



This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests we have asked from Him.

1 John 5:14-15



*Great Swamp Baptist Church
May 4, 2025*

Great Swamp Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Chuck Scoggins

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

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

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Audrey & Nicole

Next Sunday 05/11
Teresa & Myra



In the school
office building

Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Mike D.

Next Sunday 05/11:
Courtney & Betty

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Chuck Scoggins



Phone: (843) 816-0483

**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:**
Calvin Bryan



ENGAGE IN TELLING

THE SPIRITUAL
DISCIPLINE OF EVANGELISM



The word *discipline* either garners a good feeling in you or a feeling of dread depending on your experience with the word. Scripture talks about the importance of spiritual disciplines in the life of a Christian because they promote growth and conformity to the image of Christ.

While discipline of any kind requires work, for some, the spiritual disciplines of Bible reading, prayer, and worship, for example, seem attainable and enjoyable. Other disciplines, like evangelism, may seem overwhelming, anxiety inducing, or meant for someone else—someone more suited. But all spiritual disciplines are for our good. They all help us live lives of faithfulness as we conform to the image of Christ. Sometimes we can all use a reminder of why evangelism is important, why we do what we do.

When Christ left the earth to go to His Father, He charged believers with this mandate: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19). Believers

don't accidentally share the gospel with people. We must intentionally share it. If this thought causes angst in your heart because you don't feel prepared or equipped to share, here are some things to consider:

1. Evangelism is a call from Christ we are to obey (Matt. 28:18-20).
2. Evangelism is a discipline that must be practiced (1 Peter 3:15).
3. Evangelism is a charge to pray for the lost (Matt. 9:37-38).

Here are some practical ways to use the discipline of evangelism in your daily life:

1. Pray specifically that God would open doors for you to share Christ with others.
2. Practice sharing your personal faith story with family and friends, especially if nerves or fear is an issue. Writing out your story will be helpful.
3. Plan a time to share your faith story with neighbors or people in your community who are nonbelievers. Make a list of names of unsaved people you know. Look for gospel opportunities to invite them into your home for a meal and a time to get to know one another. These times should be both planned and spontaneous.

Make the discipline of evangelism a part of your life. Remember, God has called each one of us to share His message of love and forgiveness of sins to everyone who doesn't know Him. How did you come to know Christ as your Savior? Was it because someone took the time to share the gospel with you? Go and do likewise.



Pastor Search Committee

The nominating committee has presented the following names for the Pastor Search Committee. The congregation will have the opportunity to vote for confirmation of those nominated at a time to be announced soon. Please keep this matter in prayer.

Mack Pope Chuck Scoggins Pat Mason
Kim Malphrus Connie Benton

Alternates:

Keith Gambo Michelle Waitt

*... 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.*

Titus 1:9



LAST SUPPER! **This week, May 7th**, will be our last Wednesday Night Supper for the Summer.

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Sunday, May 18th will be our last Sunday Morning Breakfast for the summer.

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Celebrators Conference

The deposit of \$25.00 for the October trip is due now.

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Singing at the **Ridgeland Nursing Center**
1516 Grays Hwy
Tuesday May 13. Meet there at 6pm.
And every second Tuesday of the month.

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You've Reached RETIREMENT!

BUT IS IT EVER TIME TO RETIRE FROM SERVING THE LORD?

Do you know anyone serving God at age 120? Neither do I. How about 100? Maybe. Moses began serving God late in life, and the Lord said, "Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face" (Deut. 34:10).

Anna, who was very old and had been a widow for many decades, daily worshipped God in the Temple, and the Lord blessed her with seeing the Christ child (Luke 2:36–38).

We're never too late, or too old, to serve Christ. However, it looks different as we age.

TIME

In our retirement years, we can now fill our days with grandchildren, home and garden projects, travel, and dining out. A 90-year-old church member registered children for Vacation Bible School. Her beautiful face was the first one they saw when entering my church. Look for ways to give your time to Christ.

LIMITATIONS

Aging brings wisdom and experience, but our minds and bodies may not work as well. Do you love children but aren't able to get up and down easily? Teach the Bible story or help them memorize Bible verses. Join the choir or serve on a committee.

MENTOR

Pray for someone who needs to begin, or grow, their faith journey. Invite them for coffee. Listen to their story and share yours. Follow up with weekly meetings or phone calls. Ask for prayer requests and commit to pray.

WITNESS

Hand a gospel tract to your grocery store cashier, hairdresser, or anywhere you frequent. Invite them to church. Send notes of encouragement and prayer to a local educator, first responder, or government official. Visit a lonely neighbor. Share what God is doing in your life with someone. Ask a server, "We're Christians, and we're going to pray for our meal. What can we pray for you?" You'd be surprised how many people long to know someone cares!

PRAY

My 100-year-old dad's eyes are dimming, and his hearing is weakening, but he can still pray. He's a mighty prayer warrior and an encouragement to many! He is the type of person the psalmist spoke of: "The righteous will flourish like a palm tree. . . . They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green" (Psalm 92:12–14).

Use whatever God has given you. Every believer of every age can reflect what Scripture says in Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Show His love. Bring Jesus into conversations. Offer your gifts, talents, and experiences at church and in the community. Joyfully serve wherever God leads. You just might show what a senior adult can do, paving the way for others!

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GAIL VEALE serves the Lord differently in her senior adult years.



**Senior Graduation date
corrected*

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**

Saturday, May 17th
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



**Tuesday,
May 13th**

**Singing at the Ridgeland
Nursing Center**

1516 Grays Hwy

Meet there at 6pm to sing,
pray and hear the Word with
the residents each 2nd
Tuesday of the month.
(this is a correction from last
weeks bulletin)



*..and may the Lord cause you
to increase and overflow in
love for one another, and for
all people, just as we also do
for you.*

(I Thessalonians 4:9, NASB)



Wednesday, May 7th
at 7:00 p.m.

Church
BUSINESS
Meeting





Monday, May
12th at 6pm



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*

Sunday
Morning
Breakfast



Wednesday
Night
Supper

Breakfast will be served 8:30-9AM

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

\$5.00 per person or \$15 for family



WOMEN ON A MISSION OUTREACH

**Monday, May 5th at 11:30 a.m. Celebrating
* Mother's Day! Please bring pictures of your
mom! (and side-dishes, desserts.)**

We will meet in the Multi-purpose building.



Bake Sale!

Sunday, May 11th - Mother's Day!!

Fundraiser for Girls in Action camp
If you can bake yummy things we would so appreciate your donation of baked goodies to sell.- Please sign up on the sheet posted on the back wall.

Questions? Contact Kim Malphrus (843)



Thursday	1st	Connie Benton
Sunday	4th	Dorthie Armstrong
Tuesday	6th	Josh Ford
Thursday	8th	June Bess
Saturday	10th	Amy O'Connor



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

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

***AND WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME, THIS I
WILL DO, SO THAT THE FATHER MAY BE
GLORIFIED IN THE SON.***

JOHN 14:13 (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*

Bereavement

Unspoken

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.
Vera Miles
Ann Blocker*

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

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*

Homebound

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

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*

Jesus Loves You!

Stewardship

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
	<i>\$4719.00</i>	<i>\$5,172.63</i>	<i>\$-453.63</i>
<i>Online Offerings</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>		
Designated Funds	\$628.00		Acct. Balances
Annie Armstrong			



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

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