

December 11th, 2022

# Siwell Signature



## **Never Give Up**

Several years ago, I was helping in an evangelism campaign in Georgia. Like most evangelism campaigns we faced a variety of reactions at the door. Some people were not home, some were not interested, but others responded in a fantastic way. We were able to set up several Bible studies and some obeyed the Gospel. It is always great to see another soul being baptized into Christ. The good responses are wonderful to remember, but from this particular campaign, there is one response that has particularly stuck out in my mind. When we knocked on the door the lady that came to the door seemed to be a little suspicious of who we were and what we were doing there. But once we told her who we were she was happy to talk with us and even seemed excited throughout the conversation. Even with her positive response early on, you could just kind of tell there was something she was not saying. We continued studying with her. She read along with us and seemed to respond well to what was being shown to her, but you could just still tell by the look on her face something was wrong. That's when she changed gears in the conversation. She started telling us so many things from her past, and she had been through a lot and yes, she had done a lot of sinful things. We tried to point her to Jesus. We tried to show her His forgiveness and love. We even got personal with her and talked from the truth seen in Romans 3:23. We all sin and we tried to relay that message to her by even discussing how we too were once living in sin but had now been "made alive" by Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:1-6) But this woman remembered the things of her past and basically said to us, "God can't love someone like me". This woman and her words have stuck in my mind for over a decade. She then quickly ended the conversation. We had a word of prayer with her, and we left.

When we left, we gave her the contact information for the local church, and we gave her information to the local church so they could follow up as well. But when we left it seemed like she had given up on redemption. Like many people in our world, she felt defined by her past and she wouldn't let go and trust God. This woman, like so many others, just did not understand the love and forgiveness of our God. But this is not just a problem that people in the world and outside of Christ have. So many Christians often forget the love of God. (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). We sometimes forget about the cleansing power of His blood and the forgiveness He is faithful to give if we will just come back to Him. (1 John 1:7-9).

There are so many lessons we could discuss but one lesson I especially want each of us to remember today is to never give up. Don't give up on yourself, on redemption, on love, or forgiveness. God knew we would all fall short, but He loved us so much that before the foundations of the world He had a plan to send Jesus into this world to die on the cross for all of our sins (1 Peter 1:18-23). God knows the things that we have done. He loves us and He wants us all to repent and come to Him. (Acts 17:30, 2 Peter 3:9). Don't give up on God. He won't give up on you.

Derek Broome

## **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, Hiram Sturgeon**

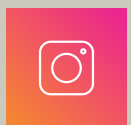
### **Ministers**

**Gary Hampton - Pulpit  
Derek Broome - Associate  
Edward Glass - Deaf**

### **Missionary**

**Louis and Martha Rushmore**

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## Monthly Service List December 2022

	December
Flowers	Morgan Dulaney
Food Coordinator	Ginger Koestler
Contribution	Kip Gardner and Lynn Berch
Prep Communion	Hannah Broome and Alisha Middleton
Wash Communion Trays	Brittany Bates and Suzanne Jamison
Elder to Contact	Ron Clemons
Sound Booth	Colin Middleton
Attendance Count	Grant Sturgeon

