

Siwell Signature

Reasons for Rejoicing

Watching or reading the news can be depressing. The focus is on the worst actions of man, often against other men. Focusing on such can result in a sense of helplessness and hopelessness. The Christian, however, has multiple reasons for rejoicing.

God's children should rejoice in the Father's love. He sent his Son to die for us while we were sinners (Romans 5:8) "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:9-10). That love permits us to say there is literally nothing that can defeat us (Romans 8:38-39).

Those in Christ can rejoice because we are free from sin. That freedom was achieved when we changed masters by obeying from the heart the pattern of teaching in the gospel. Those who have repented and been baptized under Jesus' authority went down into the water dead in sin. In the watery grave, they were buried with their Lord, coming in contact with the blood he shed in his death. Freedom from sin was achieved and all condemnation removed (Romans 6:16-18, 3-4; 8:1-2; John 19:31-35).

Those who are part of Christ can rejoice because of their hope. Peter said, "Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:3-5). We are citizens of a heavenly kingdom (Philippians 3:20-21). Though we may be troubled by the evil around us, we can know the Lord is one day coming to take us home (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

We have good reasons to, as Paul said, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)

Gary Hampton

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September 5, 2017

Elders

Bob Allen
Chris Bates
Darrel Cockroft
Andy Dulaney
Dale Ledbetter
James Leggett
Paul Leggett

Deacons

Antonio Bracey
Charles Bracey
Brad Carr
William Case
Bobby Chase
Thomas Edwards
Mark Meadows
Jeff Morris
Russell Myers
Mark Polk
Hiram Sturgeon
W.E. Walker
Corey Yates

Pulpit Minister

Gary Hampton

Youth and Family Life

Minister

Derek Broome
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Deaf Minister

George Myers

Missionary

Louis & Martha
Rushmore

Assembly Times

Sunday Classes	9:30
Sunday Morning	10:30
Sunday Evening	5:30
Wednesday Night	7:00

Remember in Prayer

Please keep **Alisha Middleton** and her baby in your prayers.

John Carson Conger arrived at 9:38 a.m. on Tuesday. He weighed 7 lbs. and 14 oz. and 21 ½ inches long. Mother and baby are doing well. Please keep the entire Conger family in your prayers.

Please pray for **Marvin Wallace** as he requested Sunday.

Ashleigh Breaud, daughter of Dawn Johnson, has colon cancer. She is at home recovering from surgery. Please remember **Dawn and the rest of Ashleigh's family** in your prayers as she prepares for chemotherapy treatments.

Jo Warrington, sister of Betty Morris, passed away on Monday. There will be a memorial service at a later date.

Please continue to pray for **Jeanie Lane** and **Nell Watson**. **Nell** is staying with **Clarissa Watson** and would love to have visitors after 1:00 p.m. until around 7:00 p.m.

Bob Blakeney, Mary Barr's brother, has health issues.

Eric Hausley has requested prayers for his uncle, **Charles Gleghorn**. Charles had surgery on his colon.

Prayers have been requested for **Fran Howell, sister of Shirley Cotting**. Fran is fighting cancer.

Please remember **Evelyn Bennett**, niece of **Annette Parrett**. She is in ICU and had been in an induced coma but is now waking up.

Please keep **Jill Chase's sister, Sheri Gilmore**, in your thoughts and prayers. Sheri is scheduled for surgery on October 26 to remove a tumor on her pancreas. It is unknown at this time if it is malignant. The office has her address if you would like to send her a card.

Those Serving in the Military

Richie Allen, Carey Ballard, Josh Barnett, Brian Butler, Dillon Holloway, Jae Irvin, Shayne Kelly, Brandon Lane, Seth Sparkman, William Thompson, Jacobi Weatherspoon

BIBLE CLASSES	207
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	281
SUNDAY NIGHT	179
WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES	152`
BUDGET	\$10,315.00
CONTRIBUTION	\$10,509.12

Mowing Schedule for September 9

Team 2

Andy Dulaney, Drew Dulaney, James Leggett and Ray Turner

Prayer List

Daniel Berry (nephew of Dirk Robertson)
Angela Callon
Judy Cook (friend of W.E. and Judy Walker)
Shelia Cox (niece of H.D. Hood)
Eric Davis
Linda Dickinson
Loretta Ellis
Amy Fleming (daughter of Vince and Deborah Gibbs)
Josephine Gardner
Myrtle Gordon
Donna Green (relative of McAdams family – cancer)
Melvin Hardy (Brother of Vera Spencer)
Miriam Holcomb (kidney problems)
Elizabeth Ann Holmes (daughter of Billy Sam Ward)
Mary Horton
Rita House (friend of Darlene Easterling and Lydia Hood)
Nathalie Johnston (Sister of Vera Spencer)
Billy and Jeanie Lane
Dale and Marty Ledbetter
Master's Family (friends of Russell Myers)
Evelyn May (friend of Darlene Easterling and Lydia Hood)
Billy McAdams
Lee McAdams
Randy Miller (back problems)
Tracey Morris
Bob Myers (Uncle of Kristina Manning)
Hulon Parrett
Shirley Ray (Niece of Annette Parrett)
Dustin Robertson (Nephew of Dirk Robertson)
Janette Sizemore (Sister of Betty Barkley)
Carl and Vera Spencer
Dale Spencer
Chris Tidwell (Son of Melanie Tidwell)
Melda Tunnell (friend of Darlene Easterling and Lydia Hood)
Mark Wall (Brother of Melanie Tidwell and Jeff Wall)
Loretha Wallace
Lazaros Watson
Nell Watson
Dot Wells (co-worker of Dale Ledbetter – cancer)
Mary Lois Wells

