

May 26th, 2024

Siwell Signature



Men's Hearts Are Soil for the Kingdom Seed

Jesus taught a multitude that came to him by the Sea of Galilee. He got into a boat to teach (Mark 4:1-20). His first parable was about a farmer who went to sow seed. A portion of that seed fell on the wayside, or foot path. Palestine was a land without fences in Christ's day. People walking through an area followed basically the same path, which became packed. Seed falling on this ground would either be trampled under foot or eaten by the birds.

Other seed fell on rocky ground. This was a rock ledge covered by a small layer of topsoil. Seed on such ground would readily spring up. The roots could not go deep, so the plant soon withered. Some of the seed fell on ground already covered with thorns. The thorns would compete with the young seedling for sun and moisture. The thorns finally would choke the seedling to death. Seed also fell on good ground. Harvest time found such ground yielding thirty, sixty or one hundred times as much grain as was originally sown.

Parables can reveal the mystery of God's plan to save man. They can also hide the truth from those not ready to receive it. They would view the stories as innocent references to common life. Jesus promised those who had receptive hearts would learn about the kingdom of heaven. Those who had little understanding and refused to receive more would find the parables presenting them with a maze which obscured understanding (Isaiah 6:9-10). The Lord pronounced a blessing on all those who saw and actually perceived the truth revealed in the parables. Others had longed to see the fullness of the truth but had not been given the same opportunity (1 Pet. 1:10-12).

Jesus used this parable to point out the responsibility an individual has when he hears. The seed of the kingdom is God's word. The sower is someone who proclaims the word. The four soils represent different conditions of the human heart. The wayside soil represented those whose minds are closed to God's word (Hebrews 3:12-13). The rocky soil stands for the person who does not follow through completely in their obedience and develops no depth of understanding. Such people will abandon truth when hard times come. The thorny-soiled heart is that individual who loves the cares and pleasures of this life more than God's kingdom, which chokes God's word out of his life. The good soil represents the person who understands, receives and patiently follows the word of God.

The reception of the gospel and the fruit it produces depends on the hearer's heart. The real hearer listens, understands and obeys. We must be sure we keep our minds open to truth and do what it says. Teachers need to remember it is their job to sow the seed without guessing the nature of a person's heart. It is God who gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:5-7). Faithful Christians will sow the seed of the kingdom (2 Tim. 2:2; Mark 16:15-16). We cannot be silent and be faithful!

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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

**Chris Bates, Ron Clemons,
Darrel Cockroft, Andy Dulaney,
James Leggett, Jeff Morris**

Deacons

**Antonio Bracey, Charles Bracey,
John Mark Bridges, Chris Carr,
William Case, Bobby Chase,
Drew Dulaney, Herbert Ellis,
Terrance Freeman, Joey Jamison,
Dustin Jeffords, James Koestler,
Colin Middleton, Scott Morris,
Hiram Sturgeon**

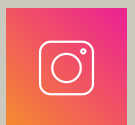
Ministers

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

Missionary

Louis and Martha Rushmore

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Service Lists

Monthly Service List May 2024

May	
Flowers	Julia Lewis
Food Coordinator	Pam Carr
Contribution	Mark Polk and Darrel Cockroft
Prep Communion	Abby Alman and Debra McAdams
Wash Communion Trays	Alisha Middleton and Brittany Bates
Elder to Contact	Chris Bates
Sound Booth	Bobby Chase
Attendance Count	Herbert Ellis
Greeters	Hiram and Christy Sturgeon, Bobby and Jill Chase
Baptistry Towels/Garments	Mitzie Nations
Food Pantry	Valerie Bates and Davina Gardner
Welcome Bags	Sally Pickett
Nursery Linens	Valerie Case

