

Siwell Signature

What about Suffering?

“Why is all this happening to me? I’m not such a bad person.” Words like these demonstrate the belief that God always causes the righteous to prosper and the wicked to suffer. Such thinking was present in Christ’s day (Luke 13:1-5).

The doctrine, however, is born of the devil. He asked God, “Does Job fear God for nothing?” (Job 1:9). Eliphaz, Job’s friend suggested he should take pleasure in God’s way because God would take up his cause and see to it that no evil would come upon him (Job 5:17-27).

The inspired writer tells us Job was “blameless and upright, and one who feared God.” He also “was the greatest of all the people of the East.” God knew his character, even reporting it to Satan (Job 1:1-3, 8). Yet, Job suffered and praised God in the middle of tragedy (Job 1:13-22). God knew he remained faithful, but allowed him to suffer even more (2:3, 7-8, 13).

Joseph refused to sin with Potiphar’s wife and was imprisoned for it (Genesis 39). The apostles were cast into prison and beaten for preaching the gospel (Acts 5:40). Paul was beaten, stoned and shipwrecked, even though he was an apostle (2 Corinthians 11:23-27). Our Lord, the Son of God, was crucified by his enemies. It should be clear that good people do suffer.

Several lessons can help us through. First, life is short (Job 9:25-26; James 4:13-17). Second, reject the sinful suggestions of even those dearest to us (Job 2:10; Matthew 16:21-23). Third, worship and pray when facing tragedy’s test (Job 1:20; Matthew 26:36-42). Fourth, do not forget that God cares (Matthew 10:29-31; 1 Peter 5:6-7). Fifth, realize even extended suffering will come to an end (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). Sixth, other members of the body are there to help (1 Corinthians 12:25-26; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

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July 3, 2018

Elders

Bob Allen
Chris Bates
Darrel Cockroft
Andy Dulaney
James Leggett
Paul Leggett

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John Boyd
Antonio Bracey
Charles Bracey
Brad Carr
William Case
Bobby Chase
Drew Dulaney
Thomas Edwards
Herbert Ellis
Terrance Freeman
Colin Middleton
Jeff Morris
Russell Myers
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Minister

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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

Sympathy is extended to Allison and Shelby Balliet and their family upon the death of their grandfather, **Cecil Welch**. The funeral was Monday.

Ashleigh Breaud is being discharged from UMMC today (Tuesday).

Shirley Cotting and Shirley Ray continue their cancer treatments. Shirley Ray is having problems with her back.

James Leggett is recovering from knee surgery.

Please pray for **Robbie Smiley** after his recent hospitalization.

Billy Sam Ward is having problems with his back.

Denice Boutwell, mother of Owen Boutwell, has been discharged from the hospital. If you would like to send her a card of encouragement, please mail it to Owen's address.

Sammie Flowers, father of Patricia Liddell, is in Manhattan Nursing & Rehabilitation Center following a stroke. He is 81 years old.

Ale Griffith, daughter of Michael Griffith, is at home recovering from surgery

Kristi Kelley, daughter of Vic Kelley, is having health issues with her immune system.

Margaret Snyder, mother of Herbert Ellis, has been moved to a facility where she can be treated for kidney failure.

Nell Watson is having problems with her back.

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SHUT-IN LIST

Velma Bicker (Chadwick, 119-B)

Mary Coleman (at home)

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: marble (black and white) composition books, wide ruled notebook paper, and after school snacks (no chocolate).

NOTE: The collection of school supplies is beginning early this year with a deadline of **July 8**. Please see Mary Clemons if you have questions.

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 Cockcroft)

Tom Edwards (Father of Thomas Edwards)

Loretta Ellis

Sammie Flowers (Father of Patricia Liddell)

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)

Nancy Henderson (cousin of Lee McAdams)

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)

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

Burtie Peden (mother of Patricia Walter)

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

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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Daily Bible Reading for the week of:

July 2-8, 2018

2 Kings 1-4
2 Kings 5-8
2 Kings 9-11
2 Kings 12-13; 2 Chronicles 24
2 Kings 14; 2 Chronicles 25
Jonah 1-4
2 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 26

S.A.L.T. YOUTH RALLY AUGUST 3-5, 2018

S.A.L.T. Youth Rally is coming up in August and we are excited about another great year. The theme this year is Break My Heart. The speaker this year will be Brad Carr. In preparation for S.A.L.T. we need the help of the congregation. Listed below are a few of the areas we need your help with. There are sign up list in the foyer for volunteers and for registration. Please be sure to register by July 22nd so we can make sure we purchase enough food and t-shirts.

