

Siwell Signature

Moses' Excuses, God's Answers

God told Moses he wanted to send him to deliver his people. He responded, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" God took away the excuse by promising to be with him. Anyone is someone with Almighty God on his side (Exodus 3:9-12; Romans 8:31).

Moses asked who he should say had sent him. God said to, "I Am has sent me," or the One who exists by His Own power (Exodus 3:13-14; Revelation 1:4)! Moses was to tell the Israelite elders that God had seen their suffering, would deliver them and take them to the promised land. Moses and the elders were to ask Pharaoh to let them go three days' journey into the wilderness to worship their God. He foretold that Pharaoh would not let them go, even by a powerful hand. The Almighty would send them out with abundance as if Egypt had been plundered (Exodus 3:13-22; Genesis 15:14)!

Moses said the people would not believe him. God gave him three miracles designed to convince the elders that he was God's chosen messenger. His rod would become a serpent and turn back into a rod. His hand would be leprous and then whole again. Water from the river would turn to blood when poured out on the ground (Exodus 4:1-9).

Moses next said he was not an eloquent public speaker, either before God began speaking or at that very moment. This excuse borders on being an accusation against God. It is tacitly false, as Deuteronomy demonstrates. God did not remedy this supposed problem, but said he had made man's mouth and could strengthen Moses (Exodus 4:10-12).

Moses finally asked God to send anyone but him. God was angry because he had promised all necessary aid. He gave Moses Aaron as his mouthpiece. The ultimate power would come from God as he gave Moses the words to speak (Exodus 4:13-17).

The futility of making excuses to God is evident. He made us. He knows us. He will not ask us to do anything we are unable to do.

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February 13, 2018

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
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

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

Anita Carver would like to thank everyone for praying for **Taylor Breaux and his mother Nikki**. Nikki died Sunday morning from ovarian cancer. Taylor will be moving out of state to stay with family.

Darrel Cockroft has been sick at home.

Jeanie Lane is at home recovering from colon surgery.

Virgil Parrish is having problems with his legs.

Mike and Sharon Posey have been sick at home.

Mark Walker is having health issues.

Sympathy is extended to **Jessie and the Watson family**.

Lazaros Watson passed away Friday, February 9. Visitation will be Friday, February 16, from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the **Lakeover Funeral Home**. Saturday, February 17, Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. at **Siwell Road Church of Christ** with the Funeral at 11:00 a.m. The burial will take place at a later date.

Homer Myers, brother of Betty Butler and Sylvia Parrish, is having health issues.

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

Kristi Kelley, daughter of Vic Kelley, is still very sick.

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 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

Trudi Bell
Daniel Berry (Nephew of Dirk Robertson)
Ashleigh Breaud
Angela Callon
Donna Moss Clemons (friend of the Morris Families)
Shirley Cotting (moherr of 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)
Kristi Kelley (Daughter of Vic Kelley)
Ann Kirby (Mother of Katie Seal)
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)(cancer)
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
Jessie Watson
Nell Watson
Mary Lois Wells

Chronological Bible Reading Plan

Feb 19-25	Leviticus 19-21
	Leviticus 22-23
	Leviticus 24-25
	Leviticus 26-27
	Numbers 1-2
	Numbers 3-4
	Numbers 5-6

System Reset

It's Monday morning and you are tired. You get to the office; already dreading the day ahead, when suddenly you remember you forgot to print the reports for your boss. You rush over to your computer. It is fifteen minutes before the big meeting. You open your computer and try to access the file. Nothing is working. "What is wrong with this machine?" You finally decide to restart your whole system. Slowly but surely the system begins to open up. You are barely able to get everything printed that you need but you make it. Your week has officially begun. Your week is as busy as ever and you promise yourself that this weekend you are going to get some rest. One activity leads to two, maybe three. Church services on Sunday followed by more activities Sunday night. It is now Monday morning again.

Many people rush through life, day in and day out, and they never take time to rest. Sooner or later if we do not take care of ourselves we find ourselves like that old computer on Monday morning, in desperate need to be shut down and restarted. As a Christian, living a life that is so focused on the next activity hurts more than just our physical life. Our spiritual lives begin to take a back seat to everything else and eventually we find ourselves looking back wondering how did things go so wrong.

