much it was going to cost them.

The question we need ask ourselves, as churches and individuals; are we creating a system that drives people toward God with joyful hearts?

Or are we creating one that drives people away from seeking Him because of all the difficult demands we make which God did not require? Let us not make it difficult for people to focus upon God.

VI. Sixth, lets notice that as we look we see our King came to help and heal people . (vs 14)

In this verse we once again discover Jesus doing what He's done all throughout His ministry; to help and heal people. So, the question is, what's different on this occasion than the other times in which He helped and healed people?

The answer to that question is that Jesus openly and boldly demonstrated that He's our King through His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Now that He's revealed that truth, He is demonstrating to them that though they've seen His Royal demonstration, He wants them to know that He still in the caring, compassionate, helping and healing ministry. In other words even as King He's still in the business of putting the needs of others before Himself. As a matter of fact its His royal authority that has made it possible for Him to help and heal the sick and hurting all along.

So if we are going to represent our King in the world today then we must follow in His foot steps. We must, in our churches and communities, reach out to the sick and the hurting offering them our help, our care, our compassion, our concern and the hope of our Savior. We must show the world that though Jesus sits in the throne room of Heaven reigning as King of kings He's still in the helping and healing business.

VII. Seventh, lets notice that as we look, we see that our King cares to enlist and encourage young people. (vs. 14-17).

These verses give us a rare view in the Bible, of the worship activity of children and young people. These verses tell us that as Jesus performed these mighty miracles in the temple area that the children and young people that were there at the time began to shout out "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Their voices were so loud that it spread throughout the temple area and got the attention of the religious leader who became angry and indignant at the activity of these young people. They demanded that Jesus

shut these children and young people up.

However not only did Jesus not heed their demand to shut up the children, but He rather showed them that according to the Word of God that these children and young people were doing what God had ordained and enlisted them to do. "Yes", replied Jesus "have you never read, 'from the lips of children and infants your Lord have called forth your praise". (vs. 16)

Therefore we as Gods people need to do all that we can to devote ourselves to enlisting and encouraging our young people to live for Jesus, to praise Jesus, to devote themselves to a very open, bold and loud commitment to our Lord, Master, Savior and King.

And with our church we are so blessed to have our own Christian school as well as our Swamp Kids program and our youth program. So let us not hinder the worship of our young people but rather let us see that its God ordained that we support them.

Conclusion: So let me conclude by saying that Jesus revealed Himself as King for the purpose of reminding us of our responsibility to recognize and submit to His regal authority. Now let us ask ourselves are we living lives that show that our devotion is to one King and one King alone, Jesus Christ our Lord?

Jesus Loves you!

Ralph Lee

SHHHHH! It's a SURPRISE!

**Please join us for a celebration honoring
Rose Boyles's 100th birthday.
Saturday, April 26th at Great Swamp Baptist Church, from 2:00 to 4:00.
Please RSVP to Amanda at (843) 726-1573
by April 15th.**



Surprise Party



Monday, April 7th- If you treat yourself to a fabulous coffee or other treat at PJ's - 8026 East Main St. in Ridgeland - and let them know you love Step of Faith Academy, they will make a donation to our school!!



Showing: TBD
Sunday, April 20th
Concessions at 6:00 p.m.
Movie starts at 6:45 p.m.

Please bring finger foods for your family as well as to share with everyone else!
Tea and popcorn will be provided by the church.

SENIOR CELEBRATORS GROUP

30th Anniversary Celebrators Conference
October 13-16 in Pigeon Forge, TN
Please sign up on the back wall if interested in attending
and, if you have questions, please see Timmy Sauls.



David Jeremiah



Jonnie W.



Karen Peck and
New River



Charles
Billingsley



Mark Lowry



Phil
Waldrep

Ignite

2025

TWO NIGHTS. ONE MISSION. ONE KINGDOM.



