

# Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 26, 2025

A new commandment I give to you,  
That you love one another;  
as I have loved you,  
that you also love one another.

John 13:34



# Welcome

Calander edition

Great Swamp Baptist Church  
9009 Tarboro Rd.  
P.O. Box 446  
Ridgeland, SC 29936

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!

 **YouTube** [@greatswampbaptistchurch8998](https://www.youtube.com/@greatswampbaptistchurch8998)

Or on Facebook at [Great-Swamp Baptist Church](https://www.facebook.com/Great-Swamp-Baptist-Church)



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

# Great Swamp Baptist Church



## Announcements

### Call to Worship

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Mighty to Save

### Invocation

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Chuck Scoggins

Rev. James Osteen

If Jesus Comes Tomorrow

Marie Cole

### Message

Rev. James Osteen

### Invitation

Softly and Tenderly

### Benediction Prayer

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### Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. James Osteen.....greatswampbc@gmail.com

Sunday School Dir.: Mike Davis .....greaswampbc@gmail.com

Adm. Assistant: June Bess ..... (843) 321-1310

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

## Sunday School Classes Start at 9:15 am

CAMO CLASS: Room 406 , Bobby Smith

GLEANERS CLASS: Room 411, Darlene Bollack

VISIONARIES CLASS: Room 413,

Greg Mauriocourt

SOJOURNERS CLASS: Room 417, Mack Pope

YOUTH: Room 414

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### Tuesday Morning Prayer Meeting

In the MPB, Breakfast at 9:00 am

Followed by Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday Night Services 7 pm

Worship and Bible study in MPB

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YOUTH GROUP Gym

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SWAMP KIDS Nursery Hall

Leader – Kim Malphrus

was one statement on the survey, reworded from previous years, that I wanted to focus on here in a separate post—and it’s about politics.

Survey respondents were asked to either strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement (or they could select “not sure”): *Christians should not allow their religious beliefs to influence their political decisions.*

Over half (54%) of US adults agreed with this statement. Filtered for those with Evangelic beliefs, the number dropped...but only to 29%. That means nearly 1 in 3 supposed Evangelicals does not believe that their religious beliefs should impact their political decisions. They don’t understand what a truly biblical worldview is.

Ironically, at the same time 95% of the same group believe that *“the Bible has the authority to tell us what we must do”*. {<http://answersingenesis.org/bible/>} So the Bible has the authority to tell us what to do- unless it’s a political decision. That’s inconsistent nonsense!

**This idea that our beliefs shouldn’t impact our policies stems from the lie that there is such a thing as neutrality.** But there is no neutrality. Scripture makes this plain.

**Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.** (Matthew 12:30)

Politics is legislated morality. And morality is the result of your worldview. Leftists legalize the murder of unborn children, the genital mutilation of children and teens, and the perversion of marriage and sexuality because of their worldview (their religion). They believe that absolute autonomy is the highest good, and they legislate in accordance with this belief. They are not neutral, nor are they parking their religious beliefs at the door when they vote, propose legislation, or sign bills into law. They are actively employing their religion in the decision they make.

Christians must do the same. **We cannot leave our**

**Christian beliefs- our biblical worldview- at the door when we engage in politics as a citizen or as a politician.** We’re not neutral, and neither is the sphere we’re entering. We’re to seek the good of the nation we’re in, and use our influence to be salt and light for such a time as this as we do the Kingdom business until He returns.

Allie Beth Stuckey (who has spoken at past conferences of ours) frequently says on her podcast, “Politics matter because policy matters because people matter.” That’s true. Christians should neither be “above politics” so they make no impact on the future of this country (though they also must not, of course, resort to the sinful practices often employed in politics!) nor so involved in politics that their entire hope is wrapped up in elections and legislation. We recognize that what happens in the White House matters but that Jesus is ultimately ruling and reigning and God is sovereign over the affairs of men.

Don’t buy the lie that your religious beliefs don’t matter at the ballot box or in the halls of your state capitol. Everyone has a religion, and its folly to pretend otherwise. Christians need to be light and salt in politics.



