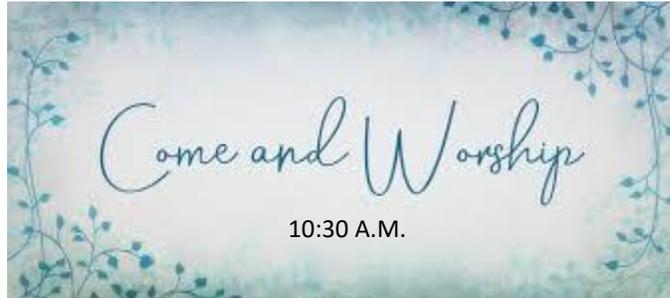


VBS 2025



Great Swamp Baptist Church
June 29, 2025

**Great
Swamp
Baptist
Church**



Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee

Call to Worship

Invocation

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Keith Gamo

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

*** **A BIG, BIG THANK YOU** to ***
everyone who helped in anyway with our
VBS this week, as we **MAGNIFIED GOD**
with the children and each other!



Church Staff

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Sunday School Director: Mike Davis.....greatswampbc@gmail.com

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

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

Sunday Mornings
Following The Song Service:



Nursery Workers

For Today:
Barbara & Chyleen

Next Sunday 07/06
Tammy & Juliette



In the school
office building

Teacher:
Olivia Stanley



Greeters for Today:
Mike D.

Next Sunday 07/06
Courtney & Betty



DEACON OF THE WEEK:

Keith Gamo

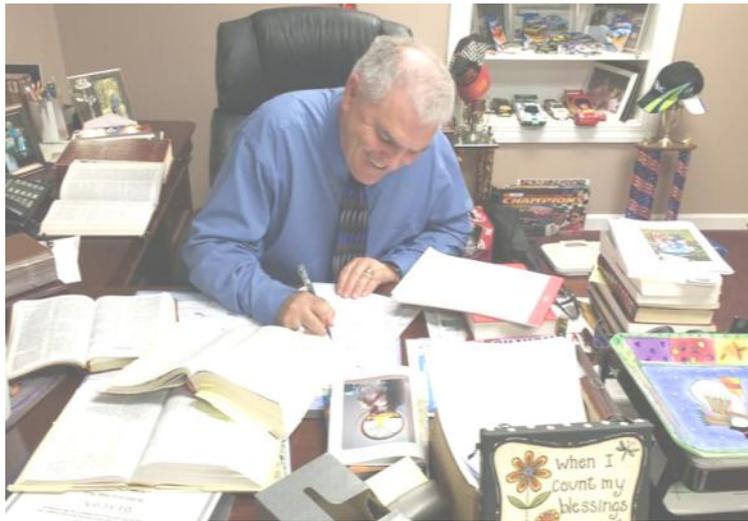


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**NEXT WEEK'S
DEACON:
Lloyd Freeman**



*From
the
Pastor's
desk:*



An Invitation to Magnify the Lord

Introduction: This past weekend, in a 48 hour span, Tammy and I either saw or heard or both, two very contrasting scenes. These contrasting scenes came about by a trip that we took up to Montreat, North Carolina Conference Center to watch a closing worship service of a week long music camp that my oldest daughter, Amanda's family participates in every year, with their church.

However, before I describe that worship service let me share with you what we witnessed the next day as we drove back home. We decided that we would drive through Lake Lure and the small town of Chimney Rock to observe the damage from hurricane Helene. What we saw, particularly in the little town of Chimney Rock, just shocked us. We are basically nine months removed from the time of the hurricane and yet at Chimney Rock township, if you didn't know better you would think that it just happened in the last day or two. There was indeed so much damage and destruction.

Then the other news that we heard about and saw on TV, that was devastating and destructive, but necessary was the destructive power of our Bunker Buster bombs

dropped on Iran's nuclear sights. Of course to keep Iran from having nuclear weapons, these bombings were necessary. But it's sad that such destruction had to take place.

Now on the other hand there were two opposing scenes that Tammy and I saw in those 48 hours, that were uplifting and encouraging to our spirits. The first of those scenes that lifted our spirits was the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains that were covered with blooming Rhododendron. It was an "ooh and awe" moment everywhere you turned. God's creative handiwork is always a soothing and uplifting experience to our souls.

