

Great Swamp Baptist Church  
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Ridgeland, SC 29936

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



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

February 22, 2026

# Great Swamp Baptist Church

## Announcements Call to Worship

*There's Power in the Blood  
Trust and Obey*

Calvin Bryan

## Invocation

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer  
Worship by Giving

Rev. James Osteen

Offertory Special

Joyce Gamo

## Message

**2 Samuel 12:1-15**

Rev. James Osteen

## Invitation

*Rock of Ages*

**Benediction Prayer**

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## Church Staff

*Pastor: Rev. James Osteen.....greatswampbbc@gmail.com  
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Adm. Assistant: June Bess ..... (843) 321-1310  
Praise Team Leader: Joyce Gamo...greatswampbbc@gmail.com  
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

## Vacation Bible School 2026 @ Great Swamp

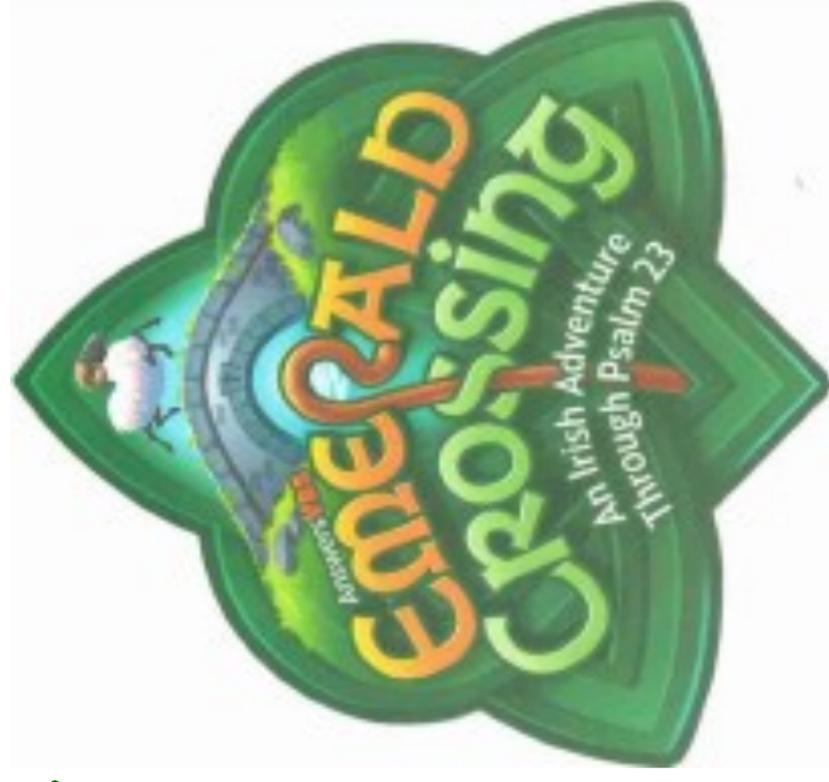
June 22-26, 2026

## Baptist Church- You do not want to miss it!

Imagine it's the end of June this year and everyone is talking about what a great time VBS has been. How many children heard about the love of Jesus for the first time. And you look around and notice some new families are visiting our church because their kids had such a great time and told mom and dad about what they learned. You might start feeling like you missed out on being a part of this rewarding event.

NOW is the time to jump in! There are so many ways to be a part of the fun! No special skills or degrees needed! There is something every single person can contribute, and having YOU involved will make it so much better and even more fun! Talk to Nicole Mauriocourt and let her know you're not going to miss out!

**It's the best short term mission trip you'll ever do! You don't even have to pack!**





**IMPACT! 2026**

June Bess RN, HWNC

On Thursday I was blessed to represent Great Swamp Baptist Church (GSBC) at the South Carolina Baptist, **IMPACT!** Conference at Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia.

We started with a rich time of worship and praise, singing and praying, with some fabulous music. Then a time of bible study with Dr. Jamie Dew, of Corinthians 1: 26-31, "Calling Out the Called". He quoted some intriguing statistics of "25% of SC churches are currently looking for a pastor", he went on to say there were nearly as many openings for Worship Ministers. In his message he is encouraging ministry leaders to be sure they are "mentoring their replacements". Not only pastors but all the ministries of the church.

**WOM (aka) Grand-mothers Group**

Meets the first Monday of each month for lunch and learn, at 11:30 in the Multi-Purpose Building.  
**ALL women are invited!!**

We were given a lovely box lunch to eat while in our breakout sessions. I attended classes with a focus for women on staff and volunteer, to support, influence and thrive, making a lasting impact for Christ across all the work of the church in our community.

The day was so inspiring and educational, I kept wishing I was not the only member from GSBC who got to experience this training. I hope each of you will consider planning to attend the next one; **February 18, 2027!** This is exactly the education and experience that God can use to empower us to be more active and bold in reaching out to the lost, all around us, right here in Ridgeland. They are seeking what we have been given— but it was not given for us to keep to ourselves.

