

Great Swamp Baptist Church  
August 30, 2015

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Sunday Morning Worship  
11:00 AM



## **Prelude**

## **Call to Worship**

*Hymn #133*

*“The Blood Will Never Loose Its Power”*

## **The Welcome**

Announcements

## **Invocation**

*Wilbur Daley*

## **Selections of Praise and Worship**

*Hymn #203*

*“His Name Is Wonderful”*

*Hymn #406*

*“The Solid Rock”*

## **We Pray for Special Needs**

Pastoral & Offertory Prayer

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

## **A Demonstration of Stewardship**

Offertory Special

*The Proclaimer’s Gospel Choir*

*“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”*

## **Message**

*Pastor Ralph Lee*

## **A Time to Respond**

Invitation

## **Benediction**



*Today:*

*Olivia Stanley  
Krey Lowther  
Next Week:*

*Betty Robertson  
Duane Armstrong*

## Nursery Workers



*Today:*

*Latrelle Steedly  
Kim Malphrus & Kimberlyn*

*Next Week:*



## Toll Committee

*For  
September*

*Alice Way & Connie Benton*

## DEACON OF THE WEEK :



*Today:  
Wilbur Daley  
843-305-0110*



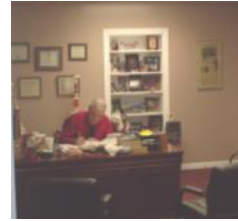
*Next Week:  
Fred Stanley  
843-226-5641*



**IF YOUR DEACONS  
CAN MINISTER TO YOU IN ANY WAY,  
CALL THE CHURCH @ 726-3631**

*From*

*Pastor Ralph's Desk:*  
**The Thessalonians Road**  
**Part II**



*(II Thessalonians 2:1-17)*

*Intro: We've already noted several things that the Thessalonian Road provides for us. First we've noted the certainty that it provides. The absolute certainty that Jesus will come again and that Jesus will remove the church. Second, we've already noted the clearance that it provides. I am using the word clearance to mean clearing out. I Thessalonians 1:9-10; 4:13-18; 5:9-11, all show that the Lord will deliver us from the wrath. He will do this by coming to the air and rapturing us out. Third, we've already noted the comfort that it provides. If God is going to clear the church out before the tribulation, for He said He was going to deliver us from the coming wrath, I Thessalonians 1:9-10; 5:9-11, then that means a great deal of comfort to us. As a matter of fact, He uses the word encouragement or comfort depending on your translation at least four times in these chapters dealing with our deliverance. Fourth, we've already noted the clarification it provides, at least part of the clarification. We still have more clarification to examine yet.*

**I. First, it provides clarification about the Rapture.**

*Now I have already focused on the rapture in previous points. But they needed some clarification about it because some false teachers had been circulating that Jesus had already come or that the tribulation had already begun. However, in I Thessalonians 1:9-10; 4:13-18; 5:9-11, it says that the rapture must take place before the events of the tribulation began because God is going to deliver us from the coming wrath.*

**II. Second, the thing that they needed clarification about was the rebellion, vs 3.**

*I should say the great rebellion. The fact that Paul puts "the" before the word rebellion means that he is not just referring to general rebellion but rather a specific rebellion. In other words, Paul is saying that the second coming of the Lord could not have happened yet because there has to be the rebellion first and it hasn't happened yet either. Paul is letting them know that those who do go through the tribulation will see and experience this rebellion, which means a great falling away. We are experiencing many folks rebelling and leaving the church in droves. However, this great rebellion will be on a scale never seen or known before.*

*The rapture will, I believe, be the instrument that will lead to this rebellion. For this sudden disappearance of believers all over the world and the rapturing of many churches will so disturb and disillusion those left behind, that they will totally turn their backs on God and choose instead to follow the anti-Christ. Here are some other places in the Scriptures that refer to this rebellion and falling away, Matt. 24:10; I Tim. 4:1-3; II Tim. 4:3-4; II Peter 2:1-3.*

### **III. Third, the thing that needed clarification about was what I am calling the rebel.**

*In verse three, Paul calls him the lawless one. You see Paul tells them again that before Christ can return not only must the rapture take place and then the rebellion take place, neither of which had happened yet, but that also the rebel or lawless one must be revealed. Of course, the other name for him is the anti-Christ.*

*So, he is letting the believers know that they haven't missed the end time events. For one thing they are still here and the Lord is going to rapture them out first, and then for those who will be left, there will be a great rebellion and that hasn't happened yet and also the rebel himself must be revealed and he hasn't. So, as he says in verse two, they don't need to be unsettled or alarmed.*