Sundays

Date	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Song Leader	Christian Young	Drew Dulaney	Terrance Freeman	James Koestler
Scripture Reading/ A.M. Opening Prayer	Darrel Cockroft	Ron Clemons	W.E. Walker	Charles Bracey
Presiding/PM Communion	John Mark Bridges	Hiram Sturgeon	William Case	James Leggett
Communion/Serve Lord's Supper	Antonio Bracey, Terry Dyer, Kip Gardner, Tim Butler, Thomas Edwards, Jeff Wall, Mark Polk, Dirk Robertson. Alternates: Allen Bates and Jim Green			
A.M Closing Prayer	Andy Dulaney	Joey Jamison	Marvin Wallace	Jeff Morris
PM Opening Prayer	Kyle Russell	Corey Yates	Owen Boutwell	Michael Griffith
P.M. Closing Prayer	Earnest Longstreet	Tracy Gray Jr.	Jeff Seal	Grant Sturgeon
Building Lock-Up	Dustin Jeffords	Joey Jamison	James Koestler	Colin Middleton
Nursery Attendants	Jennifer Griffith	Toni Bracey	Tara Bracey	Crystal Dunlap

Wednesday Nights

Date	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Song Leading	Dustin Jeffords	Allen Bates	Derek Broome	Hiram Sturgeon	Tracy Gray Jr.
Devotional	Derek Broome	Richard Carr	Drew Dulaney	Christian Young	Joey Jamison
Closing Prayer	Gary Hampton	Wayne Morris	Wesley Wall	Chris Carr	Doug Cockroft

Mowing Team Schedule 2024

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
Charles Bracey	Richard Carr	Hiram Sturgeon	William Case	Tracy Gray
Antonio Bracey	Andy Dulaney	Bobby Chase	Casey Hurley	Tracy Gray Jr.
John Mark Bridges	Drew Dulaney	Tim Butler	Colin Middleton	Raymond Gray
Steve Pickett	Dustin Jeffords	Grant Sturgeon	Scott Morris	Daniel Gray
Jeff Wall	James Leggett	Brian Conger	Corey Yates	Bill Patrick
Wesley Wall	Greg Liddell	Derek Broome	Abram Yates	Jeff Seal

1. Begin cutting the front entrance and ditch. It is the most critical area.
2. Pick up debris and big sticks before or as you are cutting.
3. Clean/blow off mower decks and entry points into the building.

Team	Date	Team	Date	Team	Date
1	March 23 rd	1	July 6 th	1	October 19 th
2	March 30 th	2	July 13 th	2	October 26 th
3	April 6 th	3	July 20 th	3	November 2 nd
4	April 13 th	4	July 27 th	4	November 9 th
5	April 20 th	5	August 3 rd	5	November 16 th
1	April 27 th	1	August 10 th	1	November 23 rd
2	May 4 th	2	August 17 th		
3	May 11 th	3	August 24 th		
4	May 18 th	4	August 31 st		
5	May 25 th	5	September 7 th		
1	June 1 st	1	September 14 th		
2	June 8 th	2	September 21 st		
3	June 15 th	3	September 28 th		
4	June 22 nd	4	October 5 th		
5	June 29 th	5	October 12 th		



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Teen News

Teen Devo - June 2nd after evening services.

VBS - June 10-14th. Supper will be served at 5 p.m. VBS will be from 6-8 p.m.

K.I.D.S.

Kids Camp - May 30 - June 1

VBS - June 10-14th. Supper will be served at 5 p.m. VBS will be from 6-8 p.m.

Lads to Leaders

Schedule - June 2nd

Keepers & Providers - 2:15 - 3:00 p.m.
2nd Language - 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Know the Books - 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Contribution/Attendance For May 19th, 2024

Bible Classes.....138
Sunday Morning Worship193
Sunday Night Worship.....120
Budget: \$12,518.00
Contribution: \$13,389.35

Clothing Giveaway and Health Fair

The Clothing Giveaway and Health Fair will be on July 13th. We are now accepting donations of gently used clothing. Please place all donations on the pew in the C-Wing.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER



Prayer List Updates

Please keep the **family of Jonas Pippin** in your prayers. Jonas drowned over the