# Siwell Signature



In Genesis 1:1, the very first verse of the Bible, we see something amazing about our God. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Our God is a creator God. He is the reason we have everything that exists, everything we have seen and everything we have yet to discover. He is truly an awesome God. As we continue to go through the creation account in Genesis 1 and 2 we see so many unique and important things about His creation, especially in regard to mankind. One of those important things to notice can be found in Genesis 1:27. "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." God made mankind in His own image. Out of all of His creation mankind was special. God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into him the breath of life. (Genesis 2:7). God then took a rib from Adam's side and made woman. (Genesis 2:21-22). Mankind was so special to God and God had a plan and a purpose for His special creation.

When God formed mankind He gave us all free will. He gave to us the ability to make choices. He also gave mankind law. (Genesis 2:15-16). God wanted His creation to choose Him. He wanted us to love Him and keep His commandments. But God knew what mankind would choose. In Genesis 3:6 we see Adam and Eve eating of the tree in the midst of the garden, the very same tree that God had told them not to eat. Adam and Eve had sinned against God, and as God had told them in Genesis 2:15-16, they deserved death.

But you see, God had a plan before the foundation of the world to send His Son to pay the price for our sins. (1Peter 1:19-21). Jesus Christ died on the cross for all of our sins and rose from the grave giving us an opportunity to rise up in Him. (Romans 5:8, Romans 6:3-6).

The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus gives us the opportunity to be born again, John 3:1-21, and have our sins washed away. (1Peter 3:21). As those that have been saved from our sins we need to realize that "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10). We are to be working for Christ everyday of our lives. If we stumble and fall along the way and find ourselves living in sin we have the opportunity to go before God confessing and repenting of our sins, knowing that He will forgive us. (1 John 1:9). In Christ there are so many blessings. It is great to know that we have been clearly and cleanly created in Christ Jesus.

Derek Broome

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#### Sunday

Bible Class - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.

# **Wednesday Night**

Bible Class - 7:00 p.m.

#### **Elders**

Bob Allen, Chris Bates, Ron Clemons, Darrel Cockroft, Andy Dulaney, James Leggett, Paul Leggett, Jeff Morris

#### **Deacons**

Antonio Bracey, Charles Bracey, Chris Carr, William Case, Bobby Chase, Drew Dulaney, Herbert Ellis, Terrance Freeman, Joey Jamison, Colin Middleton, Scott Morris, Mark Polk, Hiram Sturgeon, W.E. Walker

#### **Ministers**

Gary Hampton - Pulpit Derek Broome - Associate Logan Baldwin - Youth George Myers - Deaf

# **Missionary**

**Louis and Martha Rushmore** 

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# **Growing Up**

You may have heard kids say, "I can't wait to grow up." or "When I grow up, I'm going to...". I fall into that category as well. As a kid, I couldn't wait to be a "big boy". Little did I know that when I became a "big boy" I would have the responsibilities of such too. I am beginning to understand the concept of different things such as having a credit score and taking out bank loans. Those are big things to do and understand for a kid like myself, but the benefits led to me having the nice truck I have now. I believe the reason "big boys" can manage those things is because of the word "maturity."

In James 1, we read of this idea. In verse 2 we read that we ought to treat trials as a joyous occasion. That is a strange thought if you look at it on the surface, but in verse 4 we can see that it leads to perfection. Now, the word perfect here does not mean flawless, but maturity. In the original Greek, "trials" is translated to "testing" or "temptation" depending on the context the word is in. The "maturity" theme is continued in verses 14 and 15. Those verses say, "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death." I think of it as a fisherman trying to catch a fish, or a hunter trapping his prey. Sin is luring and enticing us to fall victim to his temporary, worldly satisfaction.

I encourage you to seek people who have been Christians for many decades and see how they handle temptation now and I would almost guarantee that they would say that they have fallen victim before, but they have matured throughout their Christian journey. If you have been a Christian for many years, and dealt with many temptations, think back on how you have matured and how you now handle new temptations. Then seek out ways to help the younger generation because they need it.

