

Great Swamp Baptist Church



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9009 Tarboro Rd.
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When the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem, then, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

When they had seen Him, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.

And all who heard it were amazed about the things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.

And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them. *Luke 2: 15-20*

November 30, 2025

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

*I stand Amazed
How Great Thou Art*

Invocation

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer
Worship by Giving
Offertory Special

There Was Jesus

Joyce, Courtney & Terra

Message

Rev. James Osteen

Invitation

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (The Solid Rock)
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

Mack Pope

Rev. James Osteen

Joyce, Courtney & Terra

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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

YOUTH GROUP Gym

SWAMP KIDS Nursery Hall

Leader – Kim Malphrus



Deacon Meeting

Wednesday Dec.
10th at 7:00 PM

Church
BUSINESS
Meeting

Monday, Dec. 8th
At 6:00 PM



SAVANNAH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION W.M.U.
2025 CHRISTMAS BACKPACK MISSION
 FOR OUR FOSTER CHILDREN
 PARTNERING WITH OUR LOCAL DSS DEPARTMENTS
 BACKPACKS NEED TO BE DELIVERED TO THE
 SAVANNAH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION BY DECEMBER 10, 2025



ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN EACH BACKPACK

3 Winter accessories: such as hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks. 3 pop top cans of food, 3 other food items, hard cand, fruit snacks etc, NO PEANUT PRODUCTS, PLEASE!

AGE-APPROPRIATE BIBLE OR BIBLE STORY BOOK

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN: HYGIENE ITEMS:

Place in Ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, washcloth. 3 FUN ITEMS such as fleece blankets, stuffed animals, dolls, hair accessories,

FOR OLDER CHILDREN/TEENS HYGIENE ITEMS:

Place in Ziploc bag: add deodorant 3 FUN ITEMS: such as make up, jewelry, fleece blankets, flashlights, drawing items, markers, balls with pump, etc. Do not over-stuff bags, place any extra items in box or bag that can be donated.

PLEASE ATTACH TWO RIBBONS ON EACH BACKPACKS

RIBBON # ONE GENDER
 BOY – BLUE RIBBON
 GIRL -PINK RIBBON

RIBBON # TWO GRADE
 PRE K & K PURPLE RIBBON
 1ST – 3RD YELLOW RIBBON
 4TH-5TH GREEN RIBBON
 6TH-8TH RED RIBBON
 9TH -12TH WHITE RIBBON

Great Swamp Baptist Church Prayer Page

Church Leadership

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

Leadership

President / Vice President of the United States of America

Cancer

Darlene Bollack
 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 Malphrus
 Diane Hannah
 Ann Long
 Donald Malphrus

Health Needs

Amy Hannah
 Arthur Pearson
 Earl Dean Pope
 Rachel Mixon
 Beth Owens
 Pinky Rushing
 Julia Rushing
 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

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

Then David the king came in and sat before the Lord, and said, "Who am I, Lord God, and who are the members of my household, that You have brought me this far?"
 2 Samuel 7: 18



In the School office bldg.

Teacher: Olivia Stanley



Today: Juliette & Mike W

Next Sunday: Mike D.

NEXT WEEK'S DEACON: Keith Gamo



Nursery Workers

Today: Sophia & Nicole

Next Sunday: Kim & Melissa

Today's Deacon

Mack Pope



Phone: (843) 540-6636



We will celebrate the Lords Supper in December



Every Wednesday Night, 7-8 PM

For kids K-3 to 6th grade

It's like VBS all year

Kim Malphrus (843) 540-0365

NEED HELP!

Swamp Kids needs one helper for crafts and a female helper for recreation.

Could this be you?

Stewardship

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus / Deficit
Weekly offering	\$2994.00	\$5,172.63	-\$2178.63
Online Offerings	\$50.00		



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Thank you to everyone who donated, sorted, and packed the shoeboxes, and a special thanks to my team. All efforts are greatly appreciated. We will start collecting again in January, so while you are Christmas shopping look for sale items which can go in the shoeboxes.

