

*I will extol the Lord at all times; His Praise
will always be on my lips.*

*I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear
and rejoice.*

*Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His
name together.*

Psalm 34:1-3

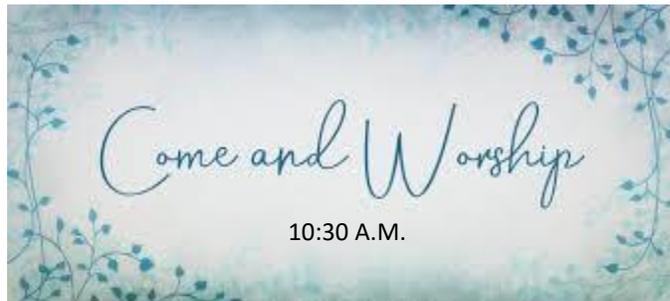


June 22nd thru 25th

Great Swamp Baptist Church

June 22, 2025

**Great
Swamp
Baptist
Church**



Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Mack Pope

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Church Staff

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Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Teresa & Myra

Next Sunday 06/29
Barbara & Chyleen



In the school
office building

Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Juliette & Mike

Next Sunday 06/29:
Mike D.



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Mack Pope

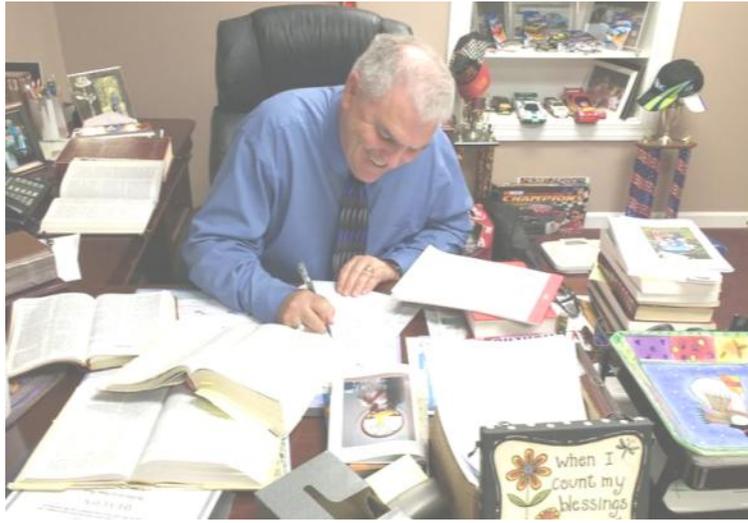


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**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:
Keith Gamo**



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



Abraham Demonstrates Fatherhood

Introduction: God called Abraham to become the father of a great nation. A family that would be as large as the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. As the song we learned as children in Sunday school and VBS said. *“Father Abraham had many sons, and many sons had father Abraham, you are one of them and so am I, so let’s just praise the Lord!”*

However, to be the father of a great nation, Abraham had to first be the father of his son Isaac. Isaac was Abraham’s son that God chose to carry on the promise of the great nation. Thus it was of utmost importance that Abraham pass on to his son Isaac the faith that God had instilled in him, thus making him a Godly father. And in this most unusual set of circumstances, Abraham demonstrates to his son and to us a great example of Godly fatherhood.

I First Abraham demonstrates Godly fatherhood by his love for his son. Vs 1 and 2.

Now the fact that Abraham loved his son in these verses is not verified by Sarah, Abrahams wife. Nor is it verified by any other family member or close friends or neighbor. Rather its God Himself that declares that

Abraham loved his son.

Now, God doesn't state in these verses how we can know that Abraham truly loved his son, but you can bank on it, that if God said it then it's so. However we can easily look at the life of these two together to see that Abraham spends time with his son. He also amply provided for his needs, and instilled in him the truth about our eternal God.

I just wonder if God were speaking to us the way He spoke to Abraham on this occasion, would He say to us dads today that you love your children? Would He say this because, like Abraham, we invest in the lives of our children?

II. Second, Abraham demonstrates Godly fatherhood by listening to God. Vs 1-5.

Abraham had a very personal relationship with God. We discover in the chapters covering Abraham's life that God often spoke to Abraham. And on those occasions whatever God told Abraham to do, in obedient faith, Abraham would respond no matter how difficult the task may seem, and obviously this particular task was going to be the most difficult of all.

Thus Abraham was instilling in his son that serving God is not always easy tasks but that it's worth it because you're obeying Him and in the end you know that God works all things out. So dads are we demonstrating to our children that we are listening to God in obedient faith?

III. Third, Abraham demonstrates Godly fatherhood by leaning on God. Hebrews 11:17-19.

According to these verses even though God has asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, Abraham also is fully aware that God has promised to fulfill His promise to Abraham through his son Isaac. Therefore as hard as this task is that God has put before him, he's still absolutely sure that God will keep His promise to him. This is why he can carry on with sacrificing his son because he know someday or another

God would still use his son Isaac to keep the family going even if it means resurrecting his son back from the dead.