# Great Swamp Baptist Church Prayer Page

## Church Leadership

Sunday School  
SFOA-Donna Carter  
Deacons  
Pastor Search Team  
Youth Program  
Worship team

## Leadership

President / Vice President  
of the United States of  
America

### Cancer

Darlene Bollack  
Mandy Drew  
Misty Mole  
Ralph Lee  
Revel Crosby - 6yrs  
Ken Lawler  
Rachel Vaughn  
Ella Gourlay - 11 yrs  
Paul Holmes

## 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  
Beth Owens  
Pinky Rushing  
Julia Rushing  
Donnie Smith  
Bill Carter  
Jackie Mole  
Tony Carr  
Ruby Reeves  
Patricia Bryan  
Sadie Brannon  
Jennifer Meador  
Patricia Malphrus

## Nursing Centers

Byron Vaigneur Legacy at  
South Pointe  
Tommy Cooler Ridgeland  
Nursing Home  
Doby Cleland Life Care Center  
of HHI

## Bereavement

The family of Don Johnson  
The family of Dennis Lundy



## Pray For Our Military

All officers/ leadership of each branch  
Sgt. Jared Blanton - Deployed  
Matthew Mills, USMC- Okinawa, Japan  
Sp. Agent Jericho Malphrus, USAF Pinehurst, NC.  
Schuyler Johnson - USMC  
David Meador - ARNG

## Other needs

Israel, Peace in Gaza  
Ukraine/ Russia war  
For the Pastor Search  
Committee  
Permanent Pastor



In the School office bldg.

Teacher: Olivia Stanley



Today: Mike D.

Next Sunday:  
Courtney & Betty

NEXT WEEK'S  
DEACON:

Calvin Bryan



Nursery Workers

Today: Pat & Melissa

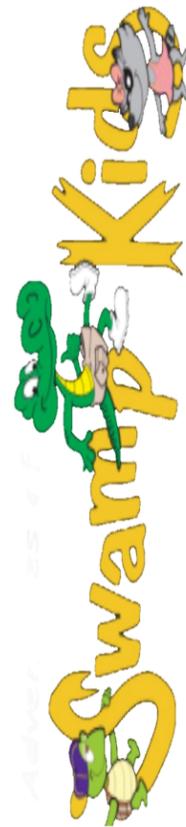
Next Sunday: June & Nicole

Today's Deacon

Chuck Scoggins



Phone: (843) 816-6483



Every Wednesday Night, 7-8 PM

For kids K-3 to 6th grade

It's like VBS all year

Kim Malphrus (843) 540-0365

Deacon  
Meeting

Monday, Nov 3rd  
At 6:00 PM



Wednesday Nov. 12th  
at 7:00 PM

## Stewardship

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
Weekly offering	\$3196.00	\$5,172.63	-\$1,976.63
Online Offerings	\$50.00		

# 54% of US Adults Think Religion

# Should Not Influence Political Decisions



Article by Ken Ham {<http://answersingenesis.org/bios/ken-ham/>} on 10/6/2025

Featured in Ken Ham Blog {<http://answersingenesis.org/blogs/ken-ham/>}

Last week I wrote about some of the results of the "2025 State of Theology Survey", published by Ligonier Ministries and Lifeway Research. {<http://answersingenesis.org/Christianity/2025/10/02/abysmal-state-theology-2025/>} The results were pretty appalling and showed a lack of biblical knowledge, discipleship, and consistency within the beliefs of supposed Evangelicals. But there

# Women on Mission

Monday, November 3rd, at 11:30 AM



Ladies, please join us for our Thanksgiving Meal. Meat and drinks are provided, please bring a dish to share,



Bring your best cup and saucer for tea!



Hope to see you there!

