

Siwell Signature

Back to the Bible

God's advice for wayward Judah could have helped rescue them from impending conquest, but they would not listen. It is good advice for the church, if we will listen. "Thus says the Lord: 'Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls.'" (Jeremiah 6:16).

Christians need to seek the old paths of God's will by making it their purpose to go back to the Bible, since the way that seems right to unguided men leads to death (Proverbs 14:12). God confirmed the word was his by the miracles his spokesmen worked (Hebrews 2:1-4). Paul wanted the Ephesian shepherds to rely on God and his word (Acts 20:29-32).

It is important to go back to the Bible because it is the path to understanding God's will (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Bible will be the standard used in judgment (John 12:48). Jesus declared, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). His prayer for unity plainly reveals God's word is that truth (John 17:17).

Going back to the Bible is the means of finding pardon. It is impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6). Faith comes by hearing God's word (Romans 10:17). That word lets us know that we must confess with our mouths Jesus as Lord and believe God raised him from the dead (Romans 10:9-10). Baptism is God's means of saving us (1 Peter 3:21).

The Bible lays out God's pattern of organization for the church. Christ is the head, with elders serving under him (Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Peter 5:1-4). It lays out a pattern for the work of the church. That work can simply be described as benevolence, edification and evangelism (Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 4:16; Matthew 28:18-20).

We need to make it our goal to find the old paths God says will bring rest to our souls. Doing so will provide us everything we need to please him so we can receive the heavenly reward.

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August 14, 2018

Elders

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

Deacons

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
Mark Polk
Hiram Sturgeon
W.E. Walker
Jeff Wall
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

Please pray for **Heather Pujol** as she requested Sunday. Sympathy is extended to **Betty Barkley and her family**. Betty's sister, **Janette Sizemore**, passed away. The funeral has already taken place.

Mary Allen is having back problems.

Trudi Bell is in St. Dominic Hospital, Room 5428.

Ashleigh Breaud is still recovering from surgery. **Shirley Cotting and Shirley Ray** continue their cancer treatments.

Neeta Hart is had hip replacement surgery Tuesday morning at Baptist Hospital. The surgery went well. No visitors please but Neeta loves to receive cards. Please mail them to their home address.

H. D. Hood will have surgery on September 14.

Billy and Jeannie Lane continue to need our prayers.

Please continue to pray for **Terril and Virginia Morris**. She had a lumbar puncture Friday and another test scheduled for this week.

Kyle Russell is leaving Sunday for the Marine Corps.

Billy Sam Ward is having back problems.

Prayers are requested by **Pam Carr for her sister, Tina**. She does not have the results of the tests that have been done but another MRI is scheduled in one week.

David Holcomb, son of Miriam Holcomb, was in an automobile accident last week. Please keep him in your prayers.

Prayers are requested by **Melanie Tidwell for Desiree Lawrence** (daughter of a co-worker). Desiree is on a ventilator in ICU at St. Dominic Hospital.

Please pray for **Alyssa Neal, niece of Jill Chase**. She is a single mother of three children and is facing some family struggles. If you would like to send her a card of encouragement, her address is: 1034 Old Jackson Road Extension, Terry, MS 39170.

Anthony Walter, son of Patricia Walter, is having cancer treatments. The doctors state the cancer is shrinking.

Nell Watson will begin treatment for blood cancer on Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers for healing and comfort.

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)

Mary Lois Wells (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

AUGUST 26-29, 2018 – GOSPEL MEETING

Brookway Church of Christ

716 Brookway Blvd., Brookhaven, MS

Guest Speaker – Eric Owens of Decatur, Georgia

Prayer List...

Robert Alman (brother of John Alman, Sr.)

Trudi Bell

Daniel Berry (Nephew of Dirk Robertson)

Glenda Bishop (Edwards Family)

Denice Boutwell (mother of Owen Boutwell)

Angela Callon

Shirley Cotting

Shelia Cox (Niece of H.D. Hood)

Leon Cromwell (Father of Donald Cromwell)

Linda Dickinson

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)

Ale Griffith

Melvin Hardy (Brother of Vera Spencer)

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

Nancy Henderson (cousin of Lee McAdams)

Miriam Holcomb (Kidney problems)

H. D. Hood

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

Virginia 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)

Robbie Smiley

Carl and Vera Spencer

Melanie Tidwell - Chris Tidwell (Son of Melanie Tidwell)

Melda Tunnell (Friend of Darlene Easterling and Lydia Hood)

Loretha Wallace and Marilyn Wallace

Anthony Walter (Son of Patricia Walter)

Billy Sam Ward

Nell Watson

Mary Lois Wells

HITTING THE BOOKS

As a new school year begins there is excitement in the air. Students, parents, teachers, and administrators run around making sure all of the final details are in place to begin the new year off right. Students arrive to their first day of classes and the teachers hand out the syllabi for the new year.