*But by HIS doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.*

1Corinthians 1:30

**Sunday School Social**

**Saturday, April 25th,**

**@ 1 pm, In the Gym**

**Great fun for the whole family!**

**FOOD, BOUNCE HOUSE,**

**FRIENDS**



**Deacon Meeting**

**Monday Mar 11th At 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday Mar 9th at 7:00 PM**



**Stewardship**

TITHES	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/ Deficit
	\$4078.00	\$5103.90	(\$1075.90)



**Nursery Workers**

**Today: June & Nicole**

**Next Sunday: Tiki & Myra**



*In the School office bldg.*

**Teacher: Olivia Stanley**



**Today's Deacon**

*Calvin Bryan*



*Phone: (843) 226-0238*

**Today: Kim & Richard**

**Next Sunday: Juliette & Mike W.**

**NEXT WEEK'S DEACON: Mack Pope**



# Continuing the Work of Racial Reconciliation

**BY DR. RICHARD LAND**

On June 1, 2025, Southern Baptists celebrated the 30th anniversary of the passage of the resolution “On Racial Reconciliation on the 150th Anniversary of the Southern Baptist Convention.” No one who was in the convention hall that day in June 1995, will forget the moment.

The reconciliation resolution passed overwhelmingly (at least 98%), and there was a tremendous sense of joy and unity on the Convention floor while the world was watching. The next day the Southern Baptist resolution made the front page of *The New York Times*, and it was a *positive* story.

In the years since 1995, we have seen explosive growth of Black, Hispanic, and Asian congregations in Southern Baptist institutional life. Research from BaptistResearch.com and other sources reflect much greater participation of Blacks and other ethnic groups in Southern Baptist life. Ethnic minority groups have increased by 1 million members. Almost one-fifth of Southern Baptist churches are predominantly non-Anglo, and their numbers are increasing much more rapidly than among Anglos. (It should always be

remembered that the SBC is a convention of churches, not individual members.) While the percentage of Southern Baptists who are white (80+%) still exceeds the United States population average (60%), the ethnic percentage of Southern Baptist churches has increased dramatically.

Of course, there is still much to do. As a denomination we have become much more reflective ethnically of the country in which we live. The reality is that we are much less so at the local congregational level. Racial reconciliation is always an ongoing process, and there is still much to do. Let us draw inspiration from the past as we forward into the future.

There are multitudes of Southern Baptists, Black and white, who have worked courageously and sacrificially for racial reconciliation over the years, and it would be negligent not to pause and express our profound gratitude to them for their witness and sacrifice.

May we gain courage from them as we seek to move ever closer to the biblical ideal of a Church in which “there is neither Jew nor Greek . . . for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Gal. 3:28)



## Racial Reconciliation

SUNDAY

“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.”

REVELATION 7:9, ESV



Tuesday, February 24th  
Multi-Purpose Building  
\$10 per plate

Dine-In dinner  
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
To-Go plates  
2:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Get to know**

## Step of Faith Class of 2027!



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

**It will be here before you know it**  
**We are gearing up for Christmas Shoeboxes!**



This year we are packing shoeboxes for girls and boys aged 10-14. We believe this focus will allow us to put together better quality gifts, and still keep up quantity.

**February items needed:**

Wash cloths \* hair brush/ comb \* Toothbrushes \* Stuffed animals. Of course monetary gifts will be well used!

## Great Swamp Baptist Church

### Prayer Page

Church Leadership	Nursing Centers	Leadership
Sunday School	Byron Vaigneur	President / Vice President of the United States of America
SFCA-Donna Carter	Legacy at South Pointe	
Deacons	Tommy Cgoler	
Pastor Search Team	Ridgeland Nursing Home	
Youth Program	Doby Cleland	
Worship team	Life Care Center of HHI	
Cancer	Homebound	Health Needs
Darlene Bollack	Judy Smith	Amy Hannah
Misty Mole	Barbara Mills	Arthur Pearson
Revel Crosby - 6yrs	Kenny Smith	Earl Dean Pope
Ken Lawler	Shirley Malphrus	Beth Owens
Rachel Vaughn	Tom Hinely	Pinky Rushing
Ella Gourlay - 11 yrs	Red Malphrus	Julia Rushing
Paul Holmes	Diane Hannah	Jackie Mole
Mark Hetrick	Donald Malphrus	Tony Carr
Rachel Mixon		Ruby Reeves
		Sadie Brannon
		Christian Logan
		Jennifer Meador
		Patricia Malphrus
		Allison Long
		Keith Gamo
		Cheryl Priest
		Jeanette Wall



### 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



## 2 Samuel 12: 1-15

And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor.<sup>2</sup> The rich man had very many flocks and herds,<sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him."<sup>4</sup> Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."<sup>5</sup> Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die,<sup>6</sup> and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

<sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.'<sup>8</sup> And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more."<sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.<sup>10</sup> Now therefore the sword shall never

depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife."<sup>11</sup> Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.'<sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun."<sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die."<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die."<sup>15</sup> Then Nathan went to his house.

