

Siwell Signature

Confidently Longing for Jesus

John and Paul both expressed a longing for the Lord. Jesus' reassuring statement at the end of his revelation to John is, "Surely I am coming quickly." The response of the exile on Patmos is like a shouted plea, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20). Paul's closing words to the church of God in Corinth include, "O Lord, come!" (1 Corinthians 16:22b).

This longing is the undergirding of all faithful Christians. Hebrew converts were reminded that God's Son "was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation" (Hebrews 9:28).

Christians can confidently long for Jesus because he is our anchor. The inspired penman said, "This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil" (Hebrews 6:19). We need an anchor to avoid drifting (Hebrews 2:1). Our Lord serves as a perfect anchor, having offered his blood on the Father's ultimate mercy seat in heaven to atone for our sins (Hebrews 8:5; 9:3, 7-8, 12).

A confident longing for Jesus also arises from the fact that he is our forerunner, having gone like a scout to prepare our way to heaven (Hebrews 6:20a). He told the apostles he would go prepare a place and come back for them (John 14:1-6). He suffered through the agony of the cross to lead the way to our heavenly home (Hebrews 5:7-9).

We should confidently long for Jesus because he is our High Priest forever (Hebrews 6:20b). There was a continual changing of the man who served as the Aaronic High Priest under the Law of Moses because each of them died. Jesus ever lives so he can save us completely (Hebrews 7:24-25). He was the perfect sacrifice because he is holy, free from guilt, unsoiled by sin, separated from sinners and lifted up above the heavens (Hebrews 7:26). He put himself on the altar once for all time so we could have freedom from our sins (Hebrews 7:27).

Let us join John, Paul and the other first century Christians in longing for the Lord. That powerful desire can sustain us until he returns to claim his own.

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April 24, 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
Jeff Morris
Russell Myers
Mark Polk
Hiram Sturgeon
W.E. Walker
Corey Yates

Pulpit Minister

Gary Hampton

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Minister

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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 pray for **Valerie Case** as she requested Sunday.

Trudi Bell is in Specialty Hospital, Room 111.

Shirley Cotting and Shirley Ray continue their battle with cancer.

Annette Parrett had surgery on both eyes on April 24.

Please pray for **Annetta Bracey, Paul Leggett, Lisa**

Robertson, and Sylvia Thompson.

Sandy Smith is having problems with her back. She will begin physical therapy this week.

Kristi Kelley, daughter of Vic Kelley, has been transferred to Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center.

Bertie Peden, mother of Patricia Walter, has a broken ankle.

Sammie Flowers, father of Patricia Liddell, is in ICU at UMMC.

Bob Blakeney and David Blakeney, brothers of Mary Barr, will be having surgery this week.

Fred Pickett, father of Steve Pickett, is the hospital still in critical condition. Please pray for Steve and his family.

Christin Nettles Marcus will be having a blood transfusion this week.

Congratulations to **Jason Smith.** Jason graduated from the Fire Academy earlier this month. His duty station is Richland, MS.

SHUT-IN LIST

Velma Bicker (Chadwick, 119-B)

Grover Edwards (Briar Hill)

Billy and Jeanie Lane (at home)

Virgil and Sylvia Parrish (at home)

THOSE SERVING THE MILITARY

Carey Ballard, Josh Barnett, Brian Butler, Dillon Holloway, Jae Irvin, Shayne Kelly, Andrew Smith, Robert Smith, Seth Sparkman, William Thompson, Jacobi Weatherspoon, and Jaden Williams

BEREAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Please make your check payable to Siwell Road church of Christ and note "for Berean Children's Home." Items needed: Ticonderoga #2 pencils, wide ruled notebook paper, and after school snacks (no chocolate)

INVITATION

Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Dulaney request the pleasure of your company at the Reception celebrating the marriage of Olivia Caroline and Zachary David Holloway on May 19, at 3:00 p.m., at Livingston Town Square, Madison, Mississippi.

Prayer List...

Robert Alman (brother of John Alman, Sr.)

Trudi Bell

Daniel Berry (Nephew of Dirk Robertson)

Glenda Bishop (Edwards Family)

Gene Bright (Father of Amanda Yates)

Angela Callon

Shirley Cotting

Shelia Cox (Niece of H.D. Hood)

Leon Cromwell (Father of Donald Cromwell)

Linda Dickinson

Tony Dority (Cousin of Ann and Darrel Cockroft)

Tom Edwards (Father of Thomas Edwards)

Loretta Ellis

Josephine Gardner (Granddaughter of Kip and Davina Gardner)

Sheri Gilmore (Sister of Jill Chase)

Charles Gleghorn (Uncle of Eric Hausley)

Donna Green (Relative of the McAdams Family)

Melvin Hardy (Brother of Vera Spencer)

B. J. Henderson (Son of Billy & Pat Henderson)

Miriam Holcomb (Kidney problems)

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)

Sam Laird (Brother of Sue Barnett)

Billy & Jeanie Lane

Bobby and Betty Martin (McAdams Family)

Master's Family (Friends of Russell Myers)

Billy McAdams – Lee 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)

Josh Sexton (Friend of Coy Edwards – has cancer)

Janette Sizemore (Sister of Betty Barkley)

Carl and Vera Spencer – Dale Spencer

Melanie Tidwell - Chris Tidwell (Son of Melanie Tidwell)

Melda Tunnell (Friend of Darlene Easterling and Lydia Hood)

Loretha Wallace

Nell Watson

Mary Lois Wells

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A Friend in Need

Have you ever had a time in your life where you just needed to talk to someone? Have you ever had a friend come to you and discuss with you the matters of their heart? Most of us have had moments like this in our lives where either we or one of our friends needed some help. We have all, at times, received some great help and have given great attention to our friends when they have had a need. But even with all of these things being true, there is a pattern developing among some Christians today. Less Christians are reaching out for help.

