

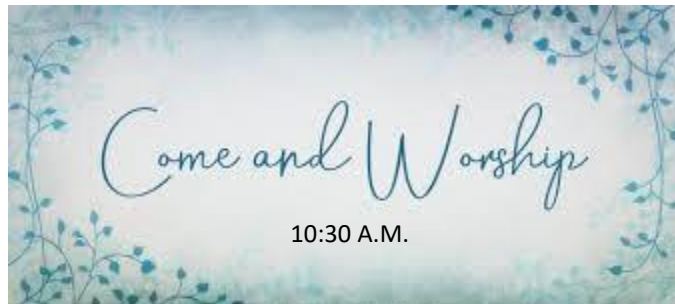
*But for you who fear My name, the sun of  
righteousness will rise with healing in its wings;  
and you will go forth and frolic like calves from  
the stall.*

*Malachi 4:2*



*Great Swamp Baptist Church  
June 1, 2025*

**Great  
Swamp  
Baptist  
Church**



**Announcements**

*Mack Pope*

**Call to Worship**

**Invocation**

**Pastoral and Offertory Prayer**

*Mack Pope*

**Worship by Giving**

**Offertory Special**

**Message**

*Pastor Eddie Malphrus*

**Invitation**

**Benediction Prayer**

**Church Staff**

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

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

*Sunday Mornings*  
*Following The Song Service:*



**Nursery Workers**

**For Today:**  
Sophia & Pat

**Next Sunday 06/08**  
Melissa & Kim



In the school  
office building

**Teacher:**  
Olivia Stanley



**Greeters for Today:**  
Mike D.

**Next Sunday 06/08:**  
Courtney & Betty

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:**

*Lloyd Freeman*



*Phone: (843) 812-8244*

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



*From  
the  
Pastor's  
desk:*



## **Gods Demonstration of Love is the Greatest Demonstration of Love. Romans 5: 5-11**

**Introduction:** Since the birth of our nation nearly 1.2 million military personnel have laid down their lives in conflicts around the globe defending the freedom we all hold dear. So on this memorial day weekend we honor the men and women who have made this ultimate sacrifice so that we can freely gather together in worship of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The sacrifice of these men and women reminds of the one sacrifice that was made by our Savior Jesus Christ who willingly laid down His life in order to give us eternal freedom. This demonstration of our Savior was beyond all doubt the greatest demonstration of love for all time. Thus I'm calling my message Gods demonstration of love is the greatest demonstration of love.

**I. First, Gods demonstration of love is the greatest demonstration of love because of whom God sent to carry out His love. (vs 6-8).** When our nation fights to defend our freedom it calls upon the young men and women of our country to step up and make the necessary sacrifice to keep our country free even to the point of sacrificing their very own lives.

When it came time for our God to fight for our freedom He called up His one and only Son to come down into our midst to fight alone, against the most serious enemies of all time. Our men and women in our military services go into battle with the support of its fellow men and women who stand together against a common enemy. Jesus however fought our battle for eternal freedom all alone.

Jesus Christ the holy Son of God totally free of sin, wrong doing, evil, and the list goes on, who has existed for all of eternity, stepped down out of the glory of Heaven as well from all of the purgatories that were His because He was and is the Son of God. Instead He willingly stepped down from all of that to come into our world by taking upon Himself human flesh, and the lowest form of a human; that of a servant. He then went to Calvary cross to fight a battle that was and will ever remain the most gruesome battle of all time. For there the Holy Son of God willingly took on the forces of sin, Satan, death and judgement all on our behalf. He took our eternity of hell for us on the cross so that we wouldn't have to. Never has any greater demonstration of love ever been shown, to God be the glory AMEN!

**II. Second Gods demonstration of love is the greatest demonstration of love because of whom God demonstrated His love for. (vs 6-10 ).** There are two pronouns used to tell us just whom it is that God demonstrated His love to by sacrificing His Son on their behalf. Those two pronouns are “ We and Us ”. So the question we need to ask is just exactly who are the “ we and us ”?

Well the verses themselves most clearly answer the question as to who the “ we ” and “ us ” are. They are referred to as the “ powerless ” the “ ungodly”, the “ sinner” and the “ enemies ” of God. Now that's not a

very pretty picture of the “we and us” . As a matter of fact it ’ s an ugly, shameful, but accurate picture of us all. For as we all know that in this same book of the Bible the Apostle Paul tells us “ *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*” (Rom 3:23).

So the “we and us” are all of humanity as we stand in the presence of God we all fall short, very short. For we are all powerless, ungodly, sinners and yes even enemies of God. And what do we usually do to our enemies? We usually fight them with the hopes of destroying them.

However praise be to our God that what He chose to do was just the opposite of what we typically would do by fighting for us, on our behalf, instead of against us, which is what we deserved. As a matter of fact, Paul points out how rarely will anyone die for either a righteous or good person. Yet for us, who are neither righteous or good, the Holy Son of God gave His life on our behalf, by fighting the enemies of our lives for us, Amen!

