

May 14th, 2023

Siwell Signature



A Plea for Restoration

Men like John Wycliffe, in the 1300's, saw a corrupted church, which led, in turn, to remarkable wickedness. They called for men to use scripture only to determine the will of God. Good people are shocked by the changes of recent days. Hatred seems to grow by the minute. Sin is openly practiced and set forth as the way every right thinking person should walk, or at least praise. Our world needs the Savior and his church, but division has torn believers apart. We must restore the church of the Bible if we are to turn the world around.

A restored church is united on the Bible alone. Its members must speak the very words of God (1 Peter 4:11). Those words God spoke are found in scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Every believer should, over time, grow in knowledge so they can teach others. "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food" (Hebrews 5:12).

A restored church will reject all man-made creeds. A creed is "a brief authoritative formula of religious belief" (Merriam-Webster.com). God's children must, as Paul told Timothy, "Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:13). He later explained that the young preacher should only preach the word (2 Timothy 4:1-4). He also told Titus, "But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1).

A restored church will only use scriptural names for the people of God. The church itself has no proper name, only descriptions. It is described as the church of God; the temple of God; the church of the firstborn ones; the body of Christ; the household of God; the kingdom of the Son; churches of Christ; and the household of God (1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; Hebrews 12:23; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19; Colossians 1:13; Romans 16:16; Galatians 6:10). God gave Christ's disciples the name Christian (Acts 11:26). We know God gave the name because the word "called" is used in scripture to describe a divine message (Matthew 2:12, 22; Hebrews 11:7). **(Article continued inside)**

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 - 6:30 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**

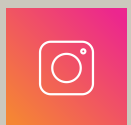
Ministers

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

Missionary

Louis and Martha Rushmore

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Each church is self-governing in the restored church. Paul addressed the letter to the church in Philippi, "To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons" (Philippians 1:1). Those bishops, or overseers, are responsible for watching out for the souls of the saints where they serve (Acts 20:28). Peter, who was an elder, instructed his fellow elders to, "Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:1-4).

The saved are the only members of the first century church, as they must be in a restored church. Luke reported that the Lord added those being saved to the church (Acts 2:47). No human being or group of humans voted on their membership. They had to have been set free from their sins as described by Peter to those asking what they must do to be saved (Acts 2:37-41). Paul likewise understood that one enters a new life as he comes up out of the waters of baptism (Romans 6:3-4).

The solution to the hatred and sinfulness surrounding us is found in a call to restore the church as God designed it. We must probe the depths of God's word to find his will for our lives, knowing it can change the world.

Gary C. Hampton

News and Events

Congregational Game Night -
May 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Women of the Word and Standing in the Gap - May 22nd. We will have supper at 5:45 with Bible study to follow at 6:30 p.m.

If there is anybody that is not on a **shower team** and you want to be on one, please see Valerie Bates or Derek Broome.

Congregational Fellowship Meal
June 11th, 2023

Everyone is asked to bring food for our potluck meal. Please try to bring enough food for your family and our guests.

VBS - June 12th-16th - If you can help in any way please sign up on one of the lists on the bulletin board in the foyer. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Pantry Items Needed
Canned Meat, Peanut Butter, Boxed Potatoes, Tomato Soup, Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Chili, Jelly

Clothing Drive and Health Fair
July 8th

We are collecting gently used clothes for a clothing drive on July 8th. Please place all donations on the racks in the downstairs fellowship hall.



Berean Childrens Home Donations Needed

May - Canned Vegetables

Berean Childrens Home needs Lemonade, Koolaide, Tea, and Sugar for the summer.



Teen News

Blast Night - May 17th after Wednesday night service.

TNT - May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Dustin and Camille Jeffords.

Lockin - May 26th

SALT 2023
July 28-30, 2023

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SALT Youth Rally - July 28th-30th.
Theme: "System Reset" Guest Speaker: Aaron Gallagher. Please sign up at www.siwellroad.com/salt



KIDS Camp

June 1st - 3rd
ages 5-8

3rd Session

June 25th - July 1st
ages 8-18

sardislakechristiancamp.org

K.I.D.S.