*Paul then goes on to describe several things about this rebel, this lawless one, the anti-Christ. First, he tells us some awesome news about this person. Not that he will become powerful and will for a time have authority here on earth, but rather that from the beginning he is **doomed to destruction, vs 3.** His time of power and fame is totally temporary and limited. God is going to yank it all away from him quickly, powerfully and permanently. The second thing that he teaches about the rebel is not only his doom but his **duty, vs 4.** His duty is to wipe away all evidence of God and instead declare himself to be God. He will do this ultimately from the Jewish temple right dead in the middle of the tribulation period, Dan. 9:24-27; Matt. 24:15. Now it is for this very reason he is doomed to destruction. We must remember that it is only to Jesus Christ our Lord that one day every knee will be made to bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Next, Paul teaches us about the rebel's demeanor. He will be everything that Jesus Christ wasn't. He is called the lawless one because he will be lawless. The only law that matters to him is the ones he creates himself to magnify himself, but God's law be totally disregarded. However, Jesus completely fulfilled God's law for us.*

*He will also be ruthless because of his intention of bringing anything that lifts up Christ, down. At whatever cost it takes to accomplish his purpose, he will carry it out to the point of being ruthless to make it happen. Also, he will be deceiving beyond measure. He is indeed the great deceiver and his deception will be done through not only teaching but also through all kinds of signs, wonders and fake miracles, vs 9. No wonder many will choose to follow him.*



**IV. Fourth, notice what Paul teaches about his director.**

*In other words, who is it exactly that is pulling the strings so to speak behind the rebel? Well, this person is not behind at all, pulling the strings. Rather, this person totally and completely indwells the rebel, and verse nine tells us who he is. It is none other than Satan himself. This is also the reason why he is lawless, ruthless and deceiving and this is also the reason why he is able to carry out signs, wonders and fake miracles. However, the good news to remember is that Satan was defeated in Heaven and will also be defeated here, Amen!*

**V. Finally, he teaches us about the disciples of the rebel, vs 9-12.**

*He, sadly, will have many, many followers who refuse to believe the truth of this gospel and instead believe in the lies of the devil. They will perish just like him.*

*So, the question is whose disciple do you want to be? You are either a disciple of Jesus Christ or you are his. Won't you surrender to Jesus Christ today?*

*Jesus Loves you!  
Pastor Ralph*



*A gift of \$260.00 was given to  
Operation Christmas Child  
in Memory of  
Raburn and Ruben Malphrus  
By Iola Daring.*

*A gift of \$500.00 was given in Memory of  
All of the ones who faithfully supported  
Operation Christmas Child.*

*Wednesday Night*  
**SERVICE**  
*We look forward to seeing you then!*

**MIDWEEK  
EXPERIENCE**

*go deep*



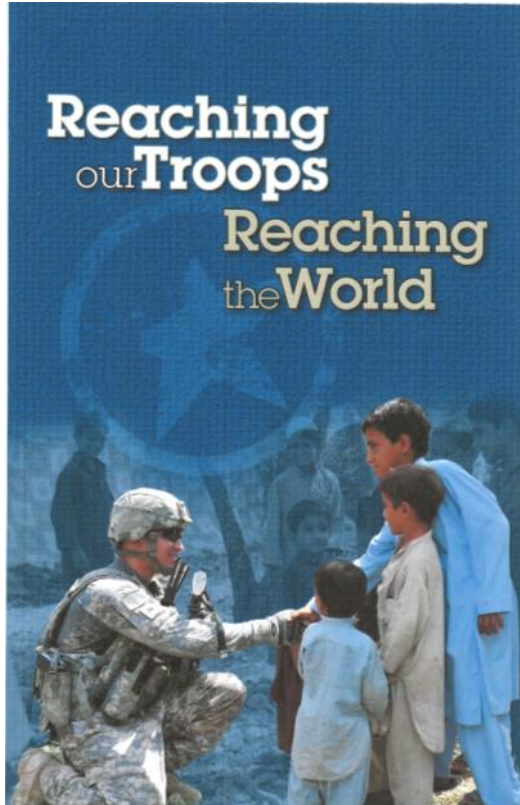
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
JOIN US  
THIS WEEK

