

Siwell Signature

Babel: A Lesson on Success

The last thing most people think of when asked about Babel is success. A close examination, however, reveals three key principles of success in this otherwise sad story.

The Lord observed, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language” (Genesis 11:6a). Jesus told the scribes, “if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand” (Mark 3:24-26). Paul urged the Philippian saints to fulfill his “joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind” (Philippians 2:1-2). He instructed members of the church of God at Corinth to “be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10). The Savior saw unity as a great first step in evangelism (John 17:20-23).

The people at Babel were not all talk and planning, but began to act (Genesis 11:6b). Luke summarized his gospel record as an account “of all that Jesus began both to do and teach” (Acts 1:1). The scattered Christians “went everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). Paul instructed the churches of Galatia to seize every opportunity to do good (Galatians 6:10). Paul told Timothy to command rich Christians to “be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share” (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

The Lord said of the people at Babel, “now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them,” underscoring the power of a vision (Genesis 11:6c). Paul’s single-minded goal of receiving the upward call from the Lord drove him to ceaseless preaching, even in the face of adversity (Philippians 3:13-14). People of faith were driven to act as directed by God because they sought “a homeland” built by God (Hebrews 11:13-16). We too should persevere to the end and keep our focus on Jesus, who is now seated on the throne in heaven (Hebrews 12:1-2).

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Elders

Bob Allen
Chris Bates
Darrel Cockroft
Andy Dulaney
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
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W.E. Walker
Corey Yates

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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

Kay Abercrombie, mother of Jill Chase, passed away on Saturday. The funeral will be Wednesday morning with arrangements as follows: Lunch for the family will be served at 11:00 a.m. in the downstairs fellowship hall; Visitation will begin at 12:00 Noon in the auditorium with the Funeral service at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Abercrombie will be buried in Port Gibson.

Betty Barkley had surgery for breast cancer on Tuesday of last week.

Trudi Bell is in CMMC in Room 2245. She was admitted before Christmas.

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

Joanne Leggett is scheduled for thyroid surgery on Wednesday morning.

H.D. and Lydia Hood, Darlene and Danny Easterling, and Lazaros and Jessie Watson are all sick.

Barbara Cooper, mother of Christine Shears, is under hospice care in Athens, Alabama.

Kristi Kelley, daughter of Vic Kelley, is very ill. Vic is a neighbor of Gary and Teresa Hampton and has been attending morning services for some time.

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

Melanie Tidwell requested prayers for her aunt, **Annie Delaughter**. She was discharged from the hospital Monday.

Judy Cook, friend of W.E. and Judy Walker and a member of North Brandon Church of Christ passed away Sunday. A memorial service will be held at North Brandon at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25.

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

Shut-In List

Velma Bicker (Chadwick, Room 119-B)
Grover Edwards (Briar Hill Rest Home)
Billy and Jeanie Lane (at home)
Virgil and Sylvia Parrish (at home)

Foreign Missions

Louis and Martha Rushmore, Rocco Pierce (Fiji), Honduran Preaching School, Voice of Truth International, World Bible School, World Evangelism, Ray Paseur, 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

Prayer List

Daniel Berry (Nephew of Dirk Robertson)
Angela Callon
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)
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

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

Redemption

In 1517, Martin Luther, a leader in the Reformation Movement, posted his 95 Thesis. Luther, who greatly opposed several of the traditions and practices of the Catholic Church, stood strongly against the selling of indulgences. The selling of indulgences was basically putting a price tag on Salvation. If you, or in some cases a family member, sinned and deserved an eternity in Hell, certain religious leaders would gladly sell you indulgences to cover up or pay for your salvation. Forgiveness of sins was being sold to the people at a high price and the money paid to the Catholic Church would go to fund projects and buildings in that century. Luther knew that forgiveness of sins was not for sale and that the selling of indulgences was not scriptural. Now I am sure Luther was probably not the only person who opposed such actions but let us think about this honestly. If someone were to tell you that you could literally buy your way or a family members way out of hell, would you not at least try it? I think this is the situation many people found themselves in during this century. Not only was the Catholic Church strongly enforcing their will during this era, but also people were, as they have always been, desperate. As people, we know we need redemption. We know we have sinned and that we do not deserve Heaven. By the love of God, Jesus was sent into the world to save mankind, to redeem us. We come in contact with the blood Jesus shed on the cross in the watery grave of baptism, which cleanses us from our sins. Redemption can only be found in Christ Jesus and it is our job as Christians to share the way to Redemption with the world. May God bless us as we live for Him.

Methodist Rehabilitation Center accepts used durable medical equipment donations through its Recycle for Rehab program. This program provides equipment to patients who either have no funding or who have applied and are waiting funding to purchase needed equipment. We will gladly accept donations that are in good to very good condition to help our patients return home safely.

MRC accepts donations of:

Wheelchairs Walkers
Canes Shower Chairs
Etc.

Anyone wishing to donate the above items should contact Terri Meadows at 601-364-3480 or email at tmeadows@mmrc rehab.org

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

BIBLE CLASSES	242
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	276
SUNDAY NIGHT	153
WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES	202
BUDGET	\$10,432.00
CONTRIBUTION	\$10,936.89

Happenings at Siwell

February 3 – Men’s Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. – Upstairs Fellowship Hall

February 4 – Vacation Bible School Kickoff Meeting for those interested in helping with VBS. The meeting will be after morning services and Lunch will be provided.

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

February 11 – Young at Hearts Banquet

Scripture for Children’s Bible Classes

Sunday: David – Psalm 139 - God Knows All and Is Everywhere
Wednesday: David – 2 Samuel 1 - David Learned of Saul and Jonathan’s Deaths

Youth News

January 28 – Devotional

January 28 – Lads to Leaders

2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Puppets

4:00 p.m. – Speech

January 29 – Apartment Devotional

February 3 - Meet the Princesses - Noon to 2:00 p.m. – All little princesses (Birth through 6th Grade), their mothers and grandmothers are invited for a day of fun activities; photo opportunities; lunch and devotional as they get to meet some of their favorite princesses in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall.

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 5-11	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 28, 2018

Announcements:	Morning Service Bob Allen	Evening Service Bob Allen
Song Director:	Drew Dulaney	Drew Dulaney
Opening Prayer:	Russell Myers	Richard Carr
Presiding:	Chris Bates	
Speaker:	Gary Hampton	Gary Hampton
Sermon Topic:	<i>Fleeting Temptation</i>	<i>A Coffin in Egypt</i>
Scripture:	Genesis 12:1-3	Genesis 50:22-26
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, 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 28, 2018

Infant: Marty Ledbetter and Bryce and Sylvia Thompson
Toddlers: Ann Cockroft and Courtney Cockroft

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 31, 2018

Song Leader: Wesley Wall
Speaker: Terrance Freeman
Prayer: Dean Nettles

ATTENDANCE COUNT

Will Case