

Wishing you a blessed summer!

My presence will go with you,  
and I will give you rest.

EXODUS 33:14



*Great Swamp Baptist Church*

*May 17, 2026*

**Great Swamp Baptist Church**      *Sunday, May 17, 2026*



**Announcements**

Chuck Scoggins

**Call to Worship**

*Power In The Blood*

*Battle Belongs*

Offertory Special

Marie Cole

**[Children may exit now, to Children’s Church]**

**Message**

Rev. James Osteen

Battle On A Mountain

1Kings 18:12-22

**Invitation**

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

**Benediction & Prayer**

**Stewardship**

Last Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Deficit)
<b>\$2843.00</b>	\$5103.90	<b>(\$2260.90)</b>

**Church Staff**

Church office .....(843) 726-3631.....greatswampbc@gmail.com

*Pastor: Rev. James Osteen (Interim).....wownow7@gmail.com*

*Sunday School Director: Mike Davis.....mikedavis56@yahoo.com*

*Music Leader (interim): Joyce Gamo .....joycelodronio@gmail.com*

*Adm. Assistant: June Bess...(843) 321-1310.....greatswampbc@gmail.com*

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



**Nursery Workers**

**Today: Barbara & Chyleen**

Next week: Sophia & Pat



**Teacher:** Olivia Stanley

In the school office building



**Greeters**

**Today: Juliette & Mike W.**

Next Sunday: Mike D.

**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

**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

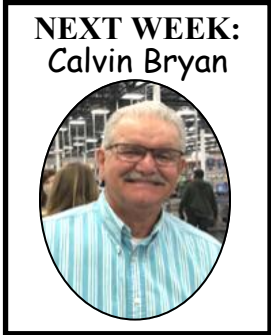
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**SWAMP KIDS** Nursery Hall

Leader – Kim Malphrus



**Deacon of the Week**  
**Chuck Scoggins**  
**(843) 816-0483**

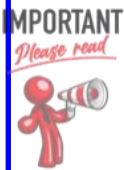


**NEXT WEEK:**  
**Calvin Bryan**



*Thank You!*

To so many who helped in so many ways, with the GSBC *Step of Faith Christian Academy's Baccalaureate* last Wednesday. AND for the beautiful "2026 Seniors" cake made by Robin and Ann Malphrus.



**Attention graduates and their families:**

*Great Swamp Baptist would like to recognize anyone who is graduating from anywhere this year. Please provide a little information on a form on the table by the office.*



**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!**  
**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**@6pm**  
**FREE TEA & POP-CORN**



**Deacon election is coming up very soon.**

Please fill out a nomination card with the names of two men you believe are biblically qualified, and place it in the offering or in the designated box in the foyer. This is not a vote, but a nomination, to be voted on later, for the important service of Deacon.

# MEN'S Fellowship

## Men's Multi-Church Fellowship

Thursday, May 21

7:00 pm

Kingdom Touch Ministries

6714 Tillman Road, Ridgeland

For more information contact  
Wilbur Daley at (843) 305-0110

Friendly  
Reminder

Business meeting this Wednesday, May 20th at 7pm

Senior Celebration

SAVE THE DATE !

July 30, 2026



More details  
out around  
June 1st)

# 1876-2026 Grandmothers Group



**Celebrating 150 years at Great Swamp on June 6th.**

With a road-trip to LESTERS! All ladies are welcome!

Meet at GSBC 10:30 am, Saturday June 6th for  
Carpooling and surprise.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet!

Contact Debbie Hale for details (843) 368-5436

## **First Kings 18:12-22**

<sup>12</sup> It will come about when I leave you that the Spirit of the LORD will carry you where I do not know; so when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although / your servant have feared the LORD from my youth. <sup>13</sup> Has it not been told to my master what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, that I hid a hundred prophets of the LORD by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water? <sup>14</sup> And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah *is here*"; he will then kill me.'" <sup>15</sup> Elijah said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today." <sup>16</sup> So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

<sup>17</sup> When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is this you, you troubler of Israel?" <sup>18</sup> He said, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house *have*, because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and you have followed the Baals. <sup>19</sup> Now then send *and* gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, *together* with 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

<sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent *a message* among all the sons of Israel and brought the prophets together at Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> Elijah came near to all the people and said, "How long *will* you hesitate between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people did not answer him a word. <sup>22</sup> Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are 450 men.

**The family of Patricia V. Malphrus invite you to celebrate her 90th birthday!**  
**May 30, 2026, Drop-In**  
**2pm-4pm**  
**Great Swamp Baptist Church**



**Fall shore to Shore we are Better Together!**

Savannah River Women of the Lowcountry

**Save this date:** September 12, 2026,

Port Royal Baptist Church 10:30 to 1Pm

Great speakers, great Music, great Lunch, great time!

If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please contact Vicki Farrow at 843-263-5160 or [vickifarrow1952@gmail.com](mailto:vickifarrow1952@gmail.com).



**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.

**May items needed:**

**Wash cloths \* SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS, yo-yo's**  
**Puzzles \* paddleballs \* playing cards \***  
**Any toy for 10-14 yr old.**

## Since God is sovereign, why would we not steadfastly and intentionally pray for our VBS?

by [Amber Pike](#) , Answers in Genesis, April 23, 2025

[Colossians 4:2](#) says, “*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*”

Have you been praying steadfastly for your VBS?

