

Siwell Signature



HE CAN'T GET ANY "LOSTER"

Back in the early 1970s I was a young man just beginning to learn about evangelism. I got all excited about doing personal work. I began setting up Bible classes with the lost folks in town. In one week in that small town, we baptized seven souls into Christ. Being so excited, one Wednesday afternoon, I decided to visit Charlie. Charlie was a rough, tough railroad engineer. He had been married to one of our Christian ladies for over 40 years, but was not a Christian. He never came to worship and he lived like a pure pagan. He loved to curse, drink and fight, but he and his Christian wife had come to an unspoken agreement over the years; he wouldn't bother Robin (his wife) or get in her way. She would say nothing to him about Christ. When I knocked on the door of this couple's home, Robin welcomed me with a wide grin, expecting a "preacher's call" on a church member. But her smile began to fade when I asked, "Where is Charlie?" "Uh, he's out in his shop out back," she stammered, "but why do you want him?" "Because I want to set up a study with him." Her face lost all its color. "Oh, no, David! You can't do that" she howled. "You will make him mad and run him off from the church." "Robin, I won't make him mad. But even if I did, he can't get any 'loster' than he is right now." I thought the lady was going to cry. She wrung her hands and kept saying "Oh My! Oh My!" Robin hurriedly went out the front door to go grocery shopping while I made my way to the back with my heart in my throat. To shorten a long story, I approached Charlie, asked for a study and stood there waiting for him to reject me. Instead, he thought only a moment, then nodded, "OK David, I think I would enjoy a study.." Shocked, I studied with a man hungry for the Word most all that afternoon. That night, Charlie came to Wednesday night services, walked the aisle and asked to be baptized (with a weeping wife clinging to his arm). Charlie died just a few weeks later from a heart attack he didn't expect. Robin, my wife and I all held each other and rejoiced that Charlie had been redeemed from the clutches of Satan, just before God called him home. Brethren, we are in a war for the souls of men, and most of us Christians don't even know it. Like Robin, we live with, or work next to, and even worship with a lost soul for years without anyone ever saying anything to help save him. Satan wants to drag those souls to hell (Revelation 12:12), God wants them saved (2 Peter 3:9) and brought into the fold of safety, yet 75% of us don't even know the war is raging. As someone once said, "The situation is desperate, but the Christians aren't." Herb Miller, in his book Fishing on the Asphalt, shares that the average church member has listened to 6,000 sermons, heard 8,000 prayers, sung 20,000 hymns over and over, and won no one to Christ. Where, brethren, is the urgency? Where is the ache to help that lost friend find the truth? We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. (I Peter 1:18,19). Now your loved one is dying of the very disease you have been cured of. So how can you be content to fluff his pillow and straighten the sheets on his hospital bed as he dies, without mentioning the cure that saved you?

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Siwell Road Church of Christ

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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,
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**

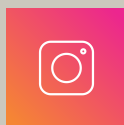
Ministers

**Gary Hampton - Pulpit
Derek Broome - Associate
Logan Baldwin - Youth
Edward Glass - Deaf**

Missionary

Louis and Martha Rushmore

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But the story of Charlie should not say that I am a glittering example of personal evangelism. I have missed lost souls. People have taught and baptized friends that I didn't even approach. If you can stand another personal example, let me take you back. I was a student at Oklahoma Christian, working at night at Western Electric. Most all the guys I worked with knew my background and knew I was going to preach upon graduation. Many of them would pass by my work station and ask me religious questions. I learned more Bible giving Bible answers at that job than I did at college. But one of the nightly visitors I dreaded to see was Jimmy. Here was a guy who just wanted to argue. Every night Jimmy would come armed with a silly question, "Is it true that you people in the church of Christ believe..." and he would prick me with something about baptism, instrumental music, the church - always something. In anger, I would slap him with a scripture. He would turn red, give a loud "Hrumph!" and leave. But he would be back the next night.

After a worship service one Sunday, I was speaking with a Christian friend who was a great lover and seeker of souls. In passing, I told him about Jimmy and his pestering questions. My friend looked quizzically at me. "You just don't catch it, do you David?" he asked. "Catch what?" I stammered. My friend answered, "Jimmy is crying out for help." Then he continued, "The next time Jimmy comes by and asks one of those dumb questions, just ask him, 'Jimmy, do you want to argue or would you like to study the Bible with me?'" I went over the retort all day Monday, and I was ready for Jimmy that night. Sure enough, Jimmy came, and sure enough, he had some asinine question. But then I did it. I turned to Jimmy and said, "Jimmy, do you want to argue, or would you like to study the Bible with me?" Jimmy's eyes grew bright, he smiled and answered, "I'd like to study with you."