### Sundays

Date	December 4 <sup>th</sup>	December 11 <sup>th</sup>	December 18 <sup>th</sup>	December 25 <sup>th</sup>
Song Leader	James Koestler	Allen Bates	Drew Dulaney	Joey Jamison
Scripture Reading/ A.M. Opening Prayer	Chris Carr	Dustin Jeffords	Jim Green	Jeff Morris
Presiding/PM Communion	Darrel Cockroft	Sam Clark	John Mark Bridges	William Case
Communion/Serve Lord's Supper	Lynn Berch, Nathan Brewer, Brian Conger, Terry Dyer, Earnest Longstreet, Casey Hurley, Austin Spearman, Steve Picket Alternates: Dirk Robertson and Bryce Thompson			
A.M Closing Prayer	W.E. Walker	James Leggett	Terrance Freeman	Richard Carr
PM Opening Prayer	Scott Morris	Chris Bates	Kyle Russell	No PM Service
P.M. Closing Prayer	Bobby Chase	Michael Griffith	Jeff Seal	No PM Service
Building Lock-Up	Antonio Bracey	Charles Bracey	Chris Carr	William Case
Greeters - Foyer	Ester Thomas Annette Parrett	Wayne Morris Anita Carver	Bonnie Mobley Morgan Jones	Loretta Ellis Angela Boyd
Greeters - Auditorium	James and Sophia Leggett	Austin and Stephanie Spearman	Darrel and Nan Cockroft	Derek and Hannah Broome
Nursery Attendants	Crystal Dunlap	Jennifer Griffith	Annette Parrett	Patty Polk
Card Care Groups	Team 1 – Terry Dyer and Jim Green	Team 2 – Allen Bates and John Mark Bridges	Team 3 – Jeff Seal and Sam Clark	Team 4 – Dustin Jeffords and Michael Griffith

### Wednesdays

Date	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 14 <sup>th</sup>	December 21 <sup>st</sup>	December 28 <sup>th</sup>
Song Leading	Tracy Gray Jr.	Terrance Freeman	Grant Sturgeon	Derek Broome
Devotional	Chris Carr	Owen Boutwell	Joey Jamison	Gary Hampton
Closing Prayer	Marvin Wallace	Tim Butler	Charles Bracey	Andy Dulaney

## News and Events

**On December 25th** we will meet at 9:30 a.m. for Bible class and 10:30 a.m. for worship. We will not have an evening service. All classes will meet as normal.

**Breakfast with Santa**- Dec. 10th. at 9 a.m. If you can help please sign the list on the bulletin board.

**Golden Circle Christmas Party** - December 11th after morning service. Bring a \$10-\$15 gift for dirty santa. No gag gifts. Sign up sheet on bulletin board.

**Standing in the Gap** - December 12th. All men are asked to bring cajun food. Drinks and Desserts provided.

**Women of the Word** - January 2nd at 6 p.m.

**Parent/Youth Lunch Meeting** - January 8th after morning service in the downstaris fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided. This is for youth of all ages.

**Standing in the Gap** - January 9th. We will be beginning a study of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John.

**Adult Game Night** - January 13th at 6:30 p.m. Bring finger foods and games.

**Women of the Word** - January 16th at 6 p.m.

**Apologetics Seminar** - January 20th-22nd - Mike Houts

**Fellowship Meal** - January 22nd. All members are asked to bring drinks and desserts. Meal is provided.

**Ladies Retreat** - January 27-29th. Money is due by December 21st. If you have questions see Hannah Broome or Morgan Dulaney.

**Teachers Appreciation Banquet** - February 5th For all teachers of children and adult classes.

**Ladies Day 2023** - February 18th. Speaker- Kathryn Baker



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## Teen News

**TNT**- December 13th at 6:30 at Andy Dana's house. Bus leaves building at 6:00.

**Blast Night** -December 21st after services. Bring money.

**Lockin** - December 30th at 6:30 p.m.

**Parent/Youth Lunch Meeting** - January 8th after morning service in the downstaris fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided. This is for youth of all ages.

**Teen Area Wide** - North Brandon Church of Christ. 6-8 p.m. Bus will leave a 5 p.m.

**EU** - January 13th-15th. Savannah, TN. Deadline to sign up is December 16th.

## K.I.D.S.

**Snack** - December 18th following evening services.

## Lads to Leaders December 11th

Bible Bowl  
3 p.m.

Bible Reading/Speech  
4 p.m.

Song Leading/Songs of Praise  
4:30 pm

## L2L Registration Forms

Adult and Student registration forms are on the table in the foyer. Registration forms are due by January 1st. This is to ensure we reserve proper hotel accomodations for each family and so we can make sure each child is registered for the correct events.