We want our VBS to be amazing. We want kids to register for VBS and respond to the gospel message. We want to see boys and girls having fun, volunteer roles filled, new families joining our churches, and discipleship happening in the hearts of the boys and girls. We want all of those wonderful (and worthwhile) things to happen at VBS.

Thankfully, those things aren't up to us. What happens in the hearts of boys and girls isn't up to us. God is the one who changes hearts and turns them towards him. He knows which child needs to be at your VBS and what volunteer needs to say that specific thing to that specific child. God knows what families need to be reached and what the fruit of our service will yield. Since God is sovereign, why would we not steadfastly and intentionally pray for our VBS.

**Pray for:**

- Volunteers to sign up
- Children to register
- The health of the leaders
- Finances and supplies
- Children's boldness to invite their friends
- Preparations
- The seeds being planted
- Lesson times
- The work God has already begun in hearts
- The work God will continue to do after VBS
- God to use our church
- God to speak through volunteers
- Safety
- An outpouring of God's love



- The families represented
- Energy levels
- Fun
- God's will to be done

Don't let praying for your VBS be an afterthought. Be intentional with it!

- Have a prayer coordinator.
- Have a prayer team.
- Use social media to give specific prayer prompts leading up to and during VBS.
- Ask Sunday school classes and small groups to pray.
- Have church members intentionally pray for a child who is attending.
- Send out prayer calendars leading up to VBS to your church family.
- Make a prayer board with the names of volunteers and ask your congregation to take a name and pray for that leader.
- Share your VBS prayer requests at staff meetings and with leaders.
- Kick off each day of VBS with prayer, and end with prayer as the last thing boys and girls hear before going home.

Pray for your VBS.  
Enlist others to pray with you.  
Pray continually and intentionally.

As believers, we can approach God with confidence, knowing that He hears our prayers ([Jeremiah 29:12](#)), will answer our prayers ([Jeremiah 33:3](#)), and knows even what we need better than we do ([Romans 8:26](#)). So, what are you waiting for? Pray first and pray often.

Vacation Bible School June 22-26, 5-8:pm  
Psalm 23, King David,  
Is God real? Can we trust the Bible?  
Stories, Crafts, Science experiments, Games, food, and  
music!  
Find out more & SHARE with everyone our Special  
2026 VBS website:

<https://gsbevbs9009tarborord.myanswers.com>

## GSBC Prayer Page

### **Church Leadership**

*Rev. J. Osteen  
Deacons  
Sunday School teachers  
Worship team  
SFCA-Donna Carter  
SFCA Teachers  
Youth Leaders*

### **National Leadership**

*United States Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of government.*

### **Homebound**

*Judy Smith  
Barbara Mills  
Kenny Smith  
Shirley Malphrus  
Tom Hinely  
Red Malphrus  
Diane Hannah  
Donald Malphrus*

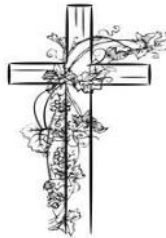
### **Nursing Centers**

*Byron Vaigneur -  
Legacy at South Pointe  
Doby Cleland - Life  
Care  
Center of HHI*

### **Cancer**

*Darlene Bollack  
Misty Mole  
Revel Crosby age 6  
Ken Lawler  
Rachel Vaughn  
Ella Gourlay age 11  
Paul Holmes  
Mark Hetrick  
Rachel Mixon  
Tripp Daley*

### **Bereavement**



### **Health Needs**

*Amy Hannah  
Arthur Pearson  
Earl Dean Pope  
Beth Owens  
Pinky Rushing  
Julia Rushing  
Jackie Mole  
Tony Carr  
Ruby Reeves  
Sadie Brannon  
Christian Logan  
Jennifer Meador  
Patricia Malphrus  
Allison Long  
Keith Gamo  
Cheryl Priest  
Sydney Bess  
Amy O'Connor  
Casey Ballard*

### **Other needs**

*New permanent  
Pastor  
Pastor Search Committee  
Vacation Bible  
School 2026*

### **Pray For Our Military and Law Enforcement**

*All Military Command leadership  
Sgt.Maj. Jared Blanton - Fort Knox, KY  
Matthew Mills, USMC- Okinawa, Japan  
Jericho Malphrus, Sp. Agent/USAF Pinehurst, NC.  
Schuyler Johnson - USMC  
David Meador- ARNG  
Jasper County Sheriffs Office \* Ridgeland Police Department*



*Please support our Swamp Kids efforts to share the Love of Jesus by collecting these items to offer comfort to those in our community.*

### **Ministry Health Kits for Migrant Workers**

**Due at the Association Office  
Thursday, May 28, 2026**

**Thank you for your continued  
support of this special minis-  
try.**



#### **Health Kit Items:**

- 1 Toothpaste
- 1 Toothbrush
- 1 Soap
- 1 Comb
- 1 Bath Towel
- 1 Wash Cloth
- One 2 gal. Ziploc bag

#### **Optional extra items to consider:**

- Kleenex Packets, Band-aids,
- Toiletries (shampoo, lotion, etc.)
- Liquid Laundry Detergent

*Other items needed: Men's jeans and  
long sleeve shirts, Masa flour, rice,  
beans, fruit cocktail*



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

*Sunday School*..... 9:15AM  
*Morning Worship*..... 10:30AM  
*Wednesday Night Service*..... 7:00PM



**JUNE 22-26, 5:30-8PM**

QR code for VBS (Vacation Bible School) sign-up