# <u>Siwell Signature</u>



# **Storms of Life**

There was this one night when I was a child that I will never forget. A really bad storm was heading our way and I was extremely nervous. All around I could hear the gusts of the wind and the rain pouring down. I was sure we were in trouble. Because of my nerves my dad agreed that we could go to the church building. I felt like it was a safer building to be in and my dad would do anything he could to not only make sure we were as safe as possible but to also make sure that we felt safe. Over the course of my life I have sat through and driven through several bad storms. I have also had things happen in my life that represent those stormy days we all face from time to time. When the storms of life happen how do we respond? Where do we put our trust?

In scripture we read about Jesus and His disciples caught in a couple of different storms. In Matthew 8:23-27 Jesus and His disciples were on a boat when a "great tempest arose." The disciples were scared for their lives, but where was Jesus? Jesus was asleep. His discples came to Him and woke Him up. They wanted Him to save them. Jesus questioned them about their fear and their faith and said, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" He then arose and rebuked the winds and sea and everything was calm once again.

In Matthew 14:22-33, the disciples were out on a boat and Jesus came walking on the water. The disciples at first thought that Jesus was a ghost but Jesus spoke to them and said, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.". Upon hearing this, Peter wanted to join the Lord on the water. The Lord told him to "come". Peter stepped out of the boat and began to walk on the water, but the winds were very boisterous. Beacuse of Peter's fear he began to sink. He immediatley wanted the Lord to save him. Jesus reached out His hand and caught him and said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" When Jesus and Peter got into the boat the winds stopped.

In both of these accounts fear and doubt were overcoming the faith of the disciples, but Jesus was always there. We read in Matthew 8:27 the response given by the men after Jesus had calmed the wind and the sea. "So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" In Matthew 14:33 when Peter and Jesus get back in the boat they bowed down and worshipped Jesus saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

No matter what kind of storm we may face in life we always need to remember God and put our faith and trust in Him. He is greater than the storms we face from bad weather, and He is greater than the storms life sometimes brings our way. Let us all trust in His power, realize Jesus is Lord, and follow Him forver.

#### 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.

### **<u>Elders</u>**

Bob Allen, Chris Bates, Ron Clemons, Darrel Cockroft, Andy Dulaney, James 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 Edward Glass - Deaf

**Missionary** Louis and Martha Rushmore

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#### Men to Serve September 2021

Flowers	Mitzie Nations			
Food Coordinator	Mitzie Nations			
Contribution	Wayne Morris and Doug Cockroft			
Elder to Contact	James Leggett			
Sound Booth	Joey Jamison			
Attendance Count	Michael Griffith			
	Sundays			

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Date	5 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>		
Song Leader	Ron Clemons	Drew Dulaney	Joey Jamison	Allen Bates		
A.M. Scripture Reading and Prayer	Ernest Longstreet	Brent Oxley	Jim Green	Terry Dyer		
Presiding/PM Communion	Richard Carr	Chris Carr	Darrel Cockroft	Jeff Morris		
P.M. Opening Prayer	Charles Bracey	Owen Boutwell	Sam Clark	Tim Butler		
P.M. Closing Prayer	Tim King	Kip Gardner	Thomas Edwards	Marvin Wallace		
Building Lock- UP	Colin Middleton	Scott Morris	Hiram Sturgeon	W.E. Walker		
Wednesdays						
Date	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	
Song Leading	Raymond Gray	Hiram Sturgeon	James Koestler	Scott Morris	Brent Oxley	

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Devotional	Gary Hampton	Logan Baldwin	Andy Dulaney	Chris Carr	Derek Broome
Closing Prayer	Dustin Jeffords	Chris Bates	Grant Sturgeon	Tracey Gray Jr.	Bryce Thompson

# News and Events

**Women of the Word** - Tuesday, Sept. 7th at 6 p.m. Downstairs fellowship hall.

Early Risers - Sept. 7th at 7 a.m.

We are currently collecting suplices for our **First Responders Appreciation**. All supplies are needed by September 10th. Items Needed:

#### Chips, crackers, gum, hard candy,and 12 oz. bottles of Coke and Diet Coke.

**Wedding Shower** - All ladies are invited to a wedding shower for Courtney Cockroft on September 12th. Registered at Belk and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

**Men's Fellowship** - September 13th at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up in the foyer.

Early Risers - Sept. 14th.

Ladies Day - September 18th.

**Congregational Singing and Cookout** - October 9th 5 - 8 p.m. **Youth News** September 4th - Jr.s Memphis Zoo Trip

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for Discover - September 11-12.