“ *Oh how He loves you and me; Oh how He loves you and me; He gave His life what more could He do?*”

Pastor John MacArthur said,

“even while they are still hopelessly enmeshed in their sin. Even when men openly hate God and do not have the least desire to give up their sin, they are still the object of Gods redeeming love as long as they live. Only at death does an unbeliever cease to be loved by God. After that, he is eternally beyond the pale of God ’ s love and is destined irrevocably for His wrath. In Christ we are forever linked to God by His love, demonstrated in blessing and mercy. ”

So let us not run from so great a love as the love of God, but rather let us run directly toward it.

**III. Third Gods demonstration of love is the greatest demonstration of love because of what His demonstration of love has done for us, (vs5-11 ).** There are a number of things that His demonstration of love has done for us found in these verses. Now this list is not the final list of things that His demonstration of love has done for us. For it would take more paper than has ever been made to lay it all out. However this list is an amazing list.

First, by dying on our behalf the Lord Jesus Christ has made us just in the sight of God. Meaning that in Christ Jesus our Lord we stand in the Holy presence of our God just as though we never sinned.

Second, these verses tell us that by His demonstration of love on the cross we have been reconciled to our holy God from whom our sins had separated us.

Third, these verses tell us that by His sacrificial love we have been given peace with God, no longer His enemies.

Fourth these verses tell us that we have received hope, eternal hope, a hope that is steadfast and sure because “ *Gods love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us* ” (vs 5 ).

**Conclusion:** Let me simply conclude by quoting the most famous and well known verse in the Bible. “ *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life* ” ( John 3:16 ).

The enemies of our soul, no matter how much they try to convince us, don't love us. Sin, pride, pleasure, Satan, flesh and soon only lead to condemnation. But God,



His sacrificial love for us, alone, offers us both abundant and eternal life. So flee to the love of God by fleeing to His holy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Jesus Love You!

Ralph Lee

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### ----->>>>> Eternal Vision

This multi-award winning group has been featured on The Grand Ole Opry Stage, and has had a #1 song. All members of this talented group profess Christ and have a passion to share the gospel through song, testimony and God's Holy Word.



Sunday, June 29th at 6:00 P.M.

You won't want to miss this! <<<<<-----





... Holding firmly the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict it.



**There will not be a meeting in June.**

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**Swamp Kids**  
**Moving-up ceremony**

**Will be held June 18th**



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***Coming soon!***  
***Sunday, June 22nd***  
***Thru***  
***Wednesday, June 25th***

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**You could make a difference for eternity!**

*\*Did you know that 77% of Christians made that decision  
before they were 18 years old? (Barna Research)*

*Go on a mission trip and still sleep in your own bed every  
night!*

***It's fun and rewarding!*** Please write your name  
on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the back, OR  
talk to Nicole Mauriocourt at 843-726-2211.



# Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

## ***May items needed:***

- \*Ziploc bags in quart and gallon size\****
- \*Socks, socks, socks and more socks for all age groups.***
- \*Small dolls, plastic animal sets, games, puzzles, hair bows....***

***For any questions ask Dorthie***

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## **Graduate Recognition Service**

***Sunday, June 22nd***

***Great Swamp Baptist Church would like to recognize all of our graduates on that Sunday. Please fill out a form in the lobby, for any family members who are graduating any field of study this year, and leave it in the church office.***



<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Johnathan Malphrus</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Patricia Malphrus</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Margie Malphrus</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>19th</i>	<i>Gerald Boyles</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Betty Robertson</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Angel Cole</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>22nd</i>	<i>Amanda Hodges</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Dennis Holland</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Natalie Amason</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>27th</i>	<i>Olivia Stanley</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>28th</i>	<i>Mack Pope</i>

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Family Movie Night Sunday,  
June date to be announced  
Bring your favorite snacks and friends  
Tea and popcorn will be provided.

*Movie selection will be announced soon!*

## **Sunday School Classes**

*Starting at 9:15 am*

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

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

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

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

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**YOUTH:** *Youth Annex*

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

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**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.*

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**YOUTH GROUP** *Youth Annex*

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**SWAMP KIDS** *Nursery Hall*  
*Leader – Kim Malphrus*

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## GSBC Prayer Page

***FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED  
IN MY NAME, I AM THERE IN THEIR MIDST.***

MATTHEW 18:20 (NASB)

### **Church Leadership**

*Sunday School  
SFCA-Donna Carter  
Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor  
Deacons  
Pastor Search Team  
Youth Program  
Worship team  
VBS Leaders and Teachers*

### **Leadership**

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

### **Bereavement**

*Family of Erma Cooler  
  
Family of David Daring*

### **Other needs**

*Vacation Bible School will be  
flooded with new children.*

*Pastor Search Committee*

### **Nursing Centers**

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

### **Homebound**

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

### **Health Needs**

*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.  
Vera Miles  
Ann Blocker  
Beth Owens  
Debbie Hale*

### **Cancer**

*Ralph Lee  
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*

### **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*

**Wednesday June  
11th, at 7:00 p.m.**



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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**



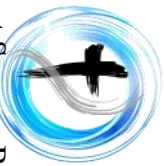
**BUT ...** It would be best of all to see you here!

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## Stewardship

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
	\$3667.00	\$5,172.63	\$1505.63
Online Offerings	\$50.00		
Designated Funds			Acct. Balances





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

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