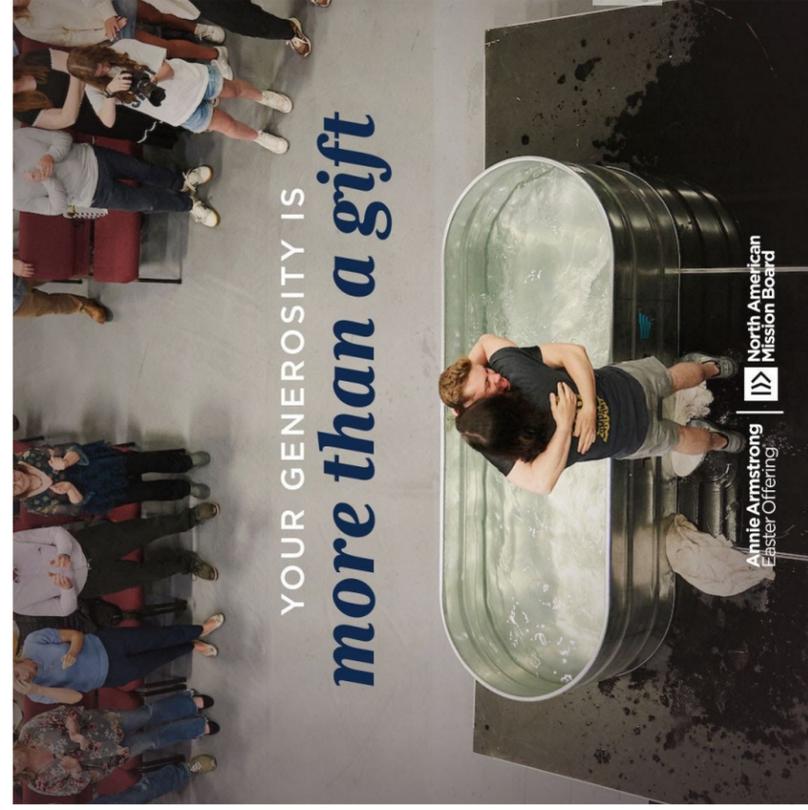


## Family Movie Night

Fellowship, Pop-corn, and Tea  
[Let's get together for a movie!](#)

**March 15th**

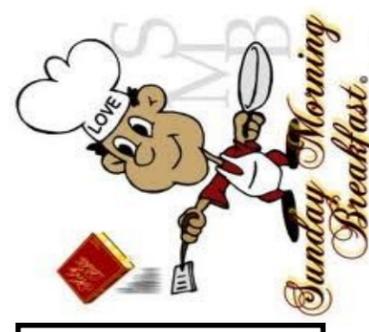
**6PM in the MPB**



Each year, churches observe the **Week of Prayer for North American Missions** by praying for missionaries, their ministries, and their families. This year, the official dates are **March 1-8**, although your church can participate any time during the Easter season.

North American missionaries take the gospel to unreached communities throughout the U.S. and Canada. They depend on your prayers to open hearts and help them disciple new believers.

**To fuel their work, missionaries also need your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This year's national offering goal is \$80 million.**



**2/25/26 WNS menu:**

**Baked Chicken, Rice & Gravy,**

**Green Beans, and Yams**



# March 2026



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

WMU goal is \$80 million.

GSBC goal:

# GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SMB Sunday Breakfast 8am</b> <b>Sunday School 9:15 am</b> <b>Worship 10:30 am</b> <b>WNS Wed Night Supper 6pm</b>						
<b>1 SMB</b>	11:30 Grandmothers Group 	<b>Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Week of Prayer</b> Darlene Bollack	<b>WNS 6pm, Bible study 7pm</b>  Jeffrey Stanley	Fine Arts Fest.— elementary KAIROS	 Ben & Cheryl Mills Latrelle Steedly	
<b>8 SMB</b> Pat Malphrus		Jason & Vanessa Smoak	 <b>WNS 6pm, Bible study 7pm</b> <b>YOUTH</b> Wallace Malphrus	Teacher workday Alice Way		
<b>15 SMB</b>  Family Movie Night		 St. Patrick's Day Chyleen Mock	 <b>WNS 6pm, Bible study 7pm</b> <b>YOUTH</b>	Fine Arts Fest.— Jr/Sr High school		
<b>22 SMB</b> Jane Himes	Wayne Cooler		 <b>WNS 6pm, Bible study 7pm</b> Sam Mock Judy Smith Myra Malphrus	 SFCA Blood drive		 <b>PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP</b>
<b>29 SMB</b> Palm Sunday  Barbara Mills		vacation Bible School is only a few weeks away!		Next month: Easter and Sunday School Social		Birthdays in lt blue Anniversaries in purple Step of Faith in dk blue 