**NEW  
SUNDAY  
SCHOOL  
CLASS**



**College &  
career**

# Coming in September

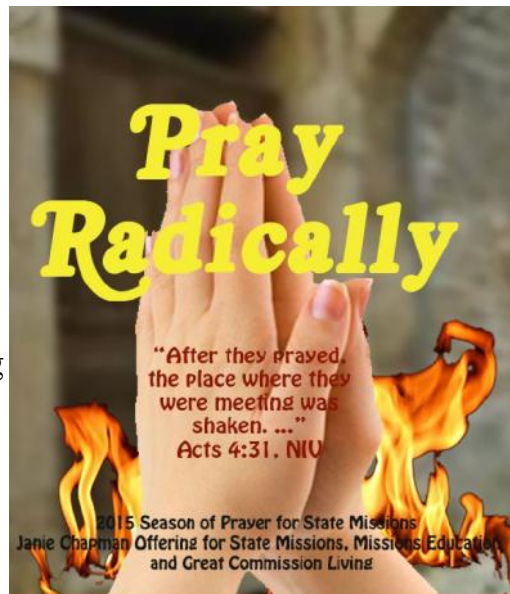


Faith Comes  
By Hearing

Military  
Bible Sticks

2015  
Season of Prayer

Janie Chapman Offering  
State Missions





# Wednesday Night SUPPER



Hamburgers  
Hot Dogs

Tater Tots  
Baked Beans  
Dessert  
Tea & Coffee



*Ann Malphrus Cooking Team*



*Sunday Morning Breakfast  
will resume  
Next week  
Sunday, September 6th*

# GSBC Prayer Pages August 30, 2015

## Church Needs

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor*  
*Richard Waitt- Music Director*  
*Deacons*  
*Child Dev. Ministries*

*Sunday School*  
*Small Groups*  
*SFCA-Donna Carter*

*Ministries*  
*Outreach Ministry*  
*Nominating Committee*

## Leadership

*President Barack Obama*  
*United States of America*

## Unspoken

*Jonathan Malphrus-Job Search*  
*Ann Malphrus*

## Bereavement

*Family*  
*Of*

## Hospitals

*Jeffrey Stanley-Greenville*

## Nursing Centers

*Elaine Degler-RNC*

## Surgery / Recovery

*Mack Pope, Sr. (7/29)*  
*Olivia Stanley (7/29)*  
*Burnette Pinckney (7/30)*  
*Barry DeMay (8/4)*  
*Gail Malphrus (8/20)*  
*Barbara Mills (8/20)*  
*Suzie Mitchell (8/24)*  
*Jim Davis (8/27)*

## Cancer / Treatments

*Lane Malphrus (8/6)*  
*Barry Jones (8/20)*  
*Virginia Wells (8/2)*  
*Dean Goen (8/3)*  
*Billy Benton (8/2)*  
*Gene Bryan(8/20)*

**Other Health Needs** *Randy McClendon (8/24)*

*Dot Tindal (8/6)*  
*Katelyn Morgan (8/6)*  
*Lynn Glasser (8/6)*  
*Saylor Moser (8/6)*  
*Mary Cope (8/6)*  
*Betty Nettles (8/6)*  
*Vera Floyd (8/6)*  
*Davey McGill (8/6)*  
*Dwaine Malphrus (8/2)*  
*Faye Cleland (8/2)*  
*Krey Lee Lowther (8/2)*

*Lois Bootle (8/27)*  
*Wayne Green (7/30)*  
*Steve Maddox (7/30)*  
*Jane Waitt (7/30)*  
*Dorthie Armstrong (7/30)*  
*Suzie Mitchell (8/10)*  
*Judy Smith (8/20)*  
*Ann Malphrus (8/20)*  
*Patrick Malphrus (8/27)*

## Expecting / Births

*Vanessa Smoak (10/6)*

## Called to Ministry

*Chris Carter & Family*  
*Robin Gray-Central Asia*  
*Bjo Mills-Home*

## Pray For Our Military



*Bobby Emerson- Fort Hood-Army*

*If you have someone who needs listing, call either the church office @726-3631 or E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479.*

*Thank You*

### Please Continue To Remember

*Ricky Cleland  
Mike Hodge  
Shirley Malphrus  
Rose Boyles  
Myia Angala Ellis  
Susan L. Vaigneur  
Norris Sauls  
Lula Floyd*

*Dot Nettles  
Jimmie Mills  
Betty Nettles  
Tom Hinely  
Olivia Stanley  
Joyce Sutler  
Kevin Roach  
Wofford Malphrus*

