

Siwell Signature

Worshipping Like the First Christians

The first Christians included the apostles' doctrine, or teaching, in their worship (Acts 2:42). Paul delivered a message to the Christians at Troas (Acts 20:7). The apostle told Roman Christians that he ministered to the gospel, like the priests ministered in the temple (Romans 15:15-16).

The "fellowship" mentioned in Acts 2:42 describes, "fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse" (Joseph H. Thayer, *A Greek - English Lexicon of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1981, 352). Early Christians shared in giving into a common treasury so others in need could be blessed by some of the blessings God had given them (1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7). Jesus gave up the riches of heaven to come to earth that those spiritually impoverished might be made rich. Christians imitate their Lord's sacrifice by giving so others' needs might be met and many thanks go up to God (2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:12).

Singing is a type of joint participation, since it is to go from one to another. Each shares a good word in song intended to build up his or her brothers and sisters (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

The Lord's supper is a memorial feast done in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice of His body and blood (1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Paul used the words "come together" five times while discussing the supper (1 Corinthians 11:17-34) and Luke used the past tense in Acts 20:7. It is clear early Christians came together on every first day of the week. Paul wrote, "On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2 NASB).

Early Christians were urged to pray constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:17). God's promises incited them to make this a regular part of their worship (1 Peter 3:12). The saints in Colosse received a request from Paul to pray God would open a door for him to preach and help him to make the truth plain in his speaking (Colossians 4:2-4). The apostle begged Roman Christians to team up with him in prayer to God for him (Romans 15:30-32).

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September 11, 2018

Elders

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

Deacons

John Boyd
Antonio Bracey
Charles Bracey
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 **Larry Allen and Timothy King** as they requested Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to **Mary Barr and her family. Bill Blakeney, her brother**, passed away on Friday in Dallas.

Ashleigh Breaud is feeling better.

Shirley Cotting continues cancer treatment.

Neeta Hart is at home recovering from surgery.

Billy and Jeannie Lane continue to need our prayers.

Debra McAdams fell last week and broke her arm. She had surgery and was released from the hospital on Monday.

Please continue to pray for **Terril and Virginia Morris**.

Billy Sam Ward is having problems with his back.

Nell Watson began treatment for blood cancer. Please keep her in your prayers for healing and comfort.

Kristi Kelley, daughter of Vic Kelley, is back in the hospital.

Charla King, granddaughter of Alice King, is having issues with her heart. She is scheduled for a test on September 19.

Brenda Myers, cousin of Tim Butler, has cancer. She fell and is in a coma. Doctors say her condition does not “look good.”

Please pray for **Shirley Ray** and her mother, **Bernice Richardson**, during Shirley’s treatment for cancer which has been diagnosed as Stage 4.

Botham Jean, a graduate of Harding University and a member of the church, was shot and killed in Dallas, TX, Thursday night. Please pray for his family.

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 IN THE MILITARY

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

Prayer List...

Robert Alman (brother of John Alman, Sr.)

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

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 (Daughter of Michael 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)

Virginia Morris

Bob Myers (Uncle of Kristina Manning)

Alyssa Neal

Buddy Oxley

Hulon Parrett

Shirley Ray (Niece of Annette Parrett)

Johnny Renfroe

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

Daily Bible Reading for the week of

Sept 17-23, 2018

Daniel 10-12
Ezra 1-3
Ezra 4-6; Psalm 137
Haggai 1-2
Zechariah 1-7
Zechariah 8-14
Esther 1-5

Preparing for Christ

In Matthew 25:1-13 we read about ten virgins waiting on the bridegroom. Five of the virgins were wise and came prepared with plenty of oil for their lamps, but five of the virgins were foolish and did not come prepared. When the bridegroom came the five foolish virgins had gone to purchase more oil. The bridegroom and those that were ready entered the wedding and the door was shut. When the five foolish virgins came they were not let in and he said unto them, "I do not know you".