Logan Baldwin

# **News and Events**

**Young Men -** All members are invited to come listen to the young men read scripture and lead singing on Sunday, April 18th at 4 p.m. in auditorium. If you are a young man and want to participate contact Colin.

Early Risers - April 20th @ 7 am

**Baby Shower -** All ladies are invited to a baby shower for Callie Bridges on May 2nd. She is registered at Target, Amazon, and Playpen.

Senior Night - May 16th

**Congregational Cookout and Singing -** May 22nd

**Door Knocking** - June 5th

**V.B.S**. - June 14th - 18th

**Evangelism Seminar** - June 22nd -24th with guest speaker, Rob Whitacre.

Ladies Day - September 18th

**Ladies Bible Class** – Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall.



#### Youth News

April 14 - Hang Time

April 15 - TNT - 6 p.m. at the home of Andy and Dana Dulaney

April 17 - Service Day

April 18 - SNACK

April 20 - TNT - 6 p.m. at the Broome's

April 29 - TNT - Need volunteer to host

#### T.N.T. - Tuesday/Thursday Nights Together

Family Hosted Devotional Youth and **Parents** Invited (Supper will be provided)

Mission Mississippi - June 4-10 - Collins, MS - Sign up in the foyer

#### Children's Bible Classe

Joseph - Genesis 48 Jacob Gives the Birthright

Joseph - Genesis 49 and 50 Jacob Dies; Joseph Dies

# Want to Study God's Word??

Contact the Church Office 601-372-2551 siwellroadchurch@gmail.com



#### **Steps of Salvation**

HEAR BELIEVE
Rom 10:17 Heb 11:6

REPENT Luke 13:3

CONFESS E

BE
BAPTIZED
Acts 2:38

LIVE FAITHFULLY 2 Peter 1:5-11

## **Prayer List Updates**

**Kevin Ingle** was baptized into Christ Tuesday night. Please keep Kevin in your prayers as he begins his walk with Christ.

**Teresa Hampton** has an appointment to meet with the surgeon on Friday.

**Miriam Holcomb** is in the hospital with shortness of breath and weakness. Room 6242. No visitors at this time

**Loretha Wallace and Latasha Wallace** requested prayers on Sunday.

**Crystal Dunlap's dad**, Reggie Thomasson, passed away on Sunday. The funeral will be on Thursday, April 15th at the Canal Heights Church of Christ in Demoplis, AL.

Ray Pasuer's mother passed away Sunday night. Vivian Hebert, Great Grandduaghter of Ruth Hebert, had a successful heart surgery on Tuesday.

**Jessie Watson's** sister, Remonia Kimbrough, passed away last week.

**Sue Barnett** is having some health problems. Having tests run.

# Remember in Prayer

Harry and Betty Barkley

Jimmy Barr

Tiffany Bell

Annetta Bracev

Toni Burnett, daughter of Valley Carr, has cancer

Betty Butler

Valerie Case

Shirleen Clare

Regina Clower

Doug Cockroft

Cynthia Donahoe compression fracture in her back.

Betty Dougherty, Crystal Dunlap's grandmother

Charles and Linda Dickinson

Loretta Ellis

Rhonda Fleming

Steve Higginbotham (Minister of Karns Church of Christ)

Miriam Holcomb (Kidney problems)

HD and Lydia Hood

Mary Horton

Kristi Kelley (Daughter of Vic Kelley)

Alice King

Jeanie Lane is recovering.

Billy McAdams

Randy Miller (Back Problems)

Terril and Virginia Morris

Hulon and Annette Parrett

Christopher Rae is having problems with seizures.