#### September 15th - Hang Time



Ist Monday of Each Month at 6 pm



### Mowing Team Schedule Sept. 11th - Team 1

Allen Bates Chris Bates Charles Bracey Antonio Bracey John Mark Bridges

#### **Attendance and Contribution**

For August 29, 20	21
Bible Classes	121
Sunday Morning Worship	162
Sunday Night Worship	90
Budget:	\$10,549.00
Weekly Contribution:	\$8,779.00



**FELLOWSHIP** 

## **Prayer List Updates**

Please continue to pray for **Troy Nations** as he continues to be in the hospital. Keep Troy and Caroline and the entire family in your prayers.

Sympathy is extended to **Andy Dulaney** in the passing of his father.

**Abram Pryor**, brother-in-law to Drew and Morgan Dulaney, is in the hospital with Covid.

**Marion Hough**, friend of Joanne Leggett, is battling cancer.

Bill Bolls, brother of Mary Anne Ketcham, has cancer.

#### <u>Our Military, Law Enforcement,</u> and First Responders

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

## Shut-in List

Velma Bicker, 1900 Chadwick Dr., Room 119-B, Jackson, MS 39204 Shirleen Clare, 137 St. Charles Ave., Florence, MS 39073 Myrtle Gordon, Regina Clower and Eric Davis, 8 Spring Hollow Dr., Crystal Springs, MS 39059 (601) 951-6353

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

#### Card from Larue Walden

Thank you for brightening my days with the encouraging cards I received. You've always been known as a loving congregation. I've had many opportunities to visit with you and always found it a great pleasure. I admire the many avenues of work that is done by Siwell. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Love, Larue

# REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### **Remember in Prayer**

Harry and Betty Barkley Toni Burnett Betty Butler Shirleen Clare Regina Clower Eric Davis Cynthia Donahoe compression fracture in her back. Betty Dougherty, Crystal Dunlap's grandmother Linda Dickinson - C.M.L. Loretta Ellis Teresa Hampton - recovering from surgery Steve Higginbotham HD and Lydia Hood Laurie Hooks - daughter of Paul and Joanne Leggett Mary Horton Kristi Kelley (Daughter of Vic Kelley) Paul and Joanne Leggett **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) Nancy Smith Sandy Smith Vera and Dale Spencer Lyle Thompson - Son of Sylvia Thompson Bill and Wanda Thompson Larue Walden Judy, Mark, W.E. Walker Loretha Wallace Sonia Davenport (Anita Carver's sister-in-law, Cancer) Jack Morgan (Anita Carver's uncle, hospice) Maddy Pittman (battling Leukemia) Katherine Barnett (dealing with pain, in need of surgery) June Franks Booker - recovering from stroke Jennifer O'Neal - cancer Linda Ingle Agerton family - Covid Bernice Richardson - foot surgery/infection



# **WELCOME** We are glad YOU are here!

#### A Choice We Make Daily

- I. There is a choice to be
  - A. Romans 6:16 "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves to \_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_"
  - B. 2 Corinthians 5:20 "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were \_\_\_\_\_\_ through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf,
    - to God."
  - C. Can we choose not to choose? Matthew 12:30
- II. Serving sin leads to
  - A. Romans 6:19-21
  - B. Hebrews 11:25 "\_\_\_\_\_ rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_\_ pleasures of sin."
  - C. John 8:33-34 "Most \_\_\_\_\_\_, I say to you, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ commits sin is a \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - D. Ephesians 2:11-12
- III. Serving God leads to

A. Romans 6:17-18 "And having been \_\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, you became \_\_\_\_\_\_ of

- B. Romans 6:22
- C. 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Conclusion: Which will it be? Romans 6:23

#### Hope for the Believer

(some thoughts from Neal Pollard)

- I. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. 2 Thessalonians 2:13B. Ephesians 1:4 " just as He \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_
  - before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love"
- II. \_\_\_
  - A. 2 Thessalonians 2:14 "to which He \_\_\_\_\_ you by our \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."
  - B. 2 Thessalonians 2:15
  - C. Philippians 3:20-4:1

III. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. 2 Thessalonians 2:16
- B. Romans 15:4 "For whatever things were written before were written for our \_\_\_\_\_\_, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might \_\_\_\_\_."
- C. Hebrews 6:17-20

#### IV. \_\_\_\_\_

- A. 2 Thessalonians 2:17
- C. Ephesians 4:29 "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary \_\_\_\_\_, that it may \_\_\_\_\_\_

to the hearers."

D. 1 Corinthians 15:58