

Siwell Signature

Satan's Grand Lie

Jesus called Satan "a murderer from the beginning and the father of liars (John 8:44). He is referring to the incident recorded in Genesis 3 when Satan deceived the woman. There are some important lessons for us in this tragic story.

Satan focused on the prohibition instead of the provision (Genesis 3:1). He subtly got her to focus on the only fruit in the garden she could not eat. Today there are those who whine because of what they do not have. We need to focus on giving thanks instead (1 Thessalonians 5:18). After all, God has given us the greatest gift of all (2 Corinthians 9:15; Romans 8:32).

Satan denied the reality of the curse of death (Genesis 3:4). The father of lies is calling God the Father a liar (Genesis 2:17). Some live today as if there were no death, much like the rich man in Jesus' parable (Luke 12:16-21). Everyone needs to realize that, even with the great advances in medicine, each has an appointment with death (Hebrews 9:27).

Satan denied God's loving kindness, by saying God denied man access to something good (Genesis 3:5). We need to recognize God is good and the source of every good gift (Psalm 136:1; James 1:17). God and his word have been charged with being anti woman, when he actually made her the crowning act of creation (Genesis 2:22-23). The virtuous wife is praised and husbands are commanded to love their wives in the strongest of terms (Proverbs 31:10; Ephesians 5:25-28).

Satan said man could set his own law by telling him "you will be like God" (Genesis 3:5b). Some would have us believe we can set our own path to salvation. Jesus said we have to do the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21). Paul said God no longer will overlook ignorance, but insists that all repent (Acts 17:30). The way to the new life is through being buried with Christ in baptism and raised to live a new life (Romans 6:3-4).

Ignore Satan's lies. Live each day according to God's will, knowing that is the path to entering heaven.

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January 2, 2018

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Bobby Chase
Thomas Edwards
Mark Meadows
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George Myers

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Assembly Times

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

Remember in Prayer

Ashleigh Breaud will have a PET Scan in January. She thanks everyone for your prayers and support.

Linda Dickinson had a CT Scan and the results were good. She will have a colonoscopy on Friday, January 5.

Ann Kirby, mother of Katie Seal, has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. She is at home recovering from surgery.

Mike Posey and his family need our prayers in regard to his mother, **Jewel Posey**.

Robert Smith, father of Leeann Boutwell, is in the military and in a dangerous situation. Please pray for Robert, his unit, and his family. Robert's address is:

Robert Smith, SOJTF-OIR (J4), APO AE 09306

Please pray for **Shirley Ray, niece of Annette Parrett**, during her battle with cancer.

Brent Pyle, grandson of Mark and Bettye Meadows, is having health issues.

The **Church of Christ** that meets in **Fruitvale, TX**, caught fire on Friday of last week. Please pray for the members while they recover from this fire.

Those Serving in the Military

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

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| BIBLE CLASSES | 190 |
| SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP | 225 |
| SUNDAY NIGHT | 136 |
| WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES | 155 |
| BUDGET | \$10,432.00 |
| CONTRIBUTION | \$13,145.50 |

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)

Scripture for Children's Bible Classes

Sunday: Jacob – Genesis 29
Jacob Married Leah and Rachel

Wednesday: Jacob – Genesis 30
Jacob Accumulates Wealth in
Mesopotamia

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

Tony Dority (Cousin of Ann and Darrell Cockroft)

Grover Edwards

Loretta Ellis

Josephine Gardner

Sheri Gilmore (Sister of Jill Chase)

Charles Gleghorn (Uncle of Eric Hausley)

Myrtle Gordon

Donna Green (Relative of McAdams family – cancer)

Melvin Hardy (Brother of Vera Spencer)

B. J. Henderson

Miriam Holcomb (Kidney problems)

Elizabeth Ann Holmes (Daughter of Billy Sam Ward)

Mary Horton

Fran Howell (Sister of Shirley Cotting and aunt of Angela Callon)

Sid Johnson (Brother of Betty Barkley)

Nathalie Johnston (Sister of Vera Spencer)

Billy and Jeanie Lane

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)

Buddy Oxley

Hulon Parrett

Shirley Ray (Niece of Annette Parrett)

Dustin Robertson (Nephew of Dirk Robertson)

Josh Sexton (Friend of Coy Edwards)

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

Mary Lois Wells

Finishing the Race

When a race begins a true racer believes he can truly win. Even though all of the evidence and statistics would say otherwise, this racer believes he has a fighting chance to be victorious. It is that same belief that drives him to train harder and harder. It is that belief that strengthens him as he steps to the starting block. The first few steps he is confident and staying with his opponents, neck and neck. But slowly he begins to fade. The harder he tries the farther back he falls in the field. He is now in last place with what seems to be no hope. At this point this racer has options: He can quit and slowly come to a stop before walking shamefully off the track; he can slow down and save his strength because he is not going to win anyways or he can keep running with the same strength and determination he had at the beginning of the race. This racer is determined to keep running. He runs harder than he has ever ran before. He passes one person, then two, then three. The crowd is on their feet. They cannot believe what they are seeing. The racers come to the final turn and everyone is anxiously watching to see what will happen. The racer gives it all he has and lunges forward while crossing the finish line. He places 4th and misses the podium completely. While some will only remember who placed in the top three, true race fans remember the way that racer finished.