*Myrtle Rowell Smith  
Billie Langford  
Lisa Koon  
Mitzi Cramer  
Gary Way  
Christy Gagel  
Vera Miles  
Mary Daley*



*What is that in your hand?  
Jesus was a carpenter's son. His hometown had trouble seeing him for whom he really was God's Son. How do you look at others? Do you see them as Jesus sees them? Prayer keeps us alert to others and their needs. What is your "Tool" of the trade. What is that in your hand?*

### Today's Prayer Team

#### Group II

**Barbara Mills- Leader  
Betty Robertson**

**Watchman Prayer Service  
Saturdays @ 8:00am**

#### Prayer Note

*For emergencies  
a prayer chain  
is available for needs.*

*You may access  
by calling the  
church @ 726-3631*

*Or  
E.L. Ambrose @ 726-5479*

# Announcements



*Tuesday, September 1st*  
*Grandmother's Group*  
*11:30 am / MPB*  
*Bring Finger Foods*



*Thursday, September 3rd*  
*10:00 am*  
*Home of Shirley Jean Wing*



*Saturday, September 5th*  
*Watchman Prayer Group*  
*8:00 am*

SFCA  
Blood Drive

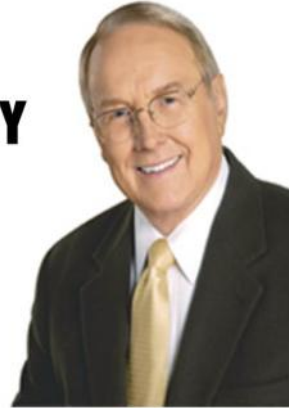
September 11th  
Starting @ Noon  
MPB



**DR. JAMES DOBSON'S**  
**BUILDING A FAMILY LEGACY**  
FILM SERIES

**BEGINS SEPT 20<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30pm**  
8 Sunday nights

☞ REGISTER for DOOR PRIZES EACH NIGHT ☜



*This Week:*



<i>September 1st</i>	<i>Hunter Lang</i>
<i>September 2nd</i>	<i>Pam Stanley</i>
<i>September 4th</i>	<i>Jessa Byrd</i>
	<i>William Holland</i>
<i>September 5th</i>	<i>Anita Blanton</i>



*Happy Anniversary*  
*September 2nd*  
*Jason & Janel Dixon*

# Senior Trip



## Balances Due:

***Room Balances:***  
*Wednesday, September 2nd*

***Bus Fees (\$50.00 each):***  
*Monday, October 5th*

*Call Timmy Sauls for more info: 321-0789*

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### Church Staff

Pastor: **Rev. Ralph Lee, Jr.**.....jehu27@gmail.com  
 Music Director: **Richard Waitt**.....waittfamily@embarqmail.com  
 Sunday School Director: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com  
 Pianist: **Michelle Waitt**.....waittfamily@embarqmail.com  
 Administrative Assistant: **Sybil Reynolds**.....greatswampbc@gmail.com  
 Treasurer: **Faye Lowther**.....kreyleesmom98@gmail.com  
 School Administrator: **Donna Carter**.....dcarter@hargray.com  
 Custodian: **Ann Malphrus**.....ramalphrus@hargray.com  
 Landscaper: **Wallace Malphrus**.....Josie6@embarqmail.com

### Calendar of Events

For  
 August 31st through September 6th

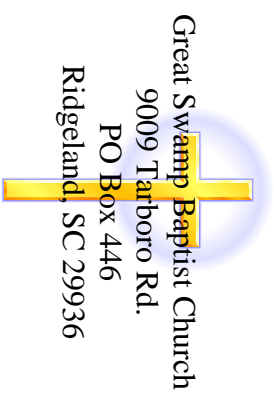
Sunday Morning Breakfast (September thru May Only)..... 8:30AM  
 Sunday School..... 9:45AM  
 Morning Worship.....11:00AM  
 Evening Worship.....6:00PM  
 Wednesday Night Supper (September thru May Only)..... 6:00PM  
 Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM  
 Saturday Watchman Prayer.....8:00AM

## Stewardship

Budget Offerings	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings</i>	\$3,357.91	\$ 4,616.28	-\$1,258.37
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Sr. Trip</i>	\$2,317.00	*****	\$4,792.45
<i>Darlington Race</i>	\$400.00	*****	\$0.00
<i>OCC</i>	\$761.00	*****	\$345.55
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### Nursery Workers Needed

*More nursery workers are needed for the 2015-2016 church year. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact Diane Thames @ 321-0806.*



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