Dads, if we want to create a home and a place where our children feel stable and secure in a broken world then we need to teach them all about God's amazing promises and show them that we ourselves are trusting and relying on them.

I'm so grateful for a dad and a mom who always instilled in me God's gracious promises. It's helped me today to be the man that I am; fully confident of a better day coming.

IV. Fourth, Abraham demonstrates Godly fatherhood by looking to God . Vs 6-14.

Unbeknownst to Isaac that he's to be the sacrifice, he asks his father, Abraham, where was the sacrifice that they were to offer. For they had the wood and the fire for the sacrifice but they had no animal to use as the sacrifice.

Now Abraham's answer was that God would provide the sacrifice. His answer was both an answer of hope and faith. For he certainly was hoping that God would provide a different sacrifice and at the same time believing in faith that God would turn his hope into reality, and God certainly, as we find out, did just that.

As dads we need to assure our children that our God provides the only true sacrifice that can cleanse us and wash away our sins. That sacrifice not someone else's child that He lifted up on the cross to save us, but rather His very own child, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Are you, dads, instilling that we can trust our God to provide?

V. Fifth, Abraham demonstrates Godly fatherhood by loving God. Vs 4, 12-18. If there is one thing beyond any doubt that Isaac learned about his father that day, above anything; that he loved God more than anyone or anything. To begin with, to Isaac the journey began as a

worship experience that he and his father would do together. And it obviously must have been a strong sense in Isaac's mind that this was going to be a special worship experience because they had traveled for three days to get to the place where the worship service would take place. So the journey alone let Isaac know that indeed his father loved God.

Now to many of us the action of Abraham that day in tying his son up, placing him upon the altar and then raising the knife, would have done anything other than convincing Isaac that his father loved him. But the truth is that on that day Isaac discovered that above all others his dad loved and feared God the most. And this truth was ultimately, I believe, the truth that convinced Isaac that he was truly loved by his dad because his dad loved God and loving God makes you a better person, a better father.

So dads do you love God? Do your children know that you worship Him, love Him and fear Him? Loving God makes us better fathers and better human beings, better husbands and servants of Jesus Christ. Children want to be loved and God wants us to love them, therefore let us love God.

Conclusion: Let us pray men, that we can follow the example of Abraham, the father of Isaac.

Jesus Love You!

Pastor Ralph Lee

To All Great Swamp Graduates

We are so proud and grateful to God for each of the students who put in the hard work and commitment, and have completed their fields of study. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight.”*

Proverbs 3:5-6

Great Swamp Graduates



Lilly Louise Smith, daughter of Timmy and April Smith, graduated from Step of Faith Christian Academy on May 17, 2025. She will attend Penn Foster College in the fall.

Caroline Henley, daughter of Jacob and Amanda Henley, grand-daughter of Ralph and Tammy Lee, graduated from the South Carolina Governors School of the Arts. Caroline will attend Bennigton College in the fall.



John Gunner Anderson, son of Bobby and Jerri Anderson, graduated from Step of Faith Christian Academy, Valedictorian, on May 17, 2025. He will attend Technical College of the Low Country this fall.

Evelyn Bradley, daughter of David and Cassandra Bradley, Graduated from Anderson University in May, with a degree in Human Development and Family Services. She has been accepted to the PACE program and will be a Special Education Teacher.





**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

**Low Country Area Team Invites you to a
“Beyond the Box” Event**

Come join us to hear first hand stories of how God is working through OCC in proclaiming the gospel to children worldwide!

Monday, June 30th, 6:30 PM
Here at Great Swamp, in MPB

----->>>>> **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. (A love offering will be collected.)



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

You won’t want to
miss this!



****Radiance Pregnancy Center****

Is looking for a Part-time bookkeeper.
Details are posted on the bulletin board.
Resume can be sent to rwc21marsh@gmail.com



Vacation Bible School
starts TODAY!

It's Sunday through
Wednesday, 5:30 to 8 pm.
(Supper: 5:30 to 6pm)

**Wednesday July
9th, at 7:00 PM**

**Church
BUSINESS
Meeting**

Deacon
Meeting

**Monday, July 14th
At 6:00 PM**

**CORN MAZE
AT MAXWELL FARMS**

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AND MORE!

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26-27**

**OCT.
3-4**

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<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>

In May we received a letter from Radiance Pregnancy Care Center to express gratitude to our congregation for partnering with them to raise support for the services they offer. They provide free support to women and girls who are facing an unplanned pregnancy, as well as post-abortion counseling. Our church collected \$1,270.83 in the baby bottles. Thank you Great Swamp for your commitment to the precious gift of life!