Again, thank you everone.

-Dorthie



SHOEBOX COUNT

772 from GSBC

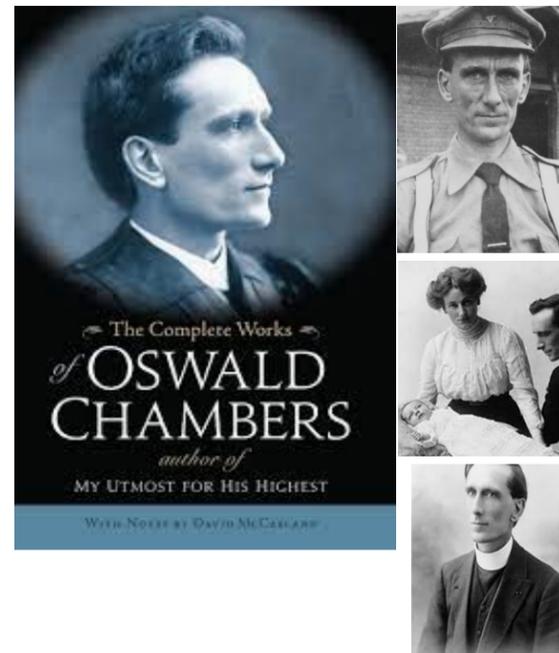
380 from SFCA

2988 collected from the community.
That's 4140

Children who will hear about Jesus!

There are 6 spots open to go to processing center in Charlotte.

Thursday, Dec. 11th. Please notify Dorthie if you would like to go



"We have no right to judge where we should be put, or to have preconceived notions as to what God is fitting us for. God engineers everything; wherever He puts us, our one great aim is to pour out a wholehearted devotion to Him in that particular work. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest, April 23, 773 L



Laying of Wreaths

Sunday, Dec 14th, immediately following church, in the cemetery.

If you would like to sponsor a wreath for a veteran, please sign up on the Bulletin Board.

For Questions, ask Alice Way



Sunday Dec 7th, praise and worship team will be performing a Christmas Musical, with a country theme.

Then we will have a great time of fellowship after church with a church family meal.

See you there!

SAVANNAH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CORDIALLY INVITES

ALL WOMEN TO COME BE A PART OF

"WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER"

CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: DECEMBER 11TH AT 7pm

WHERE: THE ASSOCIATION BUILDING, 2940 BEES CREEK RD, RIDGELAND

BRING A SMILE ON YOUR FACE AND LAUGHTER IN YOUR HEARTS

A WRAPPED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT (\$5.00 OR LESS) TO SHARE

A CHRISTMAS TOY FOR A FOSTER CHILD (ALL AGES)

MAKE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR A COOKIE EXCHANGE – ADD YOUR RECIPE IF YOU WOULD LIKE!

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOOD WILL BE CATERED

Please RSVP how many will be coming, so we can have enough food for everyone. Call, text or email Vicki Farrow at 843-263-5160 – Email vickifarrow1952@gmail.com.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord



CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY STARTS DEC 3RD. SEE THE BOX IN FRONT FOR DETAILS

By the Grace of God

November 30

BY OSWALD CHAMBERS

His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain. —
1 Corinthians 15:10

The way we continually talk about our inabilities is an insult to the Creator. When we complain about our incompetence, we slander God; it's as though we are saying he's overlooked us. These things sound humble to people, but if you get into the habit of examining them from God's point of view, you'll be amazed at how rude and impertinent they are. "Oh, I wouldn't want to say I'm sanctified. I'm no saint." Say this before God, and it's as though you're saying, "No, Lord, it's impossible for you to save and sanctify me. There are chances I haven't had. There are so many imperfections in my brain and body. No, it isn't possible." This may sound wonderfully humble to other people, but before God it's an attitude of defiance.

The opposite is also true. The things that sound humble to God may sound boastful to other people. If you say, "Thank God, I'm saved and sanctified," people might think you're bragging. But in God's eyes it's the pinnacle of humility. It means that you have so completely abandoned yourself to him that you know he is true.