But the most moving experience of those 48 hours was the worship service at the music camp. It was the culminating service of the weeks training and preparation for this particular service. Our daughter's entire family played in the advanced hand bell choir, and then at the end of the service several combined choirs, praise teams, and individuals from many different churches lifted up their voices' songs that magnified our blessed Lord. It was indeed a powerful moving and ulifting service that truly made all the bad scenes we had seen to be less worrisome because we were reminded of how awesome and big that our God is.

The theme of our Vacation Bible School was magnify. It called our children to magnify our Lord. To see Him as a big, big God, and because He is a big God then all that He does to us and for us is done in a big way. The text that was the theme of Vacation Bible School is Psalm 34, where King David invited us all to come together with him to magnify the Lord and the result will be that all of our fears will come crashing down. So let's look at King David's invitation to magnify the Lord.

I. First, His invitation to magnify the Lord begins with a call to magnify the Lord. Vs 1-3. This call to magnify the Lord came from King David at a time before he actually

had ascended to the throne. He actually was on the run from King Saul who was seeking to kill him. Therefore, to get away from King Saul, David attempts to hide out in the city of Gath, which is a Philistine stronghold.

In Gath David knows that if they find out that he's in their midst then he won't have to worry about King Saul, because the Philistines will kill him, for he's the one who killed their champion Goliath, as well as other Philistines. Well sure enough he was identified and brought before the King of the Philistines, where most likely he's going to be killed.

However, David came up with a plan and that plan was to act insane, and act insane he did! But you can count on it that under all that acting, he was praying sanely, to our Lord to deliver him. Our God did just that, He moved the Philistine King to let the madman go. Once David was released he immediately went to the cave of Adullam to hide out for a while. Once he got there and caught his breath he began to magnify and exalt our glorious Lord for delivering him from both King Saul and King Achish, the King of the Philistines. His magnifying the Lord while in that cave turned into this beautiful Psalm that we are presently examining.

In these first few verses his call to worship and magnify the Lord calls for us to first magnify the Lord personally. David begins with "I" will exalt the Lord." (vs 1) David is saying, from my own personal experience with the Lord drives me to personally magnify His holy name. Each believer should exalt the Lord from their personal experience with Him.

Second, David said that the call to magnify the Lord should be plentiful. He said that he will extol the Lord at all time and that praise was always on his lips. David praised, and worshiped the Lord on the mountain tops and in the valleys. He magnified the Lord on the good days as well as the bad ones. He magnified the Lord when he

finally ascended to the throne, but also in this cave he praised and exalted the Lord as well.

Third, he called us to magnify the Lord publically. He called upon the believers to join in with him in magnifying the Lord. “Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together!”(vs 3). Personal and private worship is important for each believer to do. But at the same time we are called to come together and together lay aside everything else other than exalting and magnifying the Lord.

Why did you come to worship today? Did you come to be seen? Did you come to be entertained? Did you come because you just do? Did you come to gossip and complain? Or did you genuinely come to magnify the Lord? That’s our real, main purpose for coming, is to magnify our Blessed Lord. We are to focus on the fact that our God is a big Big God, and that He alone is worthy of our praise.

II. Second, this invitation to magnify the Lord gives us a cause to magnify the Lord (vs 3,4,6,7)

David stated plainly what was the cause or reason why he magnified the Lord. It was because he prayed to the Lord for help and God answered his prayer with deliverance. “...The Lord heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles.”(vs6).

So what was the real cause for his magnifying the Lord? Was it because God delivered him, or was it because God was and is big enough to deliver him out of his troubles? Well of course the answer is both. But the main focus of our worship and praise must be the fact that our God is so awesome, mighty, powerful and gracious that He must be magnified for who He is. As David said, “Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.”(vs3)

God hears and answers our prayers because our God is a big, big God.

III. Third, this invitation to magnify the Lord brings us comfort and calm from Magnifying the Lord. (vs 4-10) In the first few verses of the chapter which we focused upon

In our first point, we pointed out that we are all called to worship and exalt our Blessed Lord. And so in these verses David is saying that it's our responsibility to extol and exalt the Lord.