Jeremy Camp



SAVANNAH CONVENTION CENTER
SAVANNAH, GA
MARCH 28 & 29, 2025

Hosted by Everyday Mission Trip

MEGA REVIVAL EVENT



GREG LAURIE

10,000 PEOPLE EACH NIGHT



EVENT PROGRAM

MEGA MINISTRY EXPOSITION
4:00PM – 6:00PM

JEREMY CAMP WORSHIP
6:00PM – 7:00PM

GREG LAURIE MESSAGE & INVITATION
7:00PM – 8:00PM

JEREMY CAMP WORSHIP CONCLUSION
8:00PM – 8:30PM



IGNITE 2025 Website



Greg Laurie Podcast

HOOPIN' FOR HOMIE

TO BENEFIT COACH PAUL HOLMES IN HIS FIGHT WITH CANCER

MARCH 29, 2025

12:00 ALUMNI GAME AT SFCA GYM \$10/\$5

\$20.00 DINNER & LIVE MUSIC 3-6 PM

Dinner, Bake Sale, Live Auction, and Live Music to be held at The Oaks--893 Grays Hwy

\$20.00 Dinner includes Pulled pork or chicken leg quarter, green beans, slaw, roll, tea, water

BAKE SALE

LIVE AUCTION 3:30

Tickets are available at Step of Faith, Eats and Sweets, and The Outpost

QUESTIONS 843-726-6100

Venmo @Stepoffaith-ChristianAcademy-1

PRESALE T-SHIRTS \$30.00

LAST DAY TO PURCHASE SHIRTS & DINNER TICKETS MARCH 21

Ask and Believe~James 1:6

Even though the last day to purchase tickets has passed - there will be shirts and dinners available to purchase on the day of the event.



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Wayne Cooler</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Sam Mock</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Judy Smith</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Myra Malphrus</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Judy Roberts</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Barbara Miolls</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Darlene Bollack</i>

***Please return the
baby bottles ASAP
so they can be
delivered to the
Radiance
Women's Center!!***





2025 CHARGER BOYS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday	3/4/25	HOME	vs.	Coastal	5pm
Friday	3/7/25	HOME	vs.	Orangeburg	5pm
Tuesday	3/ 31 ²⁸ /25	HOME	vs.	Northside	5pm
Friday	3/14/25	AWAY	vs.	Legacy	5pm
Tuesday	3/18/25	AWAY	vs.	Coastal	6pm
Friday	3/21/25	AWAY	vs.	Orangeburg	5pm
Monday	3/31/25	HOME	vs.	N. Walterboro	5pm
Friday	4/4/25	HOME	vs.	Legacy	5pm
Tuesday	4/8/25	AWAY	vs.	N. Walterboro	5pm
Tuesday	4/15/25	AWAY	vs.	Northside	5pm
Mon/Tue	4/21-22	PLAYOFF			
Thur/Fri	4/24-25	QUARTER FINAL			
Fri/Sat	5/2-3	STATE TOURNAMENT			

** See reverse for travel addresses **

Ball Field Address: 1448 Grays Highway, Ridgeland SC
(Ridgeland Baptist Church)

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



(formerly Grandmothers Group)

The next meeting will be held Monday, April 7th at
11:30 a.m. in the MPB.

Shellem Cline Concert

Sunday, April 6th

A love offering will be taken up at
the end of the concert.



**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Items for March are listed below. You
can also give a monetary donation if you
can't or don't want to shop. We have
750 boxes to fill. Thank you!

-Hats

-Gloves

-Matchbox Cars

-Tennis Balls

-Toothbrushes



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.

GSBC Prayer Page

Church Leadership

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

Leadership

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

Bereavement

Unspoken

Hospitals

Michelle Ashley- Trident

Other Health Needs

*Ralph Lee
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Arthur Pearson
Earl Dean Pope
Rachel Mixon
Maria Coles' Brother*

Cancer/Treatments

*Revel Crosby - 4 years old
(Leukemia)
Ken Lawler
Rachel Vaughn
Ella Gourlay - 10 years old
(Leukemia)
Paul Holmes - stage 4 prostate*

Surgery/Recovery

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*

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*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

<i>Rose Boyles</i>	<i>Tom Hinely</i>
<i>Judy Smith</i>	<i>Ann Blocker</i>
<i>Barbara Mills</i>	<i>Red & Helen Malphrus</i>
<i>Kenny Smith</i>	<i>Diane Hannah</i>
<i>Shirley Malphrus</i>	<i>Ann Long</i>
	<i>Donald Malphrus</i>

Deacon
Meeting

**Monday, April 5th at
6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 7th at
7:00 p.m.**

**Church
BUSINESS
Meeting**



**Pray for the
North American
Missions
and the Annie
Armstrong
Easter Offering**

Stewardship

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
	\$2,465.00	\$5,172.63	\$-2,707.63
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances
Annie Armstrong	\$115.00		\$189.00



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

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