Brethren, lost souls are all around us. They are calling for our help but don't know how to ask. We must learn to recognize the signs. Pray about your friend and stammer into some invitation to a Bible study. Anything is better than nothing. You will be shocked at how many will smile and say "OK, let's study." I beg you to be like Jesus; look at people as souls - a white harvest ready for the sickle. (John 4:35-38) As someone said, "Silence is not always golden; sometimes it is just a pale shade of yellow." Throw the seed and harvest those who respond. Don't spend your time analyzing the soil. The late noted writer Vance Havner used to tell a story. He said that when the Titanic sailed in 1912, it carried millionaires, celebrities, people of moderate means and even poor people who stayed down inside the ship. The Cunard lines (owners of the White Star fleet) had an office in New York City. On the wall they had a "Titanic list" posted. There they had the names of the "First Class passengers, Second Class, Third Class and Steerage." But the day after that ship went down, it was said another list was posted on that board. That list carried only two categories - "Lost" and "Saved." On that "great getting' up mornin'" when the millions stand before God for final judgment, there will be only two kinds of people: "Lost" and "Saved." Look around you. Look through the hype and the show, the hatred and the hypocrisy. See folks as souls and seek to redeem them. Don't be afraid; "they can't get any lofter."

David Lusk - Union Valley, Texas

News and Events

Women of the Word - Nov. 15th at 6:30 p.m. Downstairs fellowship hall.

Caregiver Support Group - November 16th at 10 a.m. at Clinton church of Christ

Early Risers - November 16th at 7 a.m. Downstairs fellowship hall.

Door Knocking - November 20th at 9 a.m.

MASH & College Christmas Party - Dec. 4th at 5 pm.

Missions Emphasis Day - December 5th. We will have our regular morning Bible class and worship followed by a fellowship meal. After the meal we will meet again at 12:45 pm. We will not be meeting at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring drinks and desserts. Meal provided.

Women of the Word - Dec. 6th

Women's Christmas Party - December 12th. 3-5 p.m. Bring a wrapped ornament for gift exchange.

Men's Fellowship - Dec. 13th

Youth News
Nov. 13th - Service Day. Meet @ Building 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 17th - Hang Time. 4 p.m. at the building.

Nov. 21st - SNACK - After pm worship

Dec. 3rd-4th - SALT - Members are asked to bring sides and drinks for meal. Please have these to the building before 8 p.m. on Dec. 3rd.

December 11th - Jrs. Christmas Party. 5 to 7 p.m.

Dec. 15th - Hang Time. 4 p.m. at the building.

Dec. 18th - Srs. Christmas Party

Dec. 19th - SNACK. After pm worship

North Brandon Church Of Christ

December 3rd-5th

Friday-Sunday



John Deberry

Gospel Meeting

America: A Return To Righteousness

Friday 7:00 PM, Saturday 7:00 PM, Sunday 9:30 & 10:25 AM, 1:00 PM



1029 Hwy 471 Brandon, MS 39042

Mr. & Mrs. Hiram Sturgeon and
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Glover invite
you to share in their joy for

The wedding of

NORA STURGEON

and

BRADY GLOVER

Sunday, December 12th, 2021

3 o'clock in the afternoon

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK
17000 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, FL 32541

light reception to follow

*please visit our website to RSVP by November 1st
theknot.com/noraandbrady*

Attendance & Contribution

For November 7, 2021

Bible Classes.....	148
Sunday Morning Worship.....	197
Sunday Night Worship.....	112
Budget:	\$10,549.00
Weekly Contribution:	\$12,356.10

Prayer List Updates

Please keep **Doug Cockroft** and the entire Cockroft family in your prayers. Doug's sister, Janice Burnaman, passed away. There will be a memorial at a later date.

H.D. Hood has blood clots in his lungs.

Loretta Ellis has an appointment with a neurosurgeon in a couple of weeks to help her with some problems she is having.

Casey Hurley has recently had surgery to fix his broken hand and remove infection. He will need another surgery soon.

Vic Kelley had a procedure on Wednesday.

Jimmy Barr will be having surgery in the next couple of weeks.