But as you move into the verses for this particular point, David begins to reveal how magnifying and exalting the Lord had benefited his life. Because God is an awesome God, He could hear David's prayer and answer those prayers. This resulted in David releasing his fear and having a countenance about him, of confidence that radiated through his being. It created an assuring faith that our Big, Big God would always take care of him. There are many benefits that come with magnifying the Lord.

Conclusion: If I didn't know better I would say that the person who wrote the hymn "Count your Blessings" must have been reading Psalm 34 when he came up with the words for this hymn. Let me share the last verse and chorus; *"So, amid the conflict, whether great or small, Do not be discouraged, God is our all; count your many blessings, angels will attend, help and comfort give you to your journeys' end"*. Chorus: *"Count your blessings, name them one by one, Count your blessing, see what God has done; Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God hath done."*

Jesus Loves You!

Ralph Lee



**Operation
Christmas Child**
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**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

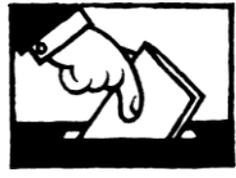
This multi-award winning group has been featured on The Grand Ole Opry Stage, and has had a #1 song. All members of this talented group profess Christ and have a passion to share the gospel through song, testimony and God’s Holy Word. (A love offering will be collected.)



Today!! at 6:00 PM, You won’t want to miss this!

	<p>A gift of \$50.00 has been given by Patricia Malphrus, to the Operation Christmas Child fund in memory of Ann Blocker.</p>
	<p>A gift of \$50.00 has been given by Ridgeland High School, Class of 1954, to the Operation Christmas Child fund in memory of Ann Blocker.</p>

<p>Wednesday July 9th, at 7:00 PM</p>	
	<p>Monday, July 14th At 6:00 PM</p>



Deacon Election

Great Swamp Baptist Church
is looking to select one new deacon this year. Those who wish their name to be considered for this position must be a faithful member, in good standing , and above all, meets the Biblical qualifications found in First Timothy 3:8-13. If you feel that this is not what God is calling you to do then please contact the church office to remove your name from consideration. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. The vote will be held the second week of August.



Operation Christmas Child

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June items needed:

- *Ziploc bags in quart and gallon size**
- *Socks, socks, socks and more socks for all ages.*
- Hair brush, comb- boys and girls*
- *Match-box cars, yo-yos, Barbies.*
- Monetary donations welcome.*
- Thank you for all of your donations!*

For any questions ask Dorthie- (843)258-0573



Independence Day Luncheon

Monday, July 7th at 11:30 AM
in the Multi-purpose building.



Join us for a wonderful lunch, praising the Lord and fellowship
Please bring soups, sandwiches, or desserts.



In the month of July

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>Pat Bryan</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Vandy Amason</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>6th</i>	<i>Truett Vaigneur</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>7th</i>	<i>Jane Hodges</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>12th</i>	<i>Robert O'Dell</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>13th</i>	<i>Silas Carter</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>15th</i>	<i>Richard Roberts</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Katie Mock</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>23rd</i>	<i>Bobby Smith</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>26th</i>	<i>Red Malphrus</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>Nicole Cole</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Josh Carter</i>



Monday, July 7th, 10AM to 2:30 PM
 Beaufort County Administration
 Building
 100 Ribaut Rd., Beaufort, SC 29902

Sunday School Classes

Starting at 9:15 am

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

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

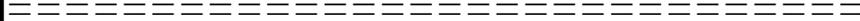
VISIONARIES CLASS: *Room 413 - Leader: Greg Mariocourt*