Shut-in List

Kay Abercrombie, Mother of Jill Chase (Chadwick, Room 104-A)
Velma Bicker (Chadwick, Room 119-B)
Grover Edwards (Briar Hill Rest Home)

Upcoming Youth Events

Discover Youth Rally
Starkville Church of Christ
November 3-5th

Discover is the annual youth rally at the Starkville Church of Christ. The UCSC (University Christian Student Center) along with the Starkville congregation provide a very uplifting youth rally for the kids. They also inform the students about the great things going on with the UCSC and the opportunities you have while attending Mississippi State. As a bonus, we will be attending a Mississippi State football game as part of the activities of the weekend. The registration cost is \$30 which includes registration, 3 meals, t-shirt, and game ticket. You will also need money for 3 additional meals, your Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, towels, and clothes for Friday through Sunday. The bus will be leaving on Friday, November 3rd at 4:15 p.m. and returning Sunday November 5th in time for evening services. If you would like to attend, please sign up and pay by October 1st. Any adults attending do not have to pay registration, but there is a \$10 charge for a football ticket and a \$10 charge for a t-shirt if you want one.

We still need a male and female chaperone to go on this trip. If you can help, please let Derek know.

Derek

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.

Psalms 23 NKJV

Happenings at Siwell

September 10 – Training Class

There will be a training class for Christian men who would like to give Wednesday night devotionals. Please let one of the Elders know if you wish to participate. Class will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Involvement Forms

We need to update the information derived from the Involvement Forms in our record keeping system. We are asking all members to submit a new one. The information is given to the Deacons for their particular area of service. The blank forms are in a tray on the bulletin board and on the tables in the foyer.

Youth News

Baptism

Cody Bracey was baptized Sunday evening by her father, **Charles Bracey**. Please welcome Cody to our church family.

Lads to Leaders

1 and 2 Corinthians

Theme: Do This in Remembrance of Me

If you are interested in participating in Lads to Leaders, please complete a form and turn them in to Brad or Derek by **September 10**. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. The blank forms are in the foyer in the tray on the bulletin board.

September 9 – Date Night

September 10 – 9 Good Minutes at 5:19
Birth to 6th Grade

September 10 – Bible Bowl at 4:00 p.m.

September 11 – Apartment Devotional

September 17 – Area Wide at Siwell

We are asking for volunteers to bring desserts. We also need monetary donations to purchase the food that will be served. (We already have chips and cheese for Nachos, tea and Kool-Aid.)

Berean Children's Home

Please make your check payable to Siwell Road Church of Christ and note "for Berean Children's Home."

Items Needed: After school snacks (No chocolate – Goldfish, chips, nabs, etc.) and Kool-Aid

Pantry

The Pantry List is located on the tables in the foyer.

SIWELL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST
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MEN TO SERVE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements:	Darrel Cockroft	Darrel Cockroft
Song Director:	Derek Broome	Derek Broome
Opening Prayer:	Claude Roberts	Wayne Morris
Presiding:	Drew Dulaney	
Speaker:	Gary Hampton	Gary Hampton
Sermon Topic:	<i>Ezekiel's Vision of Restoration</i>	<i>Workman of God</i>
Scripture:	Ezekiel 36:21-27	Ezekiel 33:1-6
Closing Prayer:		

MEN TO SERVE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Communion: Johnny Alman, Adam Bates, Owen Boutwell, John Boyd, Antonio Bracey, Charles Bracey, Nathan Hampton

Alternates: Drew Dulaney, Herbert Ellis, Terrance Freeman, Paul Leggett, Hiram Sturgeon and W. E. Walker

Ushers & P.M.: Jerry Hart and Kyle Russell

Take up Cards: John Alman, Coy Edwards and Abram Yates

Men serving Communion and leading prayers are asked to meet in the front of the auditorium immediately following Bible Class.

SERVING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Flower Arrangement: Vicki Edwards
Prepare Communion: William Gates and Dean Nettles
Clean Communion Trays: Mitzie Nations
Elder to Contact: Darrel Cockroft
Count & Deposit Contribution: Terril Morris and Mark Polk
Food Coordinator: Mary Allen (*If you know of a need for food to be taken to someone, please let Mary know.*)

DEACON IN CHARGE OF
BUILDING SECURITY

Charles Bracey

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Sarah Wall and Melanie Tidwell
Derek and Hannah Broome

A.M. NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Infant: Sue Barnett and Betty Morris
Toddlers: Anita Carver and Madelyn Edwards

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

Singing: Chris Bates
Speaker: Brad Carr
Prayer: Andy Dulaney

ATTENDANCE COUNT

John Mark Bridges