Christ is going to return one day and that leaves us with a choice to make. We can either choose to be prepared for the second coming of the Lord or we can choose to sit idly by and waste the time that we have right now. *"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."* Matthew 25:13.

Preparing for Christ involves us submitting to the Lord, His Word, and His Will. Have we had our sins washed away in baptism? Are we living and worshipping the way that God has told us to? Are we actively working for the Lord? These questions and more are questions we need to ask ourselves every day as we prepare for Christ's return.

One day Christ will return and I hope we all will be ready for that great day of the Lord.

Derek Broome

Ladies Retreat
October 12-13th, 2018
Magnolia Bible Center
Last day to sign up is September 30, 2018

ATTENDANCE AND CONTRIBUTION

BIBLE CLASSES	199
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	308
SUNDAY NIGHT	167
WEDNESDAY NIGHT	144
BUDGET	\$10,432.00
CONTRIBUTION	\$10,311.02

HAPPENINGS AT SIWELL

September 11 – Ladies Bible Class at 11:00 a.m. 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.

2018-2019 Sister to Sister will begin soon with some modifications made to better fit our congregation. There is a participation sheet on the table in the foyer that needs to be completed. If you have any questions, please see **Marty Ledbetter, Valerie Bates, Nan Cockroft or Lisa Robertson.**

September 22nd - Mom's Morning Out – Drop off kids at 9:00 a.m. and pick up at 12:00 P.M.

October 14 – Bridal Shower – There will be a bridal shower to honor Allison Bates, daughter of Chris and Valerie Bates from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

K.I.D.S.

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

YOUTH NEWS

September 15 – Family Devotional – Begins at 6:00 p.m. – Please bring finger foods.

September 17 – Teen Monday Night Devotional

September 23 – Lads to Leaders Kick Off

September 24 – Teen Monday Night Devotional

September 26 – Fwednesday – Teens Hang Out After School. Supper will be at 5:30 p.m.

September 28-30 – RUSH – The cost is \$35 per person.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND COLLEGE

September 22 – Bowling at Fannin Lanes

SCRIPTURE FOR CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday: John – Revelation 2

The Church at Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, and Thyatira

Wednesday: John – Revelation 3; 22:16-21

The Church at Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea

MOWING SCHEDULE

For September 15 – Team 3

Michael Griffith, William Gates, Richard Carr and Owen Boutwell

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MEN TO SERVE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Announcements:	Darrel Cockroft	Darrel Cockroft
Song Director:	Drew Dulaney	Drew Dulaney
Opening Prayer:	Nathan Hampton	Bobby Chase
Presiding:	W. E. Walker	
Speaker:	Gary Hampton	Gary Hampton
Closing Prayer:	Grant Sturgeon	Colin Middleton

MEN TO SERVE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Communion: Antonio Bracey, Will Case, Doug Cockroft, Hunter Gann, William Gates, Michael Griffith, Scott Morris, Russell Myers and Jeff Seal

Alternates: Mark Polk and Marvin Wallace

Ushers and
P.M. Communion: William Case, Jim Gray, and Corey Yates

Take up Cards: William Boyd, Parker Christian, and Justin Mock

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
SEPTEMBER**

Flower Arrangement: Vicki Edwards
Prepare Communion: Bobby and Jill Chase
Clean Communion Trays: William Gates and Sarah Wall
Elder to Contact: Darrel Cockroft
Count and Deposit Contribution: Terril Morris and Mark Polk
Food Coordinator: Valerie Bates (*If you know of a need for food to be taken to someone, please let Valerie know.*)

**DEACON IN CHARGE OF
BUILDING SECURITY**

Charles Bracey

ATTENDANCE COUNT

Jeff Wall

**GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF
SEPTEMBER**

Alicia Middleton and Alice King
Ann and Doug Cockroft

**AM NURSERY ATTENDANTS
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

Infant: Ann Cockroft and Crystal Dunlap
Toddlers: Heather and Scott Morris

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

Song Leader: Grant Sturgeon
Devotional Speaker: Richard Carr
Closing Prayer: Hunter Thompson

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).