Jesus taught many great lessons while He was here on the earth that can help us as we live our lives. These principles are applicable for day-to-day living and for those times where we need a good reset. Here are just a few. In Matthew 11:28 Jesus says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." We see in this verse that the rest that we all truly need can be found in Christ but we need to come to Him. Jesus himself, went off by himself in Matthew 14:23, after the feeding of the five thousand. Here we see specifically that He went off by Himself to pray.

Prayer is how we come to Christ and take to Him our cares. But we need more than just rest and prayer. In Matthew 11:29 when Jesus is letting us know how we can find true rest He gives us some instructions, "learn from Me". As Christians today we learn from God by studying His Word. As we study His Word and grow in faith we become better prepared to take on each day. But that still leaves the question of our busy and over scheduled lives. What do we do about that? In Matthew 6:33 we read, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." In our lives we are to be focused on God and less on the cares of the world. When we get distracted by the world instead of on the things of God our spiritual lives will suffer and we will be in need of a good restart. Each day we should take time to be alone with God in prayer and in the Word. As we plan our lives we need to always remember to put God first. Lastly, we must all remember to take time to rest. All of these things will help us in life and will help us as we live for Him.

Derek Broome

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

BIBLE CLASSES	182
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	261
SUNDAY NIGHT	141
WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES	166
BUDGET	\$10,432.00
CONTRIBUTION	\$11,531.55

Happenings at Siwell

Sixty-Five ladies attended the Ladies Breakfast on Saturday. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. The Elders discussed future plans for the congregation.

February 17 – Couples Date Night

March 18 – Wedding Shower for Olivia Dulaney and Zach Holloway from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Everyday Gourmet and Target.

March 24 – Ladies Day – Guest Speaker - Donna Faughn - Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. - Lunch provided

Scripture for Children's Bible Classes

Sunday: David – 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 23
God's Promises to David; The Lord, a Shepherd
Wednesday: David – 2 Samuel 8
David's Victories

Youth News

February 18 – Lads to Leaders

2:00 p.m. – Puppets

3:00 p.m. – Bible Bowl Test

4:00 p.m. – Pearls Test

February 18 – Teen Devotional following the evening service

February 19 – Apartment Devotional

February 23-25 – Challenge Youth Conference

February 26 - 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

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MEN TO SERVE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

	Morning Service	Evening Service
Announcements:	Chris Bates	Chris Bates
Song Director:	Brad Carr	Brad Carr
Opening Prayer:	W. E. Walker	Hiram Sturgeon
Presiding:	William Case	
Speaker:	Gary Hampton	Gary Hampton
Sermon Topic:	<i>Our High Priest</i>	<i>The Holiness of God</i>
Scripture:	Hebrews 9:11-15	Leviticus 19:2
Closing Prayer:	Bill Thompson	Wesley Wall

MEN TO SERVE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Communion: Derek Broome, Tim Butler, Will Case, Doug Cockroft, Drew Dulaney, Kip Gardner, Dean Nettles, Steve Pickett, and Jeff Wall

Alternates: Boyd Chase and Bryce Thompson

Ushers & P.M.: Grant Sturgeon and Colton Meadows
Take up Cards: Austin Bracey, Blake Myers 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 JANUARY

Flower Arrangement: Mitzie Nations
Prepare Communion: Jerry and Neeta Hart
Clean Communion Trays: Brad and Shelley Carr
Elder to Contact: Chris Bates
Count & Deposit Contribution: Tim Butler and Jimmy Barr
Food Coordinator: Shaunda Freeman (*If you know of a need for food to be taken to someone, please let Shaunda know.*)

DEACON IN CHARGE OF BUILDING SECURITY

Bobby Chase

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Valerie Case and Rheagan Case
Darlene Easterling and Jessie Watson

A.M. NURSERY ATTENDANTS FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Infant: Rose Gallman and Debra McAdams
Toddlers: Vicki Edwards and Mitzie Nations

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

Song Leader: Colton Meadows
Speaker: Darrell Cockroft
Prayer: Scott Morris

ATTENDANCE COUNT

Dustin Jeffords