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
Jae Irvin	Jaden Williams
Joey Jamison	Hunter Thompson
Shayne Kelly	

Men to Serve November 2021

Flowers	Lisa Robertson
Food Coordinator	Mitzie Nations
Contribution	Mark Polk and Darrel Cockroft
Elder to Contact	Chris Bates
Sound Booth	Tim King
Attendance Count	Dustin Jeffords

Sundays					
Date	7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th	
Song Leader	Allen Bates	James Koestler	Terrance Freeman	Ron Clemons	
A.M. Scripture Reading and Prayer	Herbert Ellis	Charles Bracey	Thomas Edwards	Michael Griffith	
Presiding/PM Communion	Drew Dulaney	Jim Green	Sam Clark	Hiram Sturgeon	
P.M. Opening Prayer	Andy Dulaney	William Case	Darrel Cockroft	Chris Carr	
P.M. Closing Prayer	WE Walker	Jeff Morris	Kip Gardner	Scott Morris	
Building Lock-UP	Drew Dulaney	Herbert Ellis	Terrance Freeman	Joey Jamison	

Wednesdays - * (Tuesday Night Bible Study the Week of Thanksgiving)

Date	3 rd	10 th	17 th	23 rd *	
Song Leading	Tracey Gray Jr.	Brent Oxley	Logan Baldwin	Joey Jamison	
Devotional	Gary Hampton	Darrel Cockroft	Richard Carr	Derek Broome	
Closing Prayer	Earnest Longstreet	Bryce Thompson	Jeff Seal	Terry Dyer	

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) 922-463

Remember in Prayer

Harry and Betty Barkley
Jimmy and Mary Barr
Tiffany Bell
Toni Burnett
Betty Butler
Shirleen Clare
Regina Clower and Eric Davis
Darrel Cockroft
Cynthia Donahoe recovering from surgery
Betty Dougherty, Crystal Dunlap's grandmother
Linda Dickinson - C.M.L.
Loretta Ellis
Myrtle Gordon
Teresa Hampton
Steve Higginbotham
HD and Lydia Hood
Mary Horton - On Dialysis
Kristi Kelley (Daughter of Vic Kelley)
Jeanie Lane - recovering from broken leg and foot
Billy McAdams

Randy Miller (Back Problems)
Terril and Virginia Morris
Troy Nations - at home recovering
Hulon Parrett
Christopher Rae is having problems with seizures.
Claude Roberts
Dustin Robertson (Nephew of Dirk Robertson)
Sandy Smith
Vera and Dale Spencer
Lyle Thompson - Son of Sylvia Thompson
Bill and Wanda Thompson
Judy, Mark, W.E. Walker
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)
Jennifer O'Neal - stage 4 cancer
Linda Ingle
Marion Hough - cancer
Bill Bolts - cancer
Clay Waggoner
Jerry Poarch - brother of Ron Poarch
Sue Cooper - friend of Anita Carver
Joseph and Donna Sabatini - friend of Anita Carver
Loretha Wallace - having health problems
Veda Longstreet
Kevin King - recovering from strokes
Chris Cooley - Health problems
Dean Nettles - recovering from knee surgery
Jeanne Hill - Mother of Buddy Oxley - recovering from fall
Aaron and Ginger Cadden



WELCOME
We are glad YOU are here!

**GUEST
SIGN IN**



SCAN HERE



A Day's Journey Without Jesus

- I. They were _____ from Jesus.
A. Luke 2:41-43
B. Luke 2:44
C. Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way that seems _____ to a man, But its end is the way of death."
D. Acts 17:11
- II. They were filled with _____.
A. Luke 2:45-48
B. Ephesians 2:12 "having _____ and _____ God in the world."
C. Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone _____ My voice and _____ the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."
- III. They _____ Jesus, not he them.
A. Luke 2:43
B. John 6:66 "From that time many of His disciples went _____ and _____ with Him no more."
C. John 6:67-69
- IV. They had to _____ to him.
A. Luke 2:49-50
B. Acts 8:22 "_____ therefore of this your wickedness, and _____ God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you."
C. Revelation 2:4-5

God Spoke

- I. In _____.
A. Hebrews 11:3 "By faith we understand that the worlds were _____ by the _____ of God"
B. Genesis 1:3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24
C. Genesis 1:26, 28, 29; 2:18
- II. By the _____.
A. Hebrews 1:1
B. Exodus 4:12-15
C. Jeremiah 1:7 "For you shall go to all to whom _____ send you, And whatever I _____ you, you shall speak."
D. Ezekiel 3:10-11
- III. By his _____.
A. Hebrews 1:2
B. Hebrews 2:1-3a "which at the first began to be _____ by the _____"
C. John 12:48-50
D. John 17:8
- IV. By those who _____ him.
A. Hebrews 2:3b-4
B. John 14:26 "He will _____ you all things, and bring to your _____ things that _____ to you."
C. John 16:13-14
D. Mark 13:9-11