The world we live in can be a very cruel place at times. Weaknesses are exploited and used as ammunition to gain popularity or a higher position. Many people who have trusted in a friend or companion have found themselves hopelessly sitting by while they are ridiculed, passed over, and betrayed. Many people do not know who they can trust anymore.

As Christians it is our responsibility to be the kind of people that others can trust. James 5:16 gives instruction to us all to confess our trespasses to one another. Here in this moment of personal weakness another Christian friend has an opportunity to listen and pray so that an erring Christian or someone that is struggling can receive the healing that they need. This is a moment for healing not for revenge or personal gain. We as Christians show others around us that we are willing to listen and that we can be trusted, we help restore that bond of trust that should be between us all.

We serve a loving God, a God that we can trust. May we all learn to love one another and be a friend that others can trust in a time of need.

Derek Broome

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

BIBLE CLASSES	162
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	236
SUNDAY NIGHT	152
WEDNESDAY NIGHT	181
BUDGET	\$10,432.00
CONTRIBUTION	\$14,576.55

HAPPENINGS AT SIWELL

Six new deacons will be installed on Sunday, April 29.

Mark your calendars for:

July 28 - Clothing Give Away - If you have any questions, please see Shaunda Freeman.

September 21-22 – Men’s Retreat

October 12-13 – Women’s Retreat

K.I.D.S.

9 Good Minutes at 5:19 - Birth to 6th Grade

YOUTH NEWS

April 30 – Apartment Devotional

April 27-28 – Evangelism University

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May 4-6 – ALIVE Retreat at Camp Smiling Acres

Mark your calendars for:

June 11-15 Vacation Bible School

There is a display in the foyer regarding adult participation in VBS. Please sign one of the sheets if you would like to volunteer.

July 1-7 – Fourth Session Sardis Lake CC

July 8-14 – Fifth Session Sardis Lake CC

August 3-5 – S.A.L.T.

September 28-30 – RUSH

If you know of anyone that is graduating from high school or college, please let the office know.

Scripture for Children’s Bible Classes

Sunday: Solomon – 1 Kings 8

The Ark Brought to God’s House; Solomon’s Prayer Dedicating the Temple

Wednesday: Solomon – 1 Kings 9

God’s Agreement with Solomon

MOWING SCHEDULE

For April 28 - Team 1

Antonio Bracey, Charles Bracey, Corey Yates, John Mark Bridges and Shomari Bracy

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MEN TO SERVE SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Announcements:	Andy Dulaney	Andy Dulaney
Song Director:	Colton Meadows	Colton Meadows
Opening Prayer:	William Case	Russell Myers
Presiding:	Darrell Cockroft	
Speaker:	Gary Hampton	Gary Hampton
Sermon Topic:	<i>Antioch: New Testament Church</i>	<i>Continued</i>
Scripture:	Acts 11:19-30	Acts 13:1-3; 15:1-2
Closing Prayer:	John Mark Bridges	Malcolm Barnett

MEN TO SERVE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Communion: Johnny Alman, Adam Bates, Owen Boutwell, John Boyd, Charles Bracey, Nathan Hampton, Dustin Jeffords, James Koestler, and Dean Nettles

Alternates: Hunter Thompson and Wesley Wall

Ushers & P.M. Communion: Donald Cromwell and Nathan Hampton

Take up Cards: John Alman, Austin Bracey and Jax Carr

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 APRIL

Flower Arrangement: Patty Polk
Prepare Communion:
Dawn Alman and Jennifer Griffith
Clean Communion Trays:
Alisha Middleton and Sarah Wall
Elder to Contact: Andy Dulaney
Count and Deposit Contribution:
Doug Cockroft and Wayne Morris
Food Coordinator: Alisha Middleton (*If you know of a need for food to be taken to someone, please let Alisha know.*)

DEACON IN CHARGE OF BUILDING SECURITY

Hiram Sturgeon

ATTENDANCE COUNT: Kip Gardner

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Ann Alford and Melanie Tidwell
Ann Cockroft and Vera Spencer

AM NURSERY ATTENDANTS APRIL 29, 2018

Infant: Teresa Berry and Amanda Yates
Toddlers: Crystal Dunlap and Jessica Leggett

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MAY 1, 2018

Song Leader: Boyd Chase
Devotional Speaker: Richard Carr
Closing Prayer: Wesley Wall

PANTRY

Items Needed: Mustard, Ketchup, Fruit and Potatoes (white or sweet)