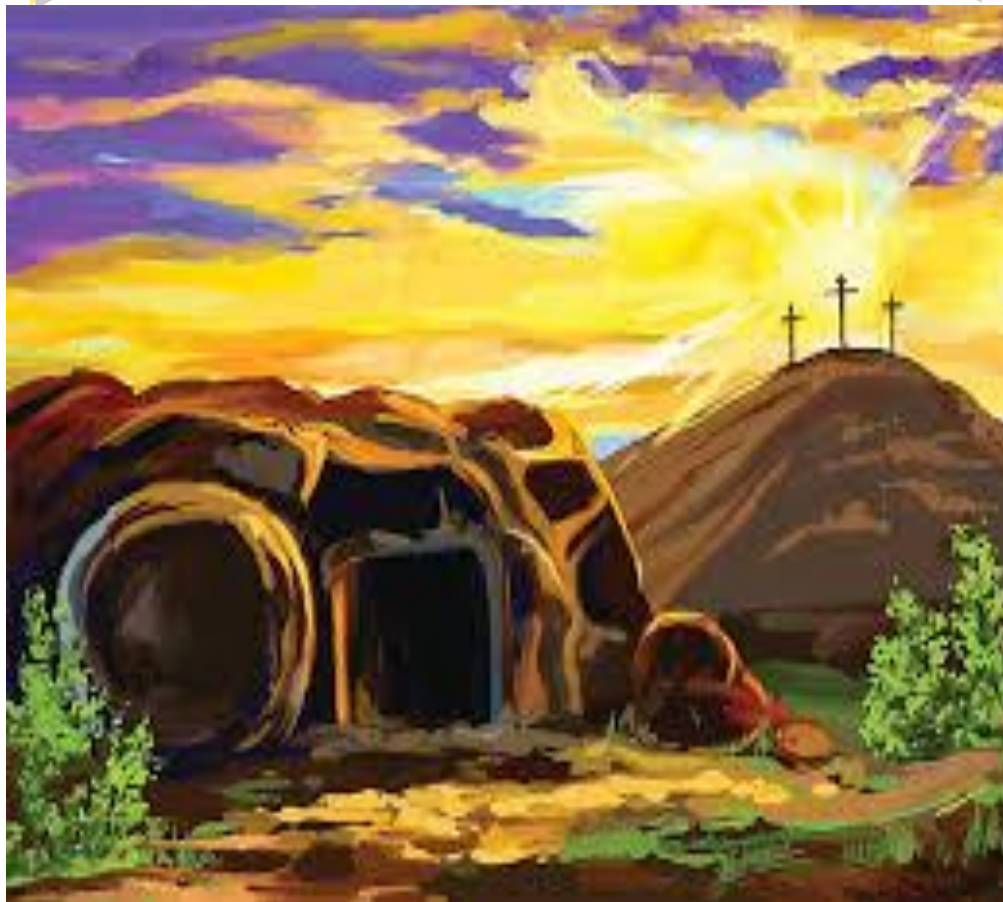


He Is Risen



Great Swamp Baptist Church
April 20, 2025

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Because He Lives

Invocation

Keith Gamo

Praise and Worship

Easter Intro

video

Happy Day

Saylor

Offertory Special

Who You Say I Am

Ayden

The Cross

Olivia

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee

Interpretive Dance

Arise My Love

Courtney and Zoey

Special Music

King of Kings

Jacob

TBA

Saylor

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Terra

Thank You Jesus for the Blood

Courtney

Victory in Jesus

All sing

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

Jesus Paid it All

All sing

Benediction Prayer



Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Sophia & Pat

Next Sunday 04/27
Melissa & Kim



In the school
office building

Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Kim & Richard

Next Sunday 04/27
Juliette & Mike W.

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Keith Gamo



Phone: (843)812-8244

**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:**
Lloyd Freeman



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



Evidence that got it wrong

John 19:16-37

Introduction: How was the crucifixion of Jesus Christ our Lord ever possible? For in many ways all of the evidences seem to conclude that it would be impossible for humanity to crucify the holy Son of God, and yet it happened. So in this message I want us to focus on this evidence that seems to conclude that Jesus Christ should have never been arrested tried, and crucified. It's the evidence that got it wrong,

I. The first evidence that says He shouldn't have been crucified was based upon who He was and in vs 19-22, and John 1:1, 14. Pilate, the Roman governor in Jerusalem, who eventually sentenced Jesus to be crucified, had a notice declaring Jesus to be the "King of the Jews" prepared and nailed to the cross Jesus was crucified on. This enraged the religious authorities who had pushed for Jesus' crucifixion. Because this, to the Jews was a statement that referred to Jesus to be their Messiah. For the King of the Jews had, by this time become a messianic phrase. So how in the world

However, John begins his gospel with a powerful declaration about who Jesus, the King of the Jews really is. In his very first verse he declares that, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was God in the beginning” (John 1:1-2).

Then in the same chapter John tells us what the Word did. “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” (John 1:14).

We know that John is using the expression “the Word” as a reference to Jesus Christ our Lord. Thus Jesus has always been God, and He chose to step into the world of humanity by taking upon Himself flesh, becoming one of us and yet remain God as well.

All of the Gospels as well as all of the other New Testament authors are in agreement that Jesus was God in the flesh. So with this clear, factual evidence, how in the world could it be possible that Jesus could be crucified, and yet He was.

II. The second evidence that says He shouldn't have been crucified was based upon what He had done. John 20:30,31; 21:25. According to these verses we discover that Jesus had performed more miracles, signs and wonders than could be counted. As a matter of fact the miracles, signs and wonders which are being referred to in these particular verses, are ones that Jesus did that weren't recorded. John says that all of the unrecorded ones alone would require a library far larger than our world to contain the stories of those miracles, signs and wonders.

However the miracles, signs and wonders that Jesus did that are recorded, those alone would be enough to

that anyone who can heal the sick, give sight to a blind man, hearing to a deaf mute, walk on water, calm the storms, feed the masses with a few loaves of bread and fishes, cast out demons, and raise the dead, that no way could mankind put Jesus on the cross, yet they did.

As a matter of fact the disciples had just a few days before, witnessed Jesus resurrect Lazarus from the dead after he had lain in the grave for four days! Within the last 24 hours they watched Him attach an ear back upon the servant of the high priest which Peter had cut off with a sword. How is it possible that one who could perform so many powerful miracles be led to a cross and nailed to it?

III. The third evidence that says He shouldn't have been crucified is based upon what He had available to Him. Matthew (26:50-54). As Jesus was about to be led away by a cohort of soldiers, which usually consisted of 600 soldiers, plus all the rest of the crowd that came with them, the apostle Peter took out his sword and cut off one ear of the High Priests servant.

Now possibly Peter was thinking that once he drew out his sword and began swinging that Jesus would then join in and actually take over and finish off these soldiers and the crowd that came with them.

Instead however, Jesus did just the opposite. Instead of fighting, Jesus instructed Peter to put the sword away. He then compassionately and graciously put the ear back on the mans head. By doing this Jesus was letting the disciples know that He didn't need His disciples or their weapons to defend Him. For He had twelve legions of angels that He could have called upon His Father to release to His defense if He only asked. That equated to at least 72,000 angels

standing by and ready to come at His beckoning. In the Old Testament, one angel alone took out 185,000 Assyrian soldiers. So just imagine what 72,000 could do.

Yet though the angelic soldiers were primed and ready, Jesus refused to call for their assistance. Instead He prayed to His Father in Heaven that His Fathers will be done not His own be done. (Matthew 26:39-42).

IV. The fourth evidence that says He shouldn't have been crucified was based on who was attempting to side with Him. (Luke 23:13-16) What we discover in this set of verses is that the political leaders that the Jews took Jesus to so they could condemn Jesus to be crucified were; Pilate, who was governor in Jerusalem, and Herod who was in charge of the Galilean section of Israel.

However, both of these political leaders seemingly did their best to convince the Jewish people to release Jesus and not crucify Him. Especially Pilate, who did so much within his ability, over and over, in attempt to let Jesus go.

Sadly, however the religious leaders, as well as the crowd refused to back down until they weakened the resolve of Pilate and got what they wanted which was to have Jesus crucified. So not even the actual wishes of the political leader could deter Calvary.

Conclusion: So in conclusion the question is, then why did not all of this above evidence mentioned prevent the crucifixion from taking place? Well Jesus answered that question this way; When He told His disciples that He could, if He so desired, call down the twelve legions of angels. "But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?" (Matthew 26:54) In other words it had to happen the way it did because that's the way the

Scriptures in the Old Testament said it would happen, And that's exactly the way His Heavenly Father planned for it to happen.

So how did the Scripture prophecy that Jesus would accomplish the Fathers' will and bring about our redemption? Well we will read one chapter in the Old Testament to answer that question; Isaiah, chapter 53.

*Who has believed our message and to whom has the
arm of the Lord been revealed?*

*He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a
root out of dry ground.*

*He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.*

*He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.*

*Like one from whom people hide their faces,
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

*Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,*

*yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.*

*But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;*

*The punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.*

*We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

*He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
He was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
For the transgression of my people he was punished.
He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
Though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to
suffer,
and thought the Lord makes his life an offering for
sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.
after he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
By his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made the intercession for the transgressors.*

The song called, “ *He could have made 10,000 angels* ”, says it so clearly:

*”They bound the hands of Jesus in the garden where He
prayed.*

*They led Him through the streets in shame. They spat
upon the Savior so pure and free from sin.*

They said ‘crucify Him, He’s to blame!’

Chorus:

*He could have called 10,000angels to destroy the world
and set Him free,*

*He could have called 10,000 angels, but He died alone
for you and me.”*

Upon His precious head they placed a crown of thorns.

They laughed and said, "Behold the King “.

*They struck Him and they cursed Him and mocked His
holy name.*

And all alone He suffered everything.

Chorus:

*He could have called 10,000angels to destroy the world
and set Him free,*

*He could have called 10,000 angels, but He died alone
for you and me.”*

There are more lines to the song but these give the picture of what my conclusion is about. Instead of using what was available to Him to destroy the world and set Him free, He used His power and authority to go to the cross to

die for us all. It was the only way that He could save us.
Praise be to our Blessed Lord that He did God 's way to
provide for us, the way.

Jesus Loves You!

Pastor Ralph Lee

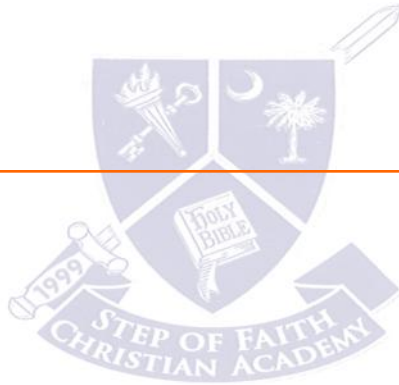
ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor Search Committee

Our bylaws require that we select a Pastor search committee soon after the pastor resigns or retires. This committee will consist of five persons whose names are presented to the church by the nominating committee for the church to vote on.

So just as soon as the nominating committee comes up with those names we will present them to the church to give their consent.

Please be in prayer for this matter; the selection of the committee, and then their search for THE pastor the Lord has for our church.