# REMEMBER IN PRAYER



## Prayer List Updates

**Hulon Parrett** continues to have health problems.

**Teresa Hampton** was having problems with seiures earlier this week. She spent several days in the hospital with an infection.

**Charles Keeton**, brother of Anita Carver, has been diagnosed with Cirrhosis of the liver. Please keep him in your prayers.

Former member, **Betty Pirtle**, passed away Wednesday morning.

**Carlos Ball**, one of our new converts, has been in the hospital. He had surgery on Tuesday. He is in St. Dominic Hospital room 6518.

**Loretta Ellis** is having blood pressure issues.

**Loretha Wallace** has been having some health problems.

**Earnest Longstreet's father** is having a lot of health problems.

Sylvia Thompson's son, **Lyle Thompson**, is having a lot of health problems.

**Chris Rae** has been having trouble with seizures.

Please continue to remember **Jeanie Lane, Zach Shiers, and Nancy Wright** in your prayers.

## Our Military, Law Enforcement, and First Responders

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



**Berean Children's Home, INC.**

# Donations Drive

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE USED TO HELP TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN THAT ARE PLACED AT THE BEREAN CHILDREN'S HOME, INC.

- May- Canned Vegetables
- June- Breakfast Items  
*Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits, Pancake Mix, & Syrup*
- July- Pasta & Sauces
- August- School Supplies
- September- Canned Fruits, Jams, Jellies, & Peanut Butter
- October- Sugar, Flour, & Cornmeal
- November- Soups & Chili
- December- Cake Mixes, Pie shells, & Dessert items  
*Pudding, Jel-O, brownies, cookies, etc.*
- January- Dried Beans & Vegetable Oil
- February- Personal Hygiene Products
- March- Dish Detergent & Laundry Detergent
- April- Paper Goods

## Want to Study God's Word??

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



## Contribution/Attendance For December 4th, 2022

Bible Classes.....	150
Sunday Morning Worship .....	197
Sunday Night Worship.....	110
Budget:	\$10,822.00
Contribution:	\$11,578.00



# WELCOME

We are glad YOU are here!

GUEST  
SIGN IN



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## Fighting Forbidden Fear

I. There are \_\_\_\_\_ kinds of fear.

- A. Standing in awe of God (Renn 370)
  - 1. Ecclesiastes \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Hebrews 11:7
  - 3. Acts 10:34-35
- B. Dread, alarm, fright, terror, apprehension, anxiety, perplexity and distrust (Winkler *Heart Diseases and Their Cure* 62)
  - 1. Matthew \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Revelation 2:10
- C. Genesis 3:10-11

II. Fear \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ things.

- A. It brings the thing feared
  - 1. Job 3:25 “what I \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ to me.”
  - 2. Matthew 14:28-31
- B. It makes one unreliable. Judges 7:3
- C. It keeps from doing right. Matthew 25:24-25
- D. It can cost me heaven. Revelation 21:8

III. There are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ fear.

- A. Seek forgiveness Acts 8:20-24
- B. Pray
  - 1. Psalm 3:4-5 “I \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord with my voice, And He \_\_\_\_\_ me from His holy hill.”
  - 2. Psalm 55:16-17
- C. Remember God is on our side—Psalm 118:6; 2 Timothy 1:7

## Responding to Questions

(Some thoughts from Hiram Kemp)

I. Some are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Acts 17:11 “These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”
- B. Acts 17:18-20
- C. Acts 25:22a

II. I \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Job 11:7-8 “Can you search out the \_\_\_\_\_ of God? Can you find out the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Almighty?”
- B. Deuteronomy 29:29
- C. Acts 8:30-31a

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ says.

- A. 1 Peter 4:11a “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.”
- B. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- C. Matthew 19:4-6

IV. Speak with \_\_\_\_\_ confidence.

- A. 2 Timothy 2:24-26
- B. Colossians 4:5-6 “Let your speech always be with \_\_\_\_\_, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to \_\_\_\_\_ each one.”
- C. Ephesians 4:15