

*Sing to Him,
Sing Praises to Him,
Speak of all His wonders.*

1 Chronicles 16:9



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
April 6, 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

Email: greatswampbc@gmail.com
Website: greatswampbaptistchurch.com
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

****Special Concert**

*Shellem Cline***

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Church Staff

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

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843-726-3631*

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



**Monday, April 14th at
6:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 9th at
7:00 p.m.**

**Church
BUSINESS
Meeting**



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

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
	\$3930.00	\$5,172.63	\$-1242.63
Online Offerings	\$146.80		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances

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

In Hospital

Michelle Ashley- Trident
Donnie Smith
Randy Floyd

Bereavement

Unspoken

Pray for the wild fires affecting
North and South Carolina.

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

Sunday Mornings Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:

Kim M. & Nicole M.

Next Sunday 04/13

Chyleen & Tammy L.

In the school
office building

Teacher:

Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:

Mike D.

Next Sunday 04/13

Courtney & Betty

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Calvin Bryan



Phone: (843) 226-0238

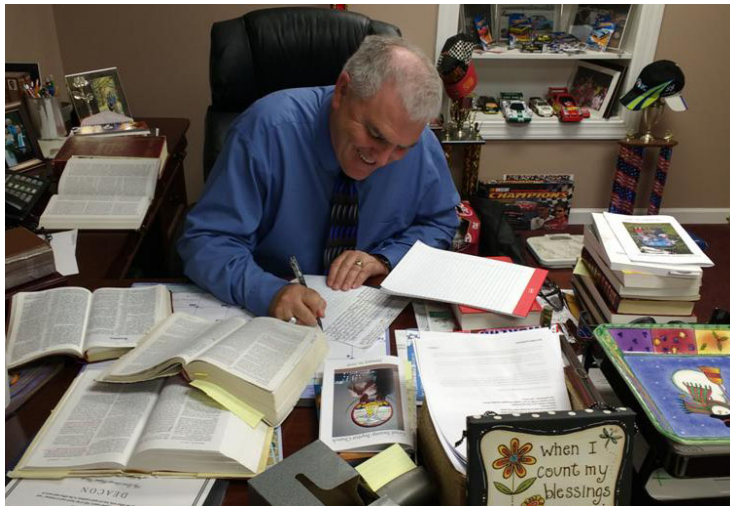
NEXT WEEK'S

DEACON:

Mack Pope



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



A Meal to Remember
Mark 14 : 12-26

Introduction: As we journey toward the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord we have so far examined the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in which He was revealing His Kingship. Then we examined a meal that was given exclusively in His honor where Mary anointed His head and His feet with expensive perfume and oil to prepare Him for His upcoming burial.

Now in this message we are going to examine what we call the last supper. We call it the last supper because it was Jesus last meal that He had with His disciples before His crucifixion and resurrection. And it was here that this last supper became the Lord Supper. Therefore it was a meal to remember.

We are going to examine in this last supper, that Jesus had with His disciples, why it was a meal to remember. Everyone of us can recall a meal that we've been too that was one for the memory books. Maybe it was because of the amazing food that was served; Or maybe it was because of the wonderful company that you shared the meal with; Or maybe it was because of what the meal represented. But whatever it was, it was a meal to remember, and that's exactly the case with the last supper



<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Rylee Holmes</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Chad Duncan</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Nancy Rivera</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Scott Boyles</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Jerry Smoak</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Trudi Vaigneur</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>14th</i>	<i>Mike Davis</i>



April Anniverseries:

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





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 * jump ropes * small puzzles

**Sunday
Morning
Breakfast**

Breakfast will be served 8:30-9AM



**Wednesday
Night
Supper**

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

\$5.00 per person or \$15 for family

I. First, lets notice that the last supper was a meal to remember because of the place where it happened.

Verses 12-16

The meal took place because it was time to celebrate the Passover, and therefore Jesus, longing to celebrate this meal with His disciples needed a place to celebrate it with them. So the disciples asked Him where the meal would take place?

To answer the disciples question as to where they would celebrate the Passover meal together, Jesus sent two of them on a mission that would ultimately lead them to the specific place. They would meet a man carrying a jar of water. That man was to lead them to a particular house where the owner of the house would take them to a large upper room where they could prepare and celebrate the meal together.

Now this particular place was a meal to remember because this meal took place in a location that held many memories for them for the rest of their lives, to be able to share with their children, grandchildren and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

For in this place their many memories began with this last meal with Jesus before His crucifixion, but also their privilege of being in on the very first celebration of the institution of the Lord's Supper.