Debbie Kale (843) 368-5436



Step of Faith  
Christian Academy



For the month of October the SFC students have been in diligent pursuit of a "Month of Good Works". The God & Country initiative combines classroom discussion and projects to inspire understanding and love for America. Following the schools scripture verse for 2025, Eph 2:10, they are stepping up to service opportunities which will inspire donations from sponsors. **Each Homeroom has created a basket of fabulous items and these will be available to bid on, in a silent auction taking place Oct. 29– Nov. 3.**

There were pictures in last weeks bulletin but the students have continued to be seen all over the church and school campus– cleaning, and fixing. They have done it all with a wonderful attitude, and a smile. From GSBC **THANK YOU SFC CHARGERS!**



**GREAT SWAMP  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH GOAL:  
\$700.00**

*Investing in the Kingdom*  
Philippians 2:4

**2025**  
State Goal: \$2,220,100

**GSBC SO FAR: \$196.00**

South Carolina WMU  
God's mission. Our passion.

www.janiechapmanoffering.org

# A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

## WMU WorldCrafts

WorldCrafts develops sustainable, fair-trade businesses among impoverished people around the world. Our vision is to offer an income with dignity and the hope of everlasting life to every person on earth.

Established in 1996, WorldCrafts began with just one artisan group, Thai Country Trim, in Bangkla, Thailand. Today we work with numerous artisan groups to import and sell hundreds of fine, handcrafted items from many countries around the globe. And we still work with Thai Country Trim, helping them employ more and more women at risk of abuse and exploitation. That's who we are. Committed. Holistic. Fair Trade.

<https://wmu.com/shop>



Kyrgyz Nativity Finger Puppets

Baby Blanket

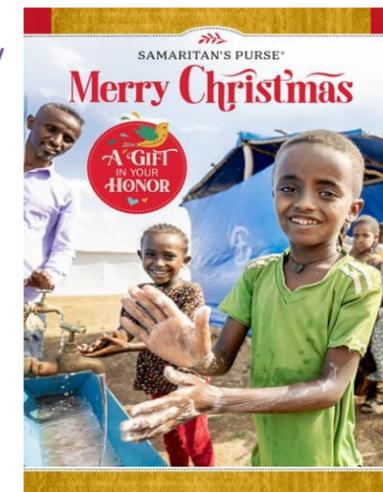
Lottie Moon Figurine

## Samaritan's Purse 2025 Christmas Catalog

"We go out and try to buy things for people who really don't need anything. So this catalog is for you to be able to give a gift in the honor of somebody, but do it in the name of the



"It's an opportunity catalog. It is an opportunity to be involved in God's work." —Franklin Graham



<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/gift-catalog>



**\$5.00 per person or \$15.00 max per family**



**Menu: Wed 10/29**  
**Chicken & Chinese Noodles**  
**Stir-fry veggies**

**6PM, Bible study at 7PM**

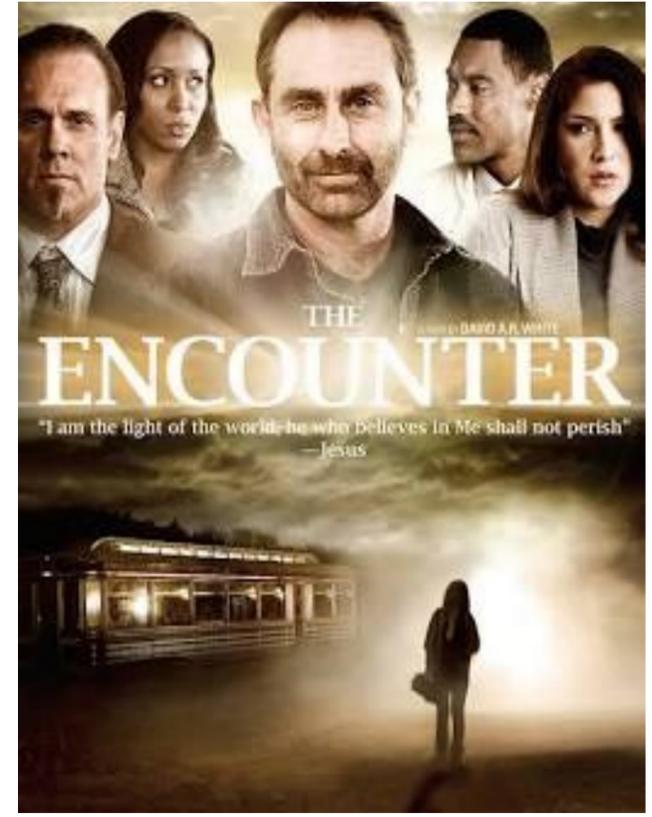
**Breakfast:**  
**8:30 a.m. to**  
**9:00 a.m.**





tonight!

