

Journeying Toward the Resurrection Matthew 27:32-54



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
April 13, 2025*



Great Swamp Baptist Church
9009 Tarboro Rd.
PO Box 446
Ridgeland, SC 29936

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

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Church Office: (843) 726-3631

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

Church Staff

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

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School Administrator: Donna Carter.....dcarter@sfcaweb.org



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

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
	\$3093.00	\$5,172.63	\$-2079.63
Online Offerings	\$50.00		
Designated Funds	\$1333.00		Acct. Balances
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	200.00		\$835.00

GSBC Prayer Page

You also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thinks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.

2Corinthians 1:11 (NASB)

Church Leadership

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

Leadership

President / Vice President of
the United States of America

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, USMC- Okinawa, Japan
Jericho Malphrus, Sp. Agent/USAF -
Pinehurst, NC.
Andrea C. Daring - Charleston, SC
Schuyler Johnson - USMC Basic Training

Health Needs

Ralph Lee
Julia Rushing
Pinky Rushing
Amy Hannah
Arthur Pearson
Earl Dean Pope
Rachel Mixon
Maria Coles' Brother
Sydney Bess
Phoebe Ferguson
Drew Jeffries

Cancer

Revel Crosby - 4 yrs old
Ken Lawler
Rachel Vaughn
Ella Gourlay - 10 yrs old
David Boyles
Paul Holmes
Randy Floyd

In Hospital

Michelle Ashley- Trident
Earl Pope Sr.
Holly Malphrus
Sadie O'Connor

Bereavement

Family of Peggy Fludd

Unspoken

Pray for the wild fires affecting
North and South Carolina.

Rhonda Stones

SFCA kids have end of school
year testing this week.

Homebound

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

Sunday Mornings Following The Song Service:

Nursery Workers

For Today:

Chyleen & Tammy L.

Next Sunday 04/13

Sophia & Pat



In the school
office building

Teacher:

Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:

Courtney & Betty

Next Sunday 04/13

Kim & Richard

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Mack Pope



Phone: (843) 540-6636

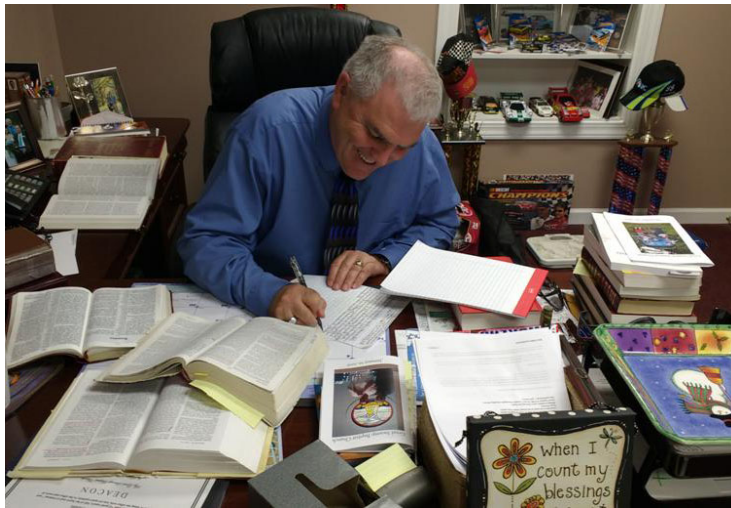
NEXT WEEK'S

DEACON:

Keith Gamo



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



It Must Happen This Way
Matthew 26:47-57

Introduction: As Jesus journeyed toward the cross and the resurrection, at one point He stopped in the midst of an olive garden called Gethsemane to spend some time in prayer where He poured His heart out to His Father in Heaven, yielding Himself to His Father's will and purpose for His life.

However, once Jesus yields to His Father's will for His life, and stops His praying, things begin to happen that, from the disciples' point of view, were completely outside of everything they had envisioned would happen to Jesus. They had watched as Jesus performed the most incredible miracles that anyone had ever seen, since the beginning of humanity. Especially was the case in their recent observation of Jesus resurrecting Lazarus from the dead after having been in the tomb for four days.

Also it was unbelievable to them that the chain of events they saw beginning to take place, once He stops

Six things Christ's Model Teaches us to Ask of God When We Pray

1. That His name be honored.
2. That He brings His Kingdom to earth.
3. That He does His will.
4. That He provides our daily needs.
5. That He pardons our sins.
6. That He protects us from temptation

John MacArthur teaches "each one contributes to the ultimate goal of all prayer, which is to bring glory to God."

Taken from; John MacArthur, Daily Devotional, March 12, 2025

Prayer
*A man stands tallest
when he's on his knees*





"This, then, is how you should pray:

""Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our

debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the

evil one."

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen"

Matthew 6 :9-14

praying, was happening. Not only because of the miracles that they had seen Him perform, but also because of the theology that they believed. That theology was the belief that the Messiah would come to earth to set the nation of Israel free from the Roman empire and establish them as the ruling nation of the world. And what they saw taking place by no means gave any indication that their particular theology was taking place. Actually their theology concerning the Messiah will happen at the Messiah's return, not His first coming.

Now Jesus further throws the disciples into total and complete confusion and chaos when He assures the disciples that what is taking place had to take place in order for God's will to be fulfilled in His life and for the prophecies of scripture to be fulfilled. Thus Jesus said to His disciples that according to scriptures, what they see taking place, which is the arresting of Jesus, that "it must happen in this way" (verse 54).

There are at least six things that happen on this occasion that, as Jesus said, had to happen in this way. Not the way the disciples thought, but the way the scriptures prophesied and the Father purposed.

I First It must happen this way so the crowd would be led His way (verse 47).