Our spiritual lives are like a race. In order to run the race, we must first enter the race. When we put Christ on in baptism, as is commanded in Acts 2:38 and other verses, we are entering the race. But just because we enter the race does not mean that we will be victorious. The race will be difficult at times. If our minds and our bodies are not prepared, then we will not have the endurance to make it to the end. The preparation needed for our spiritual lives takes place before and after baptism. It is necessary to study the Word of God to not only learn the things that we should do and should not do to be pleasing to God, but to also strengthen our faith so that we will walk in His ways daily. 2 Timothy 2:15. Our race is lived out each day. Sometimes we are doing well and seem to be leading in the race. Sometimes we begin to fade and are desperately in need of strength and guidance. We must all remember as we run this race of life that we are running towards our Father in Heaven who has given us the tools to run the race until the very end. As long as we keep running the race according to His will we will be victorious.

As Paul was beginning to close out 2 Timothy he gives us hope of what will happen if we faithfully run the race of life. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8. We too can be like Paul and have the faith and endurance to finish the race of life. As we begin this new year let us keep our eyes on heaven and continue running faithfully until we see our God.

Happenings at Siwell

January 20 – Men’s Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

February 10 – Women’s Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Youth News

January 7 – Youth Devotional

January 8 – Apartment Devotional

January 12-14 – EU

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 (Goldfish, chips, nabs, etc. – no chocolate, please) and Kool-Aid

Pantry

Items Needed: Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Corn, Rice, Dry Beans, Potatoes and Lunch Meat

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

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| January 8-14 | Job 17-20 Job 21-23 Job 24-28 Job 29-31 Job 32-34 Job 35-37 Job 38-39 |
| January 15-21 | Job 40-42 Genesis 12-15 Genesis 16-18 Genesis 19-21 Genesis 22-24 Genesis 25-26 Genesis 27-29 |
| January 22-28 | Genesis 30-31 Genesis 32-34 Genesis 35-37 Genesis 38-40 Genesis 41-42 Genesis 43-45 Genesis 56-47 |
| Jan 29- Feb 4 | Genesis 48-50 Exodus 1-3 Exodus 4-6 Exodus 7-9 Exodus 10-12 Exodus 13-15 Exodus 16-18 |

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MEN TO SERVE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

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| Announcements: | Morning Service Bob Allen | Evening Service Bob Allen |
| Song Director: | Colton Meadows | Colton Meadows |
| Opening Prayer: | Corey Yates | Charles Bracey |
| Presiding: | W. E. Walker | |
| Speaker: | Gary Hampton | Gary Hampton |
| Sermon Topic: | <i>The Importance of the Word</i> | <i>Tracking the Devil</i> |
| Scripture: | Genesis 2 and 3 | Genesis 3, 4 and 11 |
| Closing Prayer: | William Case | Wesley Wall |

MEN TO SERVE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Communion: John Boyd, Derek Broome, Brian Conger, Doug Cockroft, Herbert Ellis, Nathan Hampton, Terrance Freeman, Tommy Muirhead, and Kyle Russell

Alternates: Will Case and Boyd Chase

Ushers & P.M.: Donald Cromwell and Dustin Jeffords

Take up Cards: William Boyd, Tripp Koestler and Grant Myers

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 JANUARY

Flower Arrangement: Annette Parrett
Prepare Communion: Hunter and Misty Gann
Clean Communion Trays: Mary Allen and Miriam Holcomb
Elder to Contact: Bob Allen
Count & Deposit Contribution: Terril Morris and Mark Polk
Food Coordinator: Mitzie Nations (*If you know of a need for food to be taken to someone, please let Mitzie know.*)

**DEACON IN CHARGE OF
BUILDING SECURITY**

Thomas Edwards

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Shannon Brown and Anita Carver
Jessie Watson and Nancy Smith

**A.M. NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR
JANUARY 7, 2018**

Infant: Heather and Scott Morris
Toddlers: Crystal Dunlap and Sharon Turner

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 10, 2018

Song Leader: James Koestler
Speaker: Drew Dulaney
Prayer: Malcolm Barnett

ATTENDANCE COUNT

Will Case