

Siwell Signature

The Facts of Life

L. L. Brigrance was a master of languages, teaching Latin, Greek and English at Freed-Hardeman College. He wrote many of the outlines used by N. B. Hardeman in what is now known as the Hardeman Tabernacle Sermons. Many came to learn the truth because of these lessons. I thought you might enjoy a lesson from a book of his outlines under the title of this article.

Brigrance noted life is made up of time. He quoted Benjamin Franklin, who said, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." The Lord's half-brother expressed it this way: "Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). Paul urged the Christians in Ephesus to make good use of time (Ephesians 5:15-17).

Life needs a purpose. Brigrance quoted a poem from an unknown author.

Half the wrecks upon life's ocean
If some star had been their guide
Would have safely reached the harbor
But they drifted with the tide.

Paul wrote, "that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ" (Ephesians 4:14-15). He kept his focus like an athlete competing to win and made sure he followed God's rules (1 Corinthians 9:25-27).

Life goes beyond the grave. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow penned:

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Paul looked forward to death because he would receive a new body (2 Corinthians 5:1). He told the brethren in Rome, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

We can see life's value. Let us use our time well, focused on the heavenly goal, our purpose and realizing life does not stop at the grave.

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May 1, 2018

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Bobby Chase
Drew Dulaney
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Jeff Morris
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George Myers

Missionary

Louis & Martha
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Assembly Times

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Please pray for **Shannon Brown** as she requested Sunday.
Trudi Bell is in Specialty Hospital, Room 111.
Ashley Breaud's surgery has been cancelled. A MRI showed many small tumors on the right side of her liver. She will have a procedure next week to try and grow the left side of the liver.
Shirley Cotting and Shirley Ray continue their battle with cancer.
Vicki Oxley reports that **Buddy** is a little better.
Robert Day, brother of Miriam Holcomb, is in the hospital.
Betty Dougherty, grandmother of Crystal Dunlap, has a broken hip.
Kristi Kelley, daughter of Vic Kelley, is in Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center.
Bob Blakeney and David Blakeney, brothers of Mary Barr, had surgery last week..
Fred Pickett, father of Steve Pickett, is still in the ICU but is slowly improving. Please pray for Steve and his family.

BAPTISM

Austin Pujol was baptized by Darrel Cockroft Sunday morning. He is the husband of Heather Nettles Pujol.

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)
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
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 – 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

It's Not About Me

When I was a kid there was a cartoon that came on television about two lab mice that would try every night to take over the world. Every night they would fail but that would not slow down their determination. They wanted to take over the world. As individuals we sometimes want to be in complete control. We want certain things done and we want them done our way. But do we not realize that that kind of selfish and self-centered mindset leads us towards a life filled with sin?

In Genesis 3 we read about Adam and Eve sinning in the garden. Eve being tempted by the serpent saw the fruit of the tree was good for food and that it could make her wise, and she took, ate, and gave it to her husband. Adam, likewise, took and ate as well. Adam and Eve sinned before God because they disobeyed God and because they did what they wanted to do. Sin happens when we as human beings decide to do things that we know God has forbidden and when we decide to not do things that we know God has commanded. Selfishness is sin and it leads us towards more sin in the future.

Before time began God knew that He was going to send His Son to die on the cross for mankind. He knew mankind would sin and that at times we would be selfish and self-centered. It is amazing to see how God's plan for salvation interacts with man's desire to always be in control. Salvation in the Bible is not found through works alone. No matter how many great things we do in this life we cannot work our way to heaven. There is not some checklist that we can complete in order to earn heaven. Salvation is given by the grace and mercy of our God. By faith and obedience, we can come in contact with the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ in the watery grave of baptism. There is nothing special about the water, but we are saved by faith and grace. As Christians we are called to work for God. We are to teach His Word to all the world and be His workers here on earth. We work because of our faith in God and the commands He has set before us. We work because we love God and we know that He loves us and all of mankind. Being selfish and self-centered will not only lead us towards a life of sin but it may possibly keep somebody else from ever learning about salvation through Jesus Christ. We need to remember as we approach each day that it is not about us. Our lives are about faithfully serving God daily and letting the world know about the God that we serve.

Derek Broome

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

BIBLE CLASSES	182
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	278
SUNDAY NIGHT	169
WEDNESDAY NIGHT	186
BUDGET	\$10,432.00
CONTRIBUTION	\$13,254.00

HAPPENINGS AT SIWELL

All ladies are invited to a house warming for **Marty Ledbetter** at her new home, 262 Sunchase Drive, Brandon, on Saturday, **May 12, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon.**

Congratulations to **Heather Nettles and Austin Pujol** who were married on April 23. Austin and Heather Pujol and Slaine Field 303 ½ B East Main Street Clinton, MS. 39056 Austin: 601-624-4316 Heather: 601-540-6206

K.I.D.S.

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

YOUTH NEWS

May 4-6 – ALIVE Retreat at Camp Smiling Acres

May 7 – Apartment Devotional

May 12 – Youth Devotional

May 19 – Service Saturday

May 20 – Senior Night

High School Graduates for 2018

Will Case

Adriana Chain

Boyd Chase

Sueann Chase

Sarah Wall

Wesley Wall

Scripture for Children's Bible Classes

Sunday: Solomon – 1 Kings 10

Foreigners Came to Observe Solomon's Wisdom

Wednesday: Solomon – Song of Songs and 1 Kings 11

Love Between a Man and a Woman; Aged

Solomon Was Unfaithful to God

MOWING SCHEDULE

For May 5 - Team 2

Andy Dulaney, Drew Dulaney, James Leggett, Dustin Jeffords, and Adam Bates

SIWELL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST
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MEN TO SERVE SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Announcements:	James Leggett	James Leggett
Song Director:	John Boyd	John Boyd
Opening Prayer:	Herbert Ellis	Dean Nettles
Presiding:	Paul Leggett	
Speaker:	Gary Hampton	Gary Hampton
Sermon Topic:	<i>One Step</i>	<i>The Church is God's House</i>
Scripture:	1 Samuel 20:3	1 Timothy 3:15
Closing Prayer:	Dustin Jeffords	Tim Butler

MEN TO SERVE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Communion: John Mark Bridges, Antonio Bracey, Chris Carr, William Case, Brian Conger, Thomas Edwards, Terrance Freeman, Colton Meadows, and Russell Myers

Alternates: Donald Cromwell and Grant Sturgeon

Ushers & P.M. Communion: James Koestler and Dirk Robertson

Take up Cards: William Boyd, Parker Christian, 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 MAY

Flower Arrangement: Shelley Carr
Prepare Communion: Derek and Hannah Broome
Clean Communion Trays: Terri Meadows and Mitzie Nations
Elder to Contact: James Leggett
Count and Deposit Contribution: Terril Morris and Mark Polk
Food Coordinator: Morgan Dulaney (*If you know of a need for food to be taken to someone, please let Morgan know.*)

DEACON IN CHARGE OF BUILDING SECURITY

W. E. Walker

ATTENDANCE COUNT: Doug Cockroft

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Sophia Leggett and Jessica Leggett
Jason and Miriam Christian

AM NURSERY ATTENDANTS MAY 6, 2018

Infant: Morgan Dulaney and Camille Jeffords
Toddlers: Rheagan Case and Corinna Yates

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MAY 9, 2018

Song Leader: Hiram Sturgeon
Devotional Speaker: Darrel Cockroft
Closing Prayer: William Case

PANTRY

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