Kids Project - May 20th

Snack - May 28th

VBS

If you would like a tshirt for VBS please sign up on the list in the foyer. \$15

REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Prayer List Updates

Please keep **Jimmy and Mary Barr** in prayers. Mary is had eye surgery on Wednesday. Jimmy has had his last injection in his back. Their daughter, **Susan**, also recently had eye surgery.

Debbie Pierce has one more chemo treatment. The doctor says the tumor is shrinking. The plan, as of now, is for her to have surgery in June. Please keep Debbie and Rocco in your prayers.

Brealand West, friend of Tim Butler, lost her baby on Tuesday. Please remember the West family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their child.

Terry Dyer had surgery on Thursday.

Loretha Wallace's son, Andy, has been having trouble with his pancreas.

Please keep **Wanda Thompson** in your prayers. She fell through the back porch. She has a deep cut on her leg.

Please also keep **Tracey Morgan**, daughter of Bill and Wanda, in your prayers. She also has broken her leg.

Please keep **Terril and Virginia Morris** in your prayers.

Teresa Hampton is back in the hospital with low potassium.

Annette Parrett is continuing to improve following her heart attack.

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

Contribution/Attendance

For May 7th, 2023

Bible Classes.....	157
Sunday Morning Worship	186
Sunday Night Worship.....	120
Budget:	\$10,822.00
Contribution:	\$13,075.25

Worship Involvement

May 14th

Song Leader

Joey Jamison

AM Opening Prayer and Scripture

Charles Bracey

Presiding

Sam Clark

Serving on Lord's Table

Michael Griffith, Bill Patrick, Jeff Seal, Cameron Brown, Johnny Alman, John Alman, Chris Carr, Dean Nettles. Alternates: Hunter Thompson and Coy Edwards.

AM Closing Prayer

Brian Conger

PM Opening Prayer

Terry Dyer

PM Closing Prayer

Doug Cockroft

Wednesday Night: May 17

Song Leading - Derek Broome

Devo - Gary Hampton

Prayer - William Case





WELCOME

We are glad YOU are here!

GUEST
SIGN IN



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Lessons from a Good Mother: Hannah

- I. Hannah took her _____ to God.
- A. 1 Samuel 1:8
 - B. 1 Samuel 1:9, 13-16
 - C. James 5:13a
 - D. Romans 8:26-27 "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our _____. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for _____ groanings which cannot be uttered."
- II. Hannah recognized children are _____ from God.
- A. 1 Samuel 1:11a
 - B. Genesis 33:5 "The _____ whom God has _____ your servant." (Genesis 48:9)
 - C. Psalm 127:3
- III. Hannah _____ her son to the Lord.
- A. 1 Samuel 1:11b, 20
 - B. 1 Samuel 1:24-28 "For this child I prayed, and the _____ has _____ me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore I also have _____ him to the Lord; as _____ as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord."
 - C. 1 Samuel 2:18-21
 - D. 2 Timothy 1:5
 - E. 2 Timothy 3:14-15

How Should I Respond to Anger?

- I. Be _____ to anger.
- A. Proverbs 14:29 "He who is _____ to wrath has _____ understanding, But he who is impulsive exalts folly."
 - B. Proverbs 15:1
 - C. Proverbs 15:18 "A wrathful man _____ up strife, But he who is _____ to _____ allays contention."
 - D. Proverbs 16:32
- II. Do _____ to the angry.
- A. Romans 12:17-19 "_____ no one evil for evil. Have regard for _____ things in the sight of all men."
 - B. 1 Thessalonians 5:15 "See that no one renders _____ for _____ to anyone, but always _____ what is _____ both for for yourselves and for all."
 - C. 1 Peter 1:23-24
 - D. 1 Peter 3:8-9
- III. Do the _____ thing.
- A. Romans 12:20-21
 - B. Matthew 5:43-48
 - C. Romans 10:1 "Brethren, my heart's _____ and _____ to God for Israel is that they may be _____."
 - D. Romans 1:14-16