Claude Roberts

Dustin Robertson (Nephew of Dirk Robertson)

Sandy Smith

Vera and Dale Spencer

Bill and Wanda Thompson

Judy, Mark, W.E. Walker

Loretha Wallace



#### **Shut-in List**

Velma Bicker, 1900 Chadwick Dr., Room 119-B, Jackson, MS 39204

Shirleen Clare, 137 St. Charles Ave., Florence, MS 39073

Mary Coleman, 248 Serenity Ln., Apt. 216, Madison, MS 39110

Myrtle Gordon, Regina Clower and Eric Davis, 8 Spring Hollow Dr., Crystal Springs, MS 39059 (601) 951-6353

Alice King, c/o Alyson King, 230 E. Granby Road, Prentiss, MS 39474

Jeanie Lane, 144 Blackstone Cir., Brandon, MS 39047 Virgil and Sylvia Parrish, 331 Myers Rd., Florence, MS 39073 (601) 845-5070

Nancy Smith, Madden Lighthouse, P.O. Box 8, Madden, MS 39109.

Mary Lois Wells, 533 Dartmount Dr., Jackson, MS 39209 (601) 922-4639

## Our Military, Law Enforcement, and First Responders

Johnny Alman Dan Parrett Josh Barnett Kyle Russell Charles Bracey Andrew Smith Coy Bunch Robert Smith Brian Butler Seth Sparkman Michael Griffith William Thompson Jaden Williams Jae Irvin Joey Jamison Hunter Thompson

Shavne Kelly



#### **Mowing Team Schedule**

Mowing Schedule - April 10: Team 5 Tracy Gray Gracy Gray Jr. Raymond Gray Daniel Gray Tim King



#### **Attendance and Contribution**

For April 11th, 2021						
139						
177						
134						
\$10,549.00						
\$12,168.10						

#### **Berean Children's Home**

Please make checks payable to Siwell Road church of Christ and note "for Berean Children's Home."

# **Blessing Bags**

At present, we do not need cheese or peanut butter crackers. Items needed: Vienna Sausages/Spam (with pop tops), Beef Jerky, small packages of Kleenex, Wet Ones (travel size). There is a collection box in the foyer.



#### **Showing Our Appreciation**

The week of May 3rd-7th is Teachers Appreciation Week. May 6th-12th is Nurses week. In an effort to show our appreciation to both of these groups and to reach out to those in our community we are working on a project to show our appreciation to teachers, nurses, and medical professionals. Additional projects like this will be done later in the year for first responders, fire fighters, and police.

#### How can you help?

- 1. We need a list of all teachers, nurses, and medical professinoals that attend Siwell Road. If you fall within one of these categories or know someone that does please turn all names into the office.
- 2. For the teachers, nurses, and other medical professionals we need to know how many teachers or nurses are in your department and/or school.
- 3. If you are interested in helping with this project join us for a meeting Sunday, April 18th after morning service in B-1.

#### Men to Serve April 2021

Flowers	Patty Polk				
Food Coordinator	Mitzie Nations				
Contribution	Tim Butler, Jimmy Barr, Drew Dulaney				
Elder to Contact	Chris Bates				
Sound Booth	Joey Jamison				
Attendance Count	Derek Broome				

Sundays								
Date	4 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>				
Song Leader	Terrance Freeman	Joey Jamison	Allen Bates	Ron Clemons				
A.M. Scripture Reading and Prayer	Sam Clark	James Koestler	Dustin Jeffords	Andy Dulaney				
Presiding/PM Communion	Richard Carr	Darrel Cockroft	Scott Morris	Jeff Morris				
P.M. Opening Prayer	Charles Bracey	Jim Green	Bobby Chase	Tim King				
P.M. Closing Prayer	John Mark Bridges	Thomas Edwards	Grant Sturgeon	Jeff Seal				
Building Lock- UP	Antonio Bracey	Charles Bracey	Chris Carr	William Case				

Wednesdays								
Date	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>				
Song Leading	Brent Oxley	Logan Baldwin	Tracy Gray Jr.	Hiram Sturgeon				
Devotional	Gary Hampton	Drew Dulaney	Owen Boutwell	Colin Middleton				
Closing Prayer	Chris Carr	William Case	Terry Dyer	Herbert Ellis				