The crowd is referring to the people that the religious leaders managed to plot against Jesus, to go and arrest Him. It's hard for the disciples to imagine that after all the good things Jesus had done for the people of Israel that they would come out in such a force, with so many weapons to arrest such a compassionate, caring, and gentle person. But it was meant to be.

II. Second, It must happen this way so that Judas would betray. (Verses 48-50).

Jesus had already informed His disciples earlier in the evening when He celebrated His last supper with them, that one of them would betray Him. Once again I don't believe that the disciples had actually comprehended that one of them would really betray Jesus. Yet in their very presence, Judas arrives with the crowd, actually leading the way. Once arriving, he most boldly approaches Jesus with a betrayal greeting kiss.

Jesus response to Judas' betrayal was, "do what you came for", and then called him "friend", though what he did was not the actions of a friend. But what happened was meant to happen this way.

III Third, it must happen this way so that the sword would be put away. (Verses 51-52).

As we see the crowd approaching and Judas betraying with a kiss, as a signal to the arresting officers, one of the disciples, John tells us that it was Peter, drew out his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off one of his ears.

Immediately Jesus rebuked Peter for this action, and in a spirit of kindness and grace, He miraculously put the man's ear back on. He then proceeded to enlighten His disciples on the fact that our battles here as believers are not won with the weapons of this world and that violence will only lead to being prosecuted for taking the life of others. Again, this is the way it was supposed to happen.

Sunday School Classes

Starting at 9:15 am

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

GLEANERS CLASS: Room 411 -- *Leader: Darlene Bollack*

VISIONARIES CLASS: Room 413 - *Leader: Greg Mariocourt*

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

YOUTH: *Youth Annex*

BLUE ANGELS - 1ST & 2ND GRADES:
Room 412 -- Leader: Nicole Mauriocourt

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

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Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting

Breakfast begins at 9:00 am

Followed by the Prayer Meeting

Located in the Multi-Purpose Building

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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



<i>Monday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Trudi Vaigneur</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Mike Davis</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Erma Cooler</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>19th</i>	<i>Lisa Cartin Chandler</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Rose Boyles</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Sybil Reynolds</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Nicole Mauricourt</i>



April Anniversaries:

2nd *Mike and Wanda Davis*
 6th *Charles and Bernice Malphrus*
 18th *Mike and Melina Ingram*
 19th *Keith and Joyce Gamo*

IV. Fourth, it must happen this way so that the legions of angels would be kept at bay. (Verses 52-53).

Jesus informs His disciples that He could call down twelve legions of angels or more, if He so desired. He's letting Peter know that he doesn't need the weapons of the world to do His fighting for Him because He has the forces of Heaven He could call on.

So how large of a force is Jesus referring to? Well a Roman legion consisted of six thousand men. So if that's the measurement Jesus is referring to then He's referring to at least 72,000 soldiers.

However, Jesus refused to call down the forces of Heaven to rescue Himself because that would not allow Him to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies, and to accomplish His Father's will for His life. Again, That's the way it's supposed to happen.

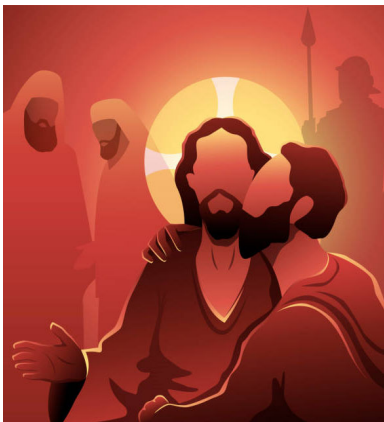
V. Fifth, it must happen this way so that the disciples would run away. (Verse 56). So since Jesus bade the disciples to put away their sword, and also since Jesus refused to physically fight them, in their mind their only personal hope was to run away and hide. Again, this had to happen this way because Jesus had already warned the disciples that they would become fearful and would run and hide for fear of their lives. Again this is how it was supposed to be for Jesus had to face Calvary all alone on our behalf.

VI. Sixth, it must happen this way so that Jesus could be led away. (Verse 57).

Calvary was Jesus' destination, a destination that He had to face alone, therefore it was Absolutely necessary that He be led away to face a mockery trial that would ultimately lead Him to Calvary and this is the way it must happen.

Conclusion: Blessed be the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who understood the prophecies, and therefore understood what the Father's will was for His destiny. And therefore was deterred by nothing for accomplishing His God given purpose. That destiny was and is our deliverance. That purpose was and is our promotion; His way has become our only way. Thank you Jesus for doing it your way!

Jesus Loves You!
Pastor 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.**

*In lieu of gifts, please make a donation to the
American Heart Association or any cancer re-
search in honor of Rose.*



Showing: TBD
Sunday, April 27th
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.
Come watch an amazing movie!

Sunday
Morning
Breakfast



Breakfast will be
served 8:30-9AM

\$5.00 per person or \$15 for family

Wednesday
Night
Supper

Meals served from
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUN-UP SERVICE

APRIL 20TH
8:00 A. M.

**MEET IN THE
CEMETERY**

BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW





Monday, May 5th at 11:30 a.m.
Celebrating Mother's Day
Please bring dishes, desserts.
Further details coming soon.



Traveling out of town for the week-end? Don't miss a minute of Sunday morning at Great Swamp Baptist Church - Join us by LIVESTREAM on our YouTube channel. You can even watch services from Sundays past!

[@greatswampbaptistchurch8998](#)

Or on FaceBook at [Great-Swamp Baptist Church](#)

BUT ... It would be best of all to see you here!



Step of Faith Christian Academy
is accepting applications
for a teacher for the 2025-
2026 School year. Please see
Mrs. Donna Carter for more
information.
(843) 726-6100



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 * Socks * Gloves * Yo-yos
Barbies * Matchbox Cars
Tennis Balls * baby dolls