Pastor's Pen

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord—Romans 6:22-23.

The quality of life for a slave depends by who the slave owner is. When we were slaves to sin, even if we tried to be good, we could not, for having a fallen nature and a devil tricking us into sinning or at least into having wrong motives behind even our good works. Satan does not let people leave him easily and he tries to get even born-again Christians to rebel against the Lord and go back to their old sinful life.

But to be slaves to God is totally different! God does not force us to be His and do good. He helps us when we need help, but He respects our free will, and we choose to serve Him or not. That is why, in Jesus we are truly free! While we were living in sin, we could not choose to stop sinning and we were truly slaves to sin. But since being born-again we can obey God's will and we reap the fruit of holiness, which leads to eternal life.

God knows everything about us and our weaknesses and He works with us according to what is in our hearts, how sincere we are, how much we love and desire to obey Him. The Lord knows that we will fall into sin, but His desire is for us to choose Him and not sin. To sin one time is one thing, but to continue in that sin can only lead to eventual separation from the Lord. To continue in any sin, means that we love sin more than God.

Because the wages of sin is death, whoever ends their life here on earth as a sinner, at Judgment day will reap eternal damnation in the lake of fire, which is the second death, separated from God forever (Revelation 20:14). But all who live for Jesus, have nothing to be afraid of! Leaving this body means to be in the presence of our Lord! The most perfect, beautiful, peaceful and joyful place is waiting for us for all eternity!

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ my Lord! Thank You for setting me free from sin and for being Your child. Please help me to make the right choices and live holy, so that I will be Yours forever. Please fill me with all the peace and joy of faith and help me have great hope and confidence in Your promises. Glory and honor to Your holy Name Lord Jesus, now and forever, amen.

In His Grip, Pastor Doug

Let's Be Friends
Find us on Facebook!

Can't make it Sunday?
That's fine, stream our live service on YouTube!
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November 1st, 2026

GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

Monthly Newsletter of the Church



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What's Happening this week:

Women on Mission:
Monday, November 2nd

Prayer Meeting:
Tuesday, November 3rd

Election Day!
Tuesday, November 3rd

OCC Packing Party
Saturday, November 7th



GREAT SWAMP BAPTIST CHURCH

November 1st, 2026

Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship

To God be the Glory
Are you Washed/I'll Fly Away

Offertory Special — **Bjo Mills**

Message — **Pastor Doug Estes**
Actions Speak Louder than Words — James 1:21

Invitation

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Benediction and Prayer

Serving Today:
Nursery: Kim and Melissa
Greeter(s): Juliette
Deacon of the Week:
Mack Pope
(843)-540-6636



Next Week:
Nursery: Barbara and Chyleen
Greeter(s): Mike W. and Courtney

NOTES

James 1:21
3 ways James says we can only recieve implanted word of God

1. Disregarding Filthiness

2. Disregarding Wickedness

3. Word with Meekness
   a. Spirit of the One Receiving
   b. Substance of the one Receiving
   c. Soul of the One Receiving

GSBC Prayer List

Church Leadership
Pastor Doug Estes
Deacons
Sunday School Teachers
Worship Team
SFCA - Donna Carter
SFCA Teachers
Youth Leaders

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

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

National Leadership
President, Vice Presisdent, and Nation

Other
Suicide Victim Families
Israel
Missionaries
HarvestFest
SFCA
Husband's In Church

Health Needs
Pinky Rushing
Julia Rushing
Ruby Reeves
Allison Long
Keith Gamo
Sydney Bess
Sharon Childree
Dora Reynolds
Olivia Stanley
June Bess
Dorthie Armstrong
Mike Davis

Cancer
Ken Lawler
Rachel Vaughn
Mark Hetrick
Buzz Bonds
Gail Malphrus



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
All First Responders

How can we pray for you?

This Week:

Daylight Savings Ends November 1st.

Women On Mission meet at 10:30am in the MPB on November 2nd.

Election Day! November 3rd Your vote matters!

Prayer Breakfast meets at 9:00am in the MPB on November 3rd.

Swamp Kids, Youth and Bible Study at 7:00pm on November 4th.

Packing Party for OCC at 10:00am on November 7th.

Wednesday Night Supper:

This Wednesday we will be serving chicken casserole, cabbage, sweet potatoes, deviled eggs and rolls.

Mission Trip!

This December, we'll be visiting 11 public schools across Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia with the goal of sharing the Gospel with children who may not hear it often. Along the way, we'll be distributing the backpacks we've been preparing throughout October.
If you feel called to join us, the cost is $235 per person, due by November 29th. (Please plan to bring about $60 for a few trinkets along the way.)
Can't go but still want to help? Consider making a monetary donation or donating a backpack to support this mission.
More information is available at the welcome table.