Things Needed

1. Prayers. Pray that the Word of God will be taught accurately and that the hearts of everyone that hears His Word proclaimed will be motivated to live for Him.
2. Housing. We desperately need people to house young people from visiting congregations. You do not have to provide a bed. Just open floor space for sleeping bags.
3. Drinks. We will be collecting canned drinks all month long. If you would like to bring some drinks to help, there will be a cart in the foyer with a sign for the youth rally on it. We especially need: Coke, Diet Coke, MT Dew, and Dr. Pepper. We also need bottled water.
4. You. We need and want you and your whole family to be a part of this wonderful weekend together. No matter how young or old you may be, we would love for you to be able to attend. We are the Body of Christ, and as His Body we can learn and grow together during this great time of study and devotion to God.

Derek Broome

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

BIBLE CLASSES	N/C
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	286
SUNDAY NIGHT	178
WEDNESDAY NIGHT	136
BUDGET	\$10,432.00
CONTRIBUTION	\$11,077.60
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HAPPENINGS AT SIWELL

July 4 – The church office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

July 15 – Vacation Bible School Appreciation Dinner will be after the evening service for all workers who made VBS a success.

July 28 – Clothing Give Away – Please bring any clothes that you would like to give away. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if you are interested in helping.

July 29 – Fifth Sunday Contribution

The Elders have decided that the contribution above the amount of the weekly budget will be donated to Berean Children's Home for their building fund.

K.I.D.S.

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

July 18 – Mom's Morning Out – 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 NOON – Bible lesson, story, craft and snack

July 21 – Kids Day Camp – 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. - Classes, crafts, games, and lunch. Ages K5 – 6.

YOUTH NEWS

July 8-14 – 5th Session Sardis Lake Christian Camp
Please sign up to ride the bus. Derek Broome will be a counsellor.

July 15 – Out to Eat at Mazzio's in Byram

July 29 – Devotional after the evening service
Tacos and Nachos will be served. Please bring side dishes.

August 3-5 - S.A.L.T. Youth Rally

Scripture for Children's Bible Classes

Sunday: Review – Jesus and the Early Church
Transition from Jesus and the Early Church to the
Non-Pauline Letters

Wednesday: James – James 1
Temptations

MOWING SCHEDULE

For July 7 - Team 5

William Case, Will Case, Dirk Robertson, Brian Conger,
Jason Christian and Jeff Seal

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MEN TO SERVE SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Announcements:	Bob Allen	Bob Allen
Song Director:	Derek Broome	Derek Broome
Opening Prayer:	James Leggett	Darrell Cockroft
Presiding:	Russell Myers	
Speaker:	Gary Hampton	Gary Hampton
Sermon Topic:	<i>Anatomy of an Evangelistic Church</i>	<i>Anatomy of an Evangelistic Church</i>
Closing Prayer:	Chris Bates	Doug Cockroft

MEN TO SERVE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Communion: Richard Carr, Boyd Chase, Herbert Ellis, Kip Gardner, Grant Sturgeon,
Bill Thompson, Ray Turner, Jeff Wall and Corey Yates

Alternates: Steve Pickett and Kyle Russell

Ushers and
P.M. Communion: Brian Conger, William Gates and Mark Polk

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 JULY

Flower Arrangement: Lisa Robertson
Prepare Communion: Herbert and Loretta Ellis
Clean Communion Trays: Paul and Joanne Leggett
Elder to Contact: Bob Allen
Count and Deposit Contribution: Malcolm Barnett and Jim Gray
Food Coordinator: Alice King (*If you know of a need for food to be taken to someone, please let Alice know.*)

DEACON IN CHARGE OF BUILDING SECURITY

Antonio Bracey

ATTENDANCE COUNT

Thomas Edwards

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Wayne and Betty Morris
Ann Alford and W. E. Walker

AM NURSERY ATTENDANTS JULY 8, 2018

Infant: Brenda Bracey and Annette Parrett
Toddlers: William McAdams and Malerie Yates

WEDNESDAY NIGHT JULY 11, 2018

Song Leader: Hiram Sturgeon
Devotional Speaker: Jason Christian
Closing Prayer: Thomas Edwards

PANTRY

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