

Siwell Signature

Rainbow Reminders

Some of the most beautiful pictures I have ever seen are of rainbows. God's colorful covenant symbol draws immediate and lasting attention.

The rainbow clearly demonstrates there is a God in heaven. God came to Noah and told him to build an ark. Noah did everything God commanded him to do (Genesis 6:13, 22). Noah offered a sacrifice when he left the ark and God gave the rainbow as a sign of his covenant with man that he would never again destroy the world by a great flood (Genesis 9:12). The rainbow in the heavens declares the glory of God (Psalm 19:1).

The rainbow reminds us God will punish sinners. Man's continual wickedness led to the flood. Men may make fun of God, his existence and his Son's promised return, but the flood stands as evidence that he will punish sinners. Paul reassured the suffering saints at Thessalonica that the Almighty would punish those who do not obey, or keep on obeying, him (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, as was plainly seen when God placed the rainbow in the heavens. He lived upright in the midst of terrible sinfulness (Genesis 6:8-9). He declared God's will to those sinners for one hundred years, but only his family was saved (2 Peter 2:5). His salvation by water was a foreshadow of man's salvation through the waters of baptism (1 Peter 3:20-21).

The rainbow emphatically declares God keeps his promises. No flood has destroyed all flesh for the several millennia since God first placed the rainbow in the sky as a sign that he would not do that again (Genesis 9:13-15). The promised return of Jesus to meet his faithful followers in the air is a promise sure to be kept. It should motivate us to faithfully watch (2 Peter 3:9-14).

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Antonio Bracey
Charles Bracey
Brad Carr
William Case
Bobby Chase
Thomas Edwards
Mark Meadows
Jeff Morris
Russell Myers
Mark Polk
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Corey Yates

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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

Trudi Bell had surgery on Monday of last week.

Ashleigh Breaud, Shirley Cotting, and Ann Kirby are fighting cancer.

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

Shirley Ray went home from the hospital on Sunday afternoon.

Anita Carver has requested prayers for **Taylor Breaux**, a student at Hillcrest Christian School. His mother, **Nikki**, is receiving hospice care and is dying from ovarian cancer.

Kristina Manning requested prayers for her mother's parents. They are both elderly and in very poor health.

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

Note: Please provide the office with the addresses (email and physical) of these soldiers. Thank you.

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)

Foreign Missions

Louis and Martha Rushmore, Rocco Pierce (Fiji), Honduran Preaching School, Voice of Truth International, World Bible School, World Evangelism, Ray Passeur, Klaipeda Church of Christ in Lithuania, Truth for Today (Eddie Cloer), Jason Pierce (Pacific Islands), and Frederick Hicher (St Croix).

State Evangelism

Magnolia Messenger, Student Center – MSU, Sardis Lake Christian Camp, and Student Center – Moorhead

College Students

Tara, Bracey, Toni Bracey, A.J. Bracey, Cameron Brown, Carlee Edwards, Kaitlyn Estes, Aaron Holman, William McAdams, Elliot Leggett, Alexis Mills, Robbie Smiley, Nora Sturgeon, Grant Sturgeon, and Malerie Yates

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

Sin and Flu Season

Everywhere you go it's there. You cannot seem to escape it. Work, school, home, grocery store, doctor's office, etc. It's everywhere. This has been one of the worst cold and flu seasons that I have ever seen. Normally, I know a few people who get sick and that is about it, but this year it seems like everybody has been sick at one time or another. You would think with the great advancements made in medicine that the flu would no longer be a problem. I mean there are flu shots and so many natural remedies that are supposed to keep the flu away. There are prescription medications and over the counter medicines that can be bought that are supposed to limit your symptoms. But to this date, the flu has yet to be beaten, at least not completely. The flu is a nasty virus that keeps changing. Flu shots are made to fight against certain strains but it always seems like there is a new and stronger strain out there just waiting to infect people. The flu is everywhere but it is not the only sickness that plagues our world.

Like the flu, sin is a major problem in our world today. It's everywhere. It does not matter who you are or where you are from, sin is a problem. It is like a virus that keeps changing and adapting to our current culture. Since our culture changes and adapts every day we can only expect sin to do the very same thing. At its roots the sins of this world are the same as they have always been, but as time has passed, sin has found new and different ways to present itself to the world. Sin is potent. Sin is prevalent. Sin is real.

The book of James describes exactly how sin infiltrates our lives. "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death." James 1:14-15. Like the flu, the results of sin can be fatal if we do not take the proper steps toward healing. Like modern day medicine has done for the flu, God has provided us preventative ways to stay away from sin, and ways to get rid of the symptoms/temptations that come our way. His Word teaches us all that what we must do to keep sin out of our lives. If we follow God's Word we can stay away from sin but also overcome sin when we find ourselves ensnared in it. One of the major differences between modern medicine and God is this, while there will always be a new virus or illness out there that medicine cannot completely eradicate, God has already conquered sin and death. By His love and the giving of His Son we have the answer to sin, Jesus Christ. The blood of Christ is able to wash away all of our sins and make us pure before our Father in Heaven. We can be completely confident in our spiritual healing and know we have a home waiting for us in Heaven one day. I would encourage us as we go out during this Sin and Flu season we keep our eyes focused on God, the true Healer of our lives.

Derek Broome

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

BIBLE CLASSES	202
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	255
SUNDAY NIGHT	158
WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES	160
BUDGET	\$10,432.00
CONTRIBUTION	\$12,112.55

Happenings at Siwell

January 23 – Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 a.m.

January 30 – Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 a.m.

February 3 – Men's Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

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

February 11 – Young at Hearts Banquet

Congratulations to **Hope and Brandon Nichols** on the birth of their son, **Camden Ryan**. **Camden** was born on January 11 weighing 7lbs. and 7 oz., 19 ½ inches long. Proud grandparents are Kristi and Hiram Sturgeon.

Scripture for Children's Bible Classes

Sunday: Jacob – Genesis 34, 35, and 36

Jacob Returned to Canaan

Wednesday: Joseph, Moses, and Joshua -- Review

Youth News

January 19 – Devotional

January 21 – Area Wide - Clinton

January 22 – Apartment Devotional

January 28 – Devotional

January 29 – Apartment Devotional

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, Canned Potatoes (white or sweet), Mustard, Ketchup, Chili, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Fruit, Cornbread Mix, Rice, Potato Flakes

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

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
Feb 5-Feb 11	Exodus 19-21
	Exodus 22-24
	Exodus 25-27
	Exodus 28-29
	Exodus 30-32
	Exodus 33-35
	Exodus 36-38

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MEN TO SERVE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

Announcements:	Morning Service Bob Allen	Evening Service Bob Allen
Song Director:	Derek Broome	Derek Broome
Opening Prayer:	Dean Nettles	Owen Boutwell
Presiding:	Paul Leggett	
Speaker:	Gary Hampton	Gary Hampton
Sermon Topic:	<i>Noah's Ark Compared To Christ's Church</i>	<i>Jesus, the Fulfillment of Genesis</i>
Scripture:	Genesis 6:9-7:23	Genesis 12:1-3
Closing Prayer:	Andy Dulaney	John Mark Bridges

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

Mitzie Nations and Anita Carver
Jessie Watson and Nancy Smith

**A.M. NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR
JANUARY 21, 2018**

Infant: Jennifer Griffin and Kayla McAdams
Toddlers: Rheagan Case and Corinna Yates

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 24, 2018

Song Leader: Boyd Chase
Speaker: Hiram Sturgeon
Prayer: Wayne Morris

ATTENDANCE COUNT

Will Case