Contained in these documents are lists of projects, tests, miscellaneous assignments, and all the dates in which these things will happen or must be turned in by. Also listed in many syllabi are books and materials that will be needed and used to complete these assignments. Essentially, the students have, or are told where to find, everything they will need to be successful in each of their classes. Now it is time to hit the books. Hard work and dedication can make for an excellent school year.

Just like each of these students, we have been given access to everything we need to know to be successful too, successful Christians. In 2 Peter 1:3 we read, *“as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,”*. The Word of God teaches us about God, His Plan, His Love, His Will, and His Promises. The Word of God is inspired, profitable, and can truly change our lives forever. *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”* 2 Timothy 3:16-17. We have all that we need.

Unfortunately, just like many students that put off starting their assignments until the night before or just simply do not do the work, we are tempted sometimes to put off our study and preparation in God’s Word. With the Word of God before us we have all that we need but we must use it. We must study. We must prepare. In Acts 17:10-11 the Bereans made it a point to search the scriptures daily. We must be like the Bereans and search out the scriptures daily, striving to be like God has called us to be. As we begin each day let us not forget to keep hitting the books. Let us find ourselves diving deeper and deeper into God’s Word. Life is full of tests and opportunities and we do not know what the next moment will unfold. But if we will study the Word and truly prepare, we will be ready. *“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* 2 Timothy 2:15. Let us all keep hitting the books or should I say “Book” and continue growing in God’s Word.

Derek Broome

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

BIBLE CLASSES	196
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	284
SUNDAY NIGHT	159
WEDNESDAY NIGHT	129
BUDGET	\$10,432.00
CONTRIBUTION	\$ 9,794.31

HAPPENINGS AT SIWELL

September 1 – Church Family Day – 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Fun, Food, Fellowship, Devotional – The cost is \$3.00 per person.

September 9 – Fellowship Meal – We will have lunch after the morning service. Please bring enough food for our visitors. The evening service will begin at 12:45 p.m. There will be no 5:30 p.m. service.

September 11 – Ladies Bible Class will begin with the study of *Bind Us Together a Guide to Developing Lasting Bonds* by Doritta McDaniel. All ladies are invited and encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to study this important subject.

K.I.D.S.

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

YOUTH NEWS

August 26 – Devotional and Game Night. Please bring breakfast food.

August 29 – Fwednesday – Hang out after school from 4:00 p.m. with the evening meal at 5:30 p.m.

September 8 – Service Day – 9:00 a.m. – Please bring money for lunch.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND COLLEGE

September 22 – Bowling at Fannin Lanes

SCRIPTURE FOR CHILDREN’S BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday: Peter – 2 Peter 3 – False Teaching Concerning Second Coming

Wednesday: John – 1 John 1 and 2 – “The Word of Life”

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Some of our college students moved into their dorms or apartments Sunday afternoon, others will be leaving soon. Please pray for safe travels and for them to have an excellent school year.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome **Mary Mock and her children** to our church family. Please pray for **Mary** as she requested Sunday.

Mary Mock, Alexandria Mock and Justin Mock
88 Steel B Road, Morton, MS 39117
601-317-0674 (Mary’s cell phone number)

MOWING SCHEDULE

For August 18 – Team 5

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

SIWELL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST
4075 Siwell Road
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MEN TO SERVE SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Announcements:	Chris Bates	Chris Bates
Song Director:	Drew Dulaney	Drew Dulaney
Opening Prayer:	Chris Carr	Jim Gray
Presiding:	Richard Carr	
Speaker:	Brad Carr	Brad Carr
Closing Prayer:	Scott Morris	Grant Sturgeon

MEN TO SERVE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Communion: Johnny Alman, Malcolm Barnett, Owen Boutwell, Charles Bracey, Jason Christian, Wayne Morris, Hunter Thompson, Claude Roberts, and Dirk Robertson

Alternates: Brian Conger and Thomas Edwards

Ushers and
P.M. Communion: Nathan Hampton, Russell Myers, and Kyle Russell

Take up Cards: John Alman, Blake Myers, 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 AUGUST

Flower Arrangement: Mitzie Nations
Prepare Communion: Andy and Dana Dulaney
Clean Communion Trays: James and Sophia Leggett
Elder to Contact: Chris Bates
Count and Deposit Contribution: Doug Cockroft and Wayne Morris
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

William Case

ATTENDANCE COUNT

Thomas Edwards

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Nan Cockroft and Joanne Leggett
Kip Gardner and Hiram Sturgeon

AM NURSERY ATTENDANTS
AUGUST 19, 2018

Infant: Alice King and Debra McAdams
Toddlers: Tasha Gray and Codie Bracey

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AUGUST 22, 2018

Song Leader: Hunter Thompson
Devotional Speaker: John Boyd
Closing Prayer: Tim Butler

PANTRY

Items Needed: Canned or Powdered Milk

BEREAN CHILDREN'S HOME

Please make checks payable to Siwell Road church of Christ and note "for Berean Children's Home."
Items needed: after school snacks (no chocolate).