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

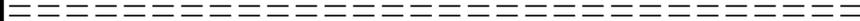


Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting

Breakfast begins at 9:00 am

Followed by the Prayer Meeting

Located in the Multi-Purpose Building



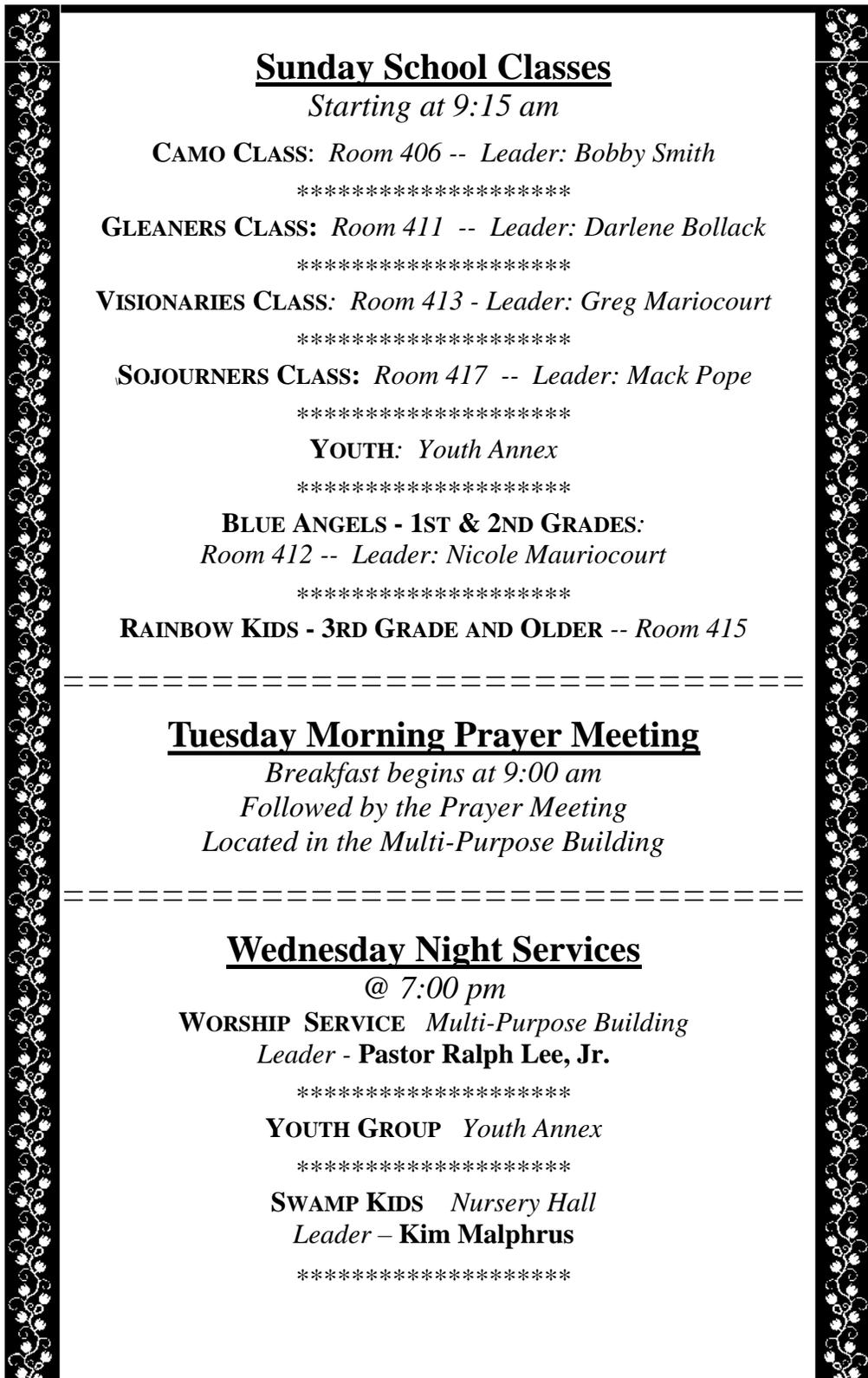
Wednesday Night Services

@ 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

Leadership

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

Bereavement

The family of David Boyles

Family of Randy Nettles

Other needs

Interim Pastor
New permanent Pastor

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

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

Clark Lawson
Red Malphrus

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

I SOUGHT THE LORD, AND HE ANSWERED ME; HE DELIVERED ME FROM ALL MY FEARS.
 THOSE WHO LOOK TO HIM ARE RADIANT; THEIR FACES ARE NEVER COVERED WITH SHAME, THIS POOR MAN CALLED, AND THE LORD HEARD HIM; HE SAVED HIM OUT OF HIS TROUBLES.
 THE ANGEL OF THE LORD ENCAMPS AROUND THOSE WHO FEAR HIM AND HE DELIVERS THEM.
 PSALM 34:4-7

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!



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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
	\$3946.00	\$5,172.63	\$1226.63
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$50.00		



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

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