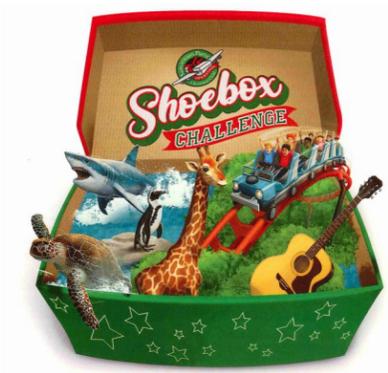
6pm in the MPB. Don't miss the encore presentation! MUST bring friends and some snacks to share. FREE tea and POP-CORN!!



Collection week Nov 17-24:

Mon- Fri 10 AM to 12 PM
Sat- 10 AM to 2 PM
Sun- 1 PM to 3 PM
Mon, Nov 24- 10 AM to 12 PM
At Great Swamp Baptist Church

Box Packing Party on Saturday, Nov 8th, 9AM



Operation Christmas Child
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

what's needed:
\*sox \* Hair bows \* barrettes \* hairbrush \* combs \* headbands \* washcloths
Monetary donations are very helpful too!
For questions ask Dorthie (843)258-0573

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25
We appreciate all of our Sunday School Teachers:
BOBBY SMITH, DARLENE BOLLACK, GREG MAURIOCOURT
AUDREY ROBERTS, MACK POPE, KIM MALPHRUS
MIKE & MELISSA INGRAM, CHUCK & TERRA SCOGGINS
BART & LISA CHANDLER
THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR ALL YOU DO!



Harvest Festival 2025
Saturday, November 1st, 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Trunk or treat: 5-6 PM, in front of the MPB
GAMES \* PRIZES \* FOOD \* FELLOWSHIP \* FUN!!
CHILI COOK-OFF \* BINGO
CAKE-WALK \* BOUNCE HOUSE
COSTUME CONTEST
All proceeds go to Operation Christmas Child

Volunteers are still needed to make our festival great. Sign ups are on the bulletin board, or ask Keith Gamo how you can help. (843) 812-8244



# NOVEMBER 2025

# GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

Sun 10:30 Worship SMB Sunday Morning Breakfast	Mon	Tue	Wed 7 PM Worship WNS Wednesday Night Supper	Thu	Fri	Sat
Birthdays in Blue Anniversaries in Purple			SFCA sikent auction for "God & Counrty" event			1 <b>5-9 PM Harvest Festival</b> Trunk or Treat 5-6 pm Set clocks back an hour Cassandra Bradley
2 SMB 8:30 Worship 10:30 am SFCA sikent auction for "God & Counrty" event	3 11:30 am WOM Tea Party Wanda Cooler	4 Freddie Malphrus	5 WNS 6pm Swamp Kids 7PM Worship Audrey Roberts Chuck & Terra Scoggins	6	7 SFCA- God & Country day	8 9AM Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Packing party MPB
9 SMB 8:30 Worship 10:30 am	10	11  VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED	12 WNS 6pm Swamp Kids 7PM Worship 7pm Business Meeting	13 Alicia Holland	14 Michelle Waitt	15
16 SMB 8:30 Worship 10:30 am  FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Vicky Roberts Mingledorff	17 ***OCC Collection week***>>> Josie Duncan, Eddie Amason, Nathan Olivas Terra Scoggins	18	19 WNS 6pm Swamp Kids 7PM Worship	20	21	22
23 SMB 8:30 Worship 10:30 am OCC BIG PACKING PARTY - right after church	24 OCC boxes to New Life Church, Bluffton, at noon.	25 Kellie Chapman Sherry Toland	26 no meetings tonight Carol Hudgens Carol Davis	27  Happy THANKSGIVING I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart...	28	29
30 no SMB today Worship 10:30 am						