Grandmothers/WOM

Tomorrow, November 2nd is our monthly Women on Mission meeting!
Join us for lunch at 11:30 AM, followed by a time of Bible study. All women are invited! Come enjoy good food, fellowship, and time in God's Word.

Operation Christmas Child

Saturday, November 7th • 10:00 AM
Join us for our OCC Packing Party! Finger foods will be served, and everyone is encouraged to bring something to share.
Come pack a shoebox and share the love of Jesus!

Would You Like to be BLESSED and be a BLESSING?

WHAT: We need a few people to volunteer in the rotation for Children's Sunday School & Church.
WHAT I WILL DO: Love on kids, help the teachers, or even teach if you'd like!
WHEN: Volunteer for about 1 hour, once a month, alongside another volunteer.
WHY: *"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" — Matthew 19:14*
Children are our future. Invest in God's Kingdom and our church by loving children and changing lives. We'll show you what to do, and you'll experience the joy that comes from serving!
Contact Joy Estes at (678) 492-1118.



2026 BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER
Living the Good News
FAITH IN ACTION
A Global Initiative of BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE WOMEN

Monday, November 2nd | 5–8 PM
Great Swamp Baptist Church • MPB
Join us in prayer for our nation, our election, and God's movement to reach the lost.
"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." — James 2:17

Tuesday Morning Prayer and Breakfast

Start your Tuesday with good food, fellowship, and prayer! Join us at 9:00 AM for breakfast, followed by a time of prayer.
All are welcome!

SRBA Men's Multi-Church Fellowship

Thursday, November 19th • 7:00 PM
Gillisonville Baptist Church
Men, join us for an evening of fellowship, encouragement, and growing together in Christ with men from area churches!

Operation Christmas Child

OCC is still accepting $10 donations to help cover shipping costs for our 400 shoeboxes!
November 22nd: Volunteers are needed to load and transport boxes to Ridgeland Baptist Church after the morning service.

NOVEMBER IS BRING-A-FRIEND MONTH!

THE MORE, THE MERRIER! 🎉
This November, we're challenging every Sunday School class to invite friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to join us! There's no better time to share the love of Jesus and help others feel at home in our church family.

AND THERE'S A LITTLE FRIENDLY COMPETITION!

🏆 A PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED to the Sunday School class that brings the most visitors throughout the month! So start making those calls, sending those invitations, and bringing those friends! Let's fill our classrooms, grow together in faith, and see what God can do when we invite others in.

WHO WILL BRING THE MOST FRIENDS? LET THE CHALLENGE BEGIN!

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 **Breakfast at 8:30am** **Daylight Savings Ends** Cassandra Bradley	2 **Baptist Women's Day of Prayer** **WOM/Grandmothers Group luncheon, MPB at 11:30am**	3 **Prayer/Breakfast at 9:00am** **Election Day!** Wanda Cooler	4 Swamp Kids YOUTH Freddie Malphrus	5 **Happy Anniversary Chuck and Terra Scoggins!** Audrey Roberts	6	7 **Operation Christmas Child Packing Party at 10:00am**
8 **Breakfast at 8:30am** Kelly Scherger	9	10 **Prayer/Breakfast at 9:00am**	11 **Veterans Day!** **Office Closed!** **Business Meeting at 6:00pm**	12	13 Alicia Holland	14 Michelle Waitt
15 **Breakfast at 8:30am**	16 Vicky Roberts Mingledorff	17 **Prayer/Breakfast at 9:00am** Josie Duncan Eddie Amason Nathan Olivas Terra Scoggins	18 Swamp Kids YOUTH	19 **SRBA Men's Multi-church Fellowship at 7:00pm**	20	21
22 **Breakfast at 8:30am**	23 **SFCA Thanksgiving Feast**	24 **Prayer/Breakfast at 9:00am** **SFCA Fall Program at 8:30am**	25 **No Wednesday Night Supper or Service!** Kellie Chapman	26 *Happy Thanksgiving* **Office Closed!** Carol Hudgins Carol Davis	27	28
29 **Breakfast at 8:30am**	30 **Lottie Moon Nov. 29th - Dec. 6th** **Goal: $200** Chuck Scoggins	Breakfast - 8:30am Sunday School - 9:15am Worship - 10:30am Tues. Morning Prayer - 9:00am Wed. Night Supper - 6:00pm Service - 7:00pm	Birthdays in Light Blue Anniversaries in Purple Step of Faith in Dark Blue Events in Dark Green Holidays in Red			

Operation Christmas Child Drop Off at Ridgeland Baptist Church Nov. 16th - 23rd