Sunday School Classes

Starting at 9:15 am

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

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

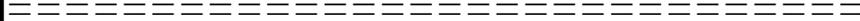
VISIONARIES CLASS: *Room 413 - Leader: Greg Mariocourt*

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

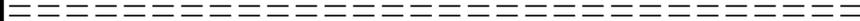


Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting

Breakfast begins at 9:00 am

Followed by the Prayer Meeting

Located in the Multi-Purpose Building



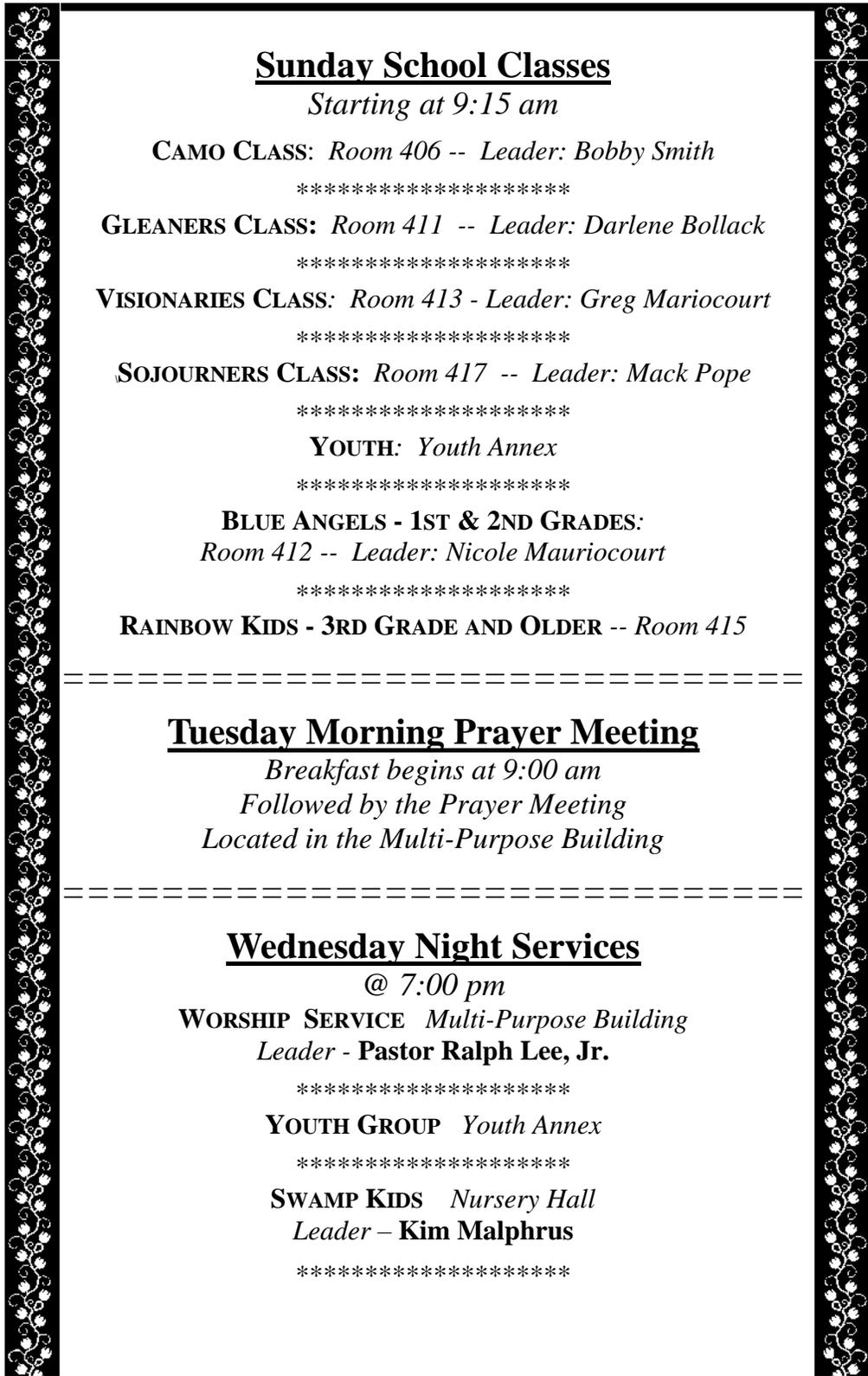
Wednesday Night Services

@ 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

PRAISE AND GRATITUDE TO OUR GOD FOR THE ANSWERS TO PRAYER WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED, AND THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE WILL RECEIVE HIS GRACE AND MERCY!

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

The family of Ann Blocker
The family of David Boyles

Other needs

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

Interim Pastor
New permanent Pastor

Israel

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
Beth Owens
Darlene Bollack
Bill Carter

Cancer

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

In Hospital

Pray For Our Military

All Leaders of each Branch of 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

LOOK DOWN FROM HEAVEN , YOUR HOLY DWELLING PLACE, AND BLESS YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL AND THE LAND YOU HAVE GIVEN US AS YOU PROMISED ON OATH TO OUR ANCESTORS, A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY.

DEUTERONOMY 26:15

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!

Stewardship

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
	\$4050.00	\$5,172.63	\$1122.63
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		
Designated Funds	\$203.00		Acct. Balances



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

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