Never worry about whether or not you sound humble to other people, but always be humble before God. Let him be all in all. Only one relationship matters, and that is your personal relationship to a personal redeemer. Maintain this relationship at all costs, letting go of everything else, and God will fulfill his purpose through you. One individual life may be of priceless value to God's purpose, and yours may be that life.

Ridgeland Nursing Center
**CHRISTMAS
GIFT DRIVE**
Now until Dec 5th



What to Donate:

- New, unwrapped items such as:
- Body wash & lotion (for men & women)
- Gripper socks
- Puzzle books
- Blankets
- Small crafts
- Snacks

Drop Off Locations:

- Lowcountry Skincare & Spa
- Terra's Hair Studio
- Terrapin Studios
- Eye Candy Beauty
- Helena Hills Farm
- A New You Massage Therapy
- Healing Tree Holistic Center

**Our Grandmothers Group is having a
Chinese Christmas Party!**

Monday, December 8, at 11:30 am in the MPB.

All ladies are invited to bring a \$5-\$10 gift to join in, and bring guests!

Meat and drinks will be provided, bring a Christmas side to share.



Debbie Hale (843) 368-5436



We give thanks for a generous donation of \$100 given to Operation Christmas Child in memory of Ada McDowell, by Sarah Sanders



*Let's get together for a
movie and fun!*



Sunday, December 14th

6pm in the MPB.

**MUST bring friends and
some snacks to share.**

**FREE tea and POP-
CORN!!**

December 2025



GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

Lottie Moon Offering this month



Sun

SMB Sunday Morning Breakfast
 Sunday School 9:15 am
 Worship 10:30 am

Mon

Tue

Wed

7PM Worship/study
WNS Wednesday Night Supper

Thu

Fri

Sat

Birthdays in lt blue
Anniversaries in purple
Step of Faith in dk blue

2 9am Prayer Breakfast

3
 Christmas mailbox begins
 6pm **WNS** **Swamp Kids**
 7PM Worship/study
 Stephanie Carter

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 David & Jennifer Meador

5
 Chris & Kelly Scherger
 Ronnie Nettles
 Chris Carter

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7 **SMB**
 Worship 10:30
 Christmas Musical
 Supper to follow

 Advent-Wall Family
 Vanessa Smoak

8
I I AM, WOM in MPB
 Chinese Christmas Party
 6PM Deacons Meeting

9 9am Prayer Breakfast

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 6 pm **WNS** **Swamp Kids**
 7PM Worship/study
 7pm Business Meeting

11 5:30am Operation Christmas
 Child to Charlotte NC
 7P SRBA/WMU Christmas Party

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 Nadine Smoak

13
 Corrina Malphrus

14 **SMB**
 Worship 10:30 am
 Right after church

 6 PM in MPB
 Advent-Scoggins Family

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 School CBD mtg 6PM
 Henry Bradley
 Greg Mauri court

16 9am Prayer Breakfast

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 6pm **WNS** **Swamp Kids**
 Swamp kids caroling 6PM
 7PM Worship/study

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 Last day of school
 Bill & Donna Carter

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 Wallace & Allene Malphrus

21 **SMB**
 Worship 10:30 am
 Church Council mtg after church.
 Advent: Pope Family

22
 Tammy Lee

23 9am Prayer Breakfast

24
Lords Supper
 Candlelight service 5PM

 Advent: Stanley Family

25 **Christmas Day**

 to the world

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28 **no SMB this morning**
 Worship 10:30 am
 Sophia Sineath

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 30 9am Prayer Breakfast
 Tori Malphrus
 Lloyd Freeman

31 **New Years Eve**
 No evening service

Pastor Osteen out of town 25th-27th
 Church office closed 12/25-26, 12/31-1/2
 But June is a phone call away if anyone needs anything from the office.
 (843) 321-1310
 Next month: **Sanctity of Life Sunday, Jan 18th**
Radiance Pregnancy Center, Baby-Bottle fund raiser begins