However there memories didn't end with that last meal, and the Lord's Supper. For it was also in this same place, this large upper room where the disciples hid for fear of the religious leaders who crucified Jesus. It also was the same place where they received the good news that Jesus had arisen from the grave. Also it is the place the resurrected Lord Jesus appeared to them, and called on Thomas to place his hands in His wounds, and finally it was the place where the Holy Spirit of God, on the day of Pentecost, came down and entered into the lives of the believers baptizing them together as the Body of Christ, His blessed Church.

Thus, as we see this place was a Jesus filled memory place. A place where they could remember seeing Jesus on His way to the cross. A place where they could remember dwelling on the fact that Jesus was in the grave and what did that mean for that small group of believers. A place where they could remember hearing the news of His resurrection and actually seeing Him with their own eyes. And finally it was a place that they could remember being indwelt by the Spirit of God so they could go out and preach Jesus. Oh what a Jesus filled memory place.

So it is with our lives that we need to create places that are Jesus filled memory places. We need to decide that every place we go, for that when we leave from there we will be able to recall experiences of our Lord in those places.

II. Second, lets notice that the last supper was a meal to remember because of the problem that had arisen there.
Verses 17-21

Now of course its obvious what the problem was. For Jesus had spoken up during the meal to reveal that one of the disciples was about to betray Him. That disciple as we know, was Judas. But it was a surprise to all of the disciples that anyone of them could betray Jesus. For they had walked with Jesus for three years now, observing all of the amazing miracles that Jesus had performed, and powerful messages He preached to the throngs of people.

However, because Judas controlled the money bag for the disciples he became enthralled with the cash that they were receiving, and thus allowed it to become his master and lord. And since Jesus was not concerned with trying to increase their purse, Judas felt like his time was running out to make money off of Jesus. Thus he was willing to sell Jesus out to His enemies so that he could get more money. Satan saw this as his opportunity to get at Jesus, to get rid of Him so he fully indwelt Judas to carry out this unholy betrayal of the Son of God.

It's important to realize that it wasn't God's desire for Judas to do this awful and unholy event. However God did choose to use the choice of Judas to accomplish the holy purpose of our eternal redemption.

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.

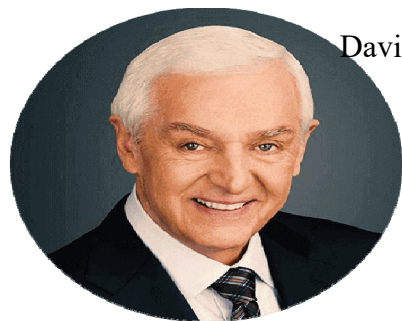
YOUTH GROUP *Youth Annex*

SWAMP KIDS *Nursery Hall*
Leader – Kim Malphrus

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



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!

Dr. John MacArthur said, *"Judas malicious decision to reject and betray Jesus was used by God in fulfilling Christ's gracious mission of redemption. An unholy man in the hands of a holy God was used to accomplish a holy purpose."*

Contrary to the perverted reasoning of some interpreters, the fact that this sinful act was used by God to provide salvation from sin did not justify Judas by making evil good. God's sovereignty turning evil to His own righteous purpose does not make sin any less sinful or the sinner any less guilty. God turned Judas' betrayal to His own divine purposes, but He did not thereby transform the son of perdition (John 17:12) into a son of righteousness. Judas was not an unwitting saint but a willing devil (John 6:70)."

Of course Jesus revealed that because of Judas unholy action he will forever be condemned. For it would have been better if he had never even been born.

So from this meal the disciples learned and remembered that God will use whatever He needs to use to fulfill His purposes, even if it means to turn the evil direction of someone into a way of accomplishing His will without condoning the evil done. God will never condone evil or the person doing it. Only by the redemptive work of Christ will anyone avoid Hell and spend eternity in Heaven. Are you fully trusting in Jesus alone?

III. Third, lets notice that the last supper was a meal to remember because of the new pact that was instituted. Verses 22-26.

The whole purpose for this particular meal was to celebrate the Passover. The Passover was a meal celebrated ever since Israel was freed from Egyptian bondage by the power and authority of Almighty God. And Jesus desired to celebrate it with His disciples for the last time before His crucifixion and resurrection because He desired to introduce to them a new celebration that would take the place of the Passover celebration.

So what was the new celebration that Jesus introduced to His disciples, as well as to His church for the ages to come? Well of course it's what we call the Lords Supper. But before we look at the Lords Supper lets understand the main aspect of the Passover meal,

which was the sacrificing of a lamb whose blood at the very first Passover was literally painted on the side of every Jewish homes' door and above each door. The purpose was so that the death angel who was passing through Egypt that night to destroy every first born son of every Egyptian home would know which houses to passover when he saw the blood, thus sparing the lives of the Jewish families' first born sons. So by the blood of the sacrificial lamb were the Jewish sons saved.

Now, however, at this time, when Jesus was walking on the earth, the passover lamb would be taken to a priest at the temple where he would sacrifice the lamb and then sprinkle some of its blood against the alter on which the lamb was sacrificed. Then the lamb would be taken by the family back home to be cooked and eaten by the family. And as the meal was eaten the family would be reminded that by the shed blood of the lamb the nation had been saved and set free.

Jesus used the setting and symbolism of the Passover meal to introduce the Lords Supper. Using two of the items served at the Passover meal, the bread and the juice, Jesus revealed to His disciples that He Himself had become for them the permanent Passover Lamb. For He was about to give His body, represented by the bread, and pour out His blood which the juice symbolized. They would never need to sacrifice another Passover lamb again because Jesus is our final and only sacrificial lamb that actually can forgive our sins and reconcile us to God.

On this particular Passover celebration around 250,000 lambs were sacrificed in Jerusalem. However all the sacrificial lambs and any other kind of sacrificial animal that was sacrificed since the beginning of the nation of Israel was never truly sufficient enough to actually save, redeem, forgive and give reconciliation to the nation and it's people. They did serve a purpose however and God had instructed the nation to offer sacrifices as a symbol of the ultimate sacrifice that really would bring eternal redemption to the people, the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

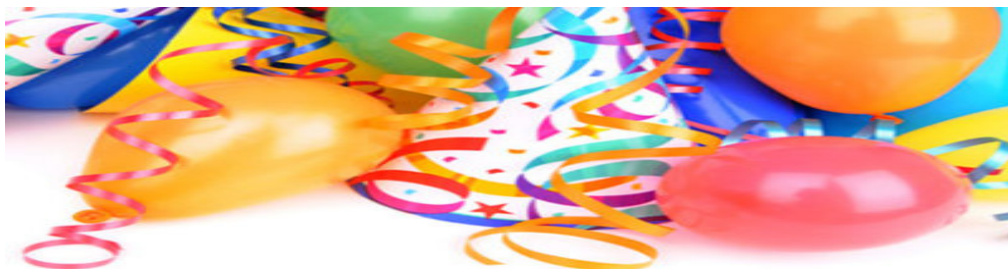
The book of Hebrews makes all of this clear. It tells us that; "...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22) Then Hebrews 10 tells us, in verse four however, "It's



**Easter meeting Monday, April 7th at
11:30 a.m. in the Youth house.
Please bring Easter dishes,
desserts, etc.
Meat and Drinks will be provided**

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

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



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

Impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins." So if the shedding of blood is required for forgiveness but the blood of animals is not sufficient enough to do so, then what is? Well the answer is not what but who?

Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.'"^[a]

First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Hebrews 10:5-10, 14)

Another way in which Jesus clearly revealed that He's the final and sufficient Passover Lamb for us was by both eating the Passover meal with His disciples at the time of the Passover, but also dying and shedding His blood at the time of the Passover meal. Dr John MacArthur explains how this happened: *"On that basis the seeming contradictions in the gospel accounts are easily explained. Being Galilean, Jesus and His disciples considered Passover day to have started at sunrise on Thursday and to end at Sunrise on Friday. The Jewish leaders who arrested and tried Jesus, being mostly priests and Sadducees, considered Passover day to begin at sunset on Thursday and end at sunset on Friday. By that variation, predetermined by Gods sovereign provision, Jesus could thereby legitimately celebrate the last Passover meal with His disciples and yet still be sacrificed on Passover day."* Thus leaving fully no doubt that Jesus is forever our Passover lamb who by His shed blood has cleansed us of our sins and reconciled us to God. So we celebrate the Passover now with the

Lords Supper to declare that Jesus gave His body and shed His blood to redeem us.

Conclusion: Wow! No wonder this was a meal to remember. For this meal took place in a location that created many Jesus filled memories. It also was a place where a very unholy problem was used to produce a holy outcome and, finally where a new meal, the Lords Supper was introduced as on ongoing celebration to remember that Jesus is the true, eternal and final Passover Lamb whose sacrifice was totally and completely sufficient enough to save whoever would believe. Have you believed?

Jesus loves you!

Pastor Ralph Lee



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!