Baccalaureate

Wednesday, May 14th
At 7:00 p.m. in Old
Sanctuary

Sports Banquet

Thursday, May 15th
At 6:00 p.m. in MPB

**Kindergarten (K5)
Graduation**

Friday, May 16th
At 7:00 p.m. in Gym

**SFCA High School
Graduation**

Monday, May 12th
At 4:00 p.m. in Gym

**Sixth Grade “Moving
Up”**

May 22nd
At 8:30 a.m. in MPB

SFCA Awards Day

Friday, May 23th at 8:15

Honor Society Induction

Thursday, April 24th
In the MPB

**Honor Society Inductees &
Members**

12th Grade

John Gunner Anderson

Makenzie Josephine Simmons

Lily Louise Smith

11th Grade

Hamilton Lane Mason

Abigail Mackenzie Rowell

New Inductees

Keefe David Blatchley, Jr.

Nicholas Grey Cramer

Carlos Abraham Orozco

Evan Foreman Smith

Landon Robert Taylor

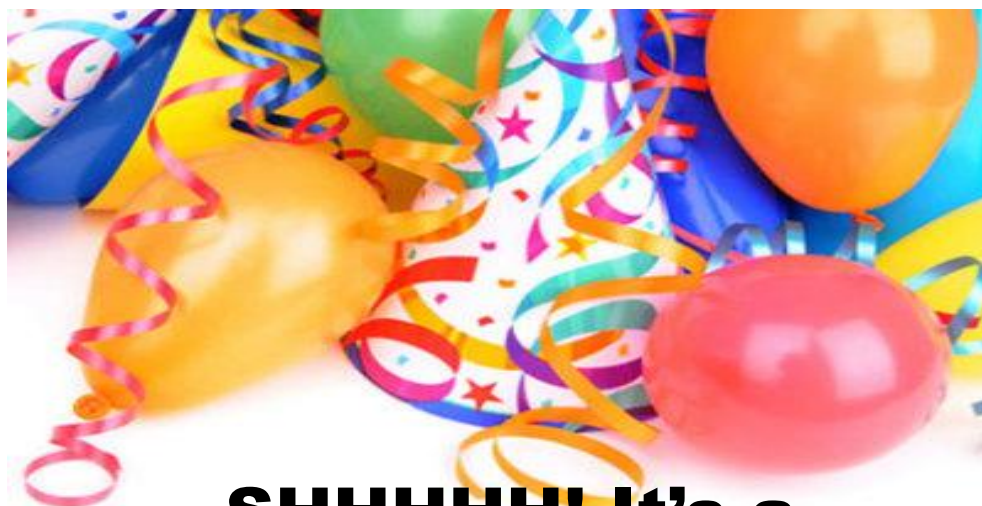
Jonah Evan Vaigneur

Candidates

Sawyer Benjamin Ehlers

Charles Blake Smith, Jr.

Olivia May Woods



SHHHHH! It's a **Surprise Party**

**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.*



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

Sunday
Morning
Breakfast



Breakfast will be
served 8:30-9AM

Wednesday
Night
Supper

Served from
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

\$5.00 per person or \$15 for family



**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



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 with
friends and family!**



The Deacons have made the selection for the
next Church year. Thank you:

**MIKE DAVIS,
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

for continuing to serve our classes!



wednesday	23rd	Rose Boyles
wednesday	23rd	Sybil Reynolds
saturday	26th	Nicole Mauriocourt



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



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!

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

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

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
Marie Cole's Brother
Phoebe Ferguson
Drew Jeffries
Donnie Smith
Holly Malphrus
Sadie O'Connor
Earl Pope Sr.*

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

Bereavement

Unspoken

Rhonda Stones

Homebound

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



Church Staff

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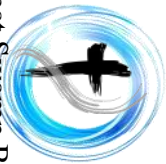
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Administrative Assistant: June Bess.....greatswampbc@gmail.com

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

Church office(843) 726-3631

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
	<i>\$8090.00</i>	<i>\$5,172.63</i>	<i>\$2917.37</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>		
Designated Funds	\$2284.00		Acct. Balances
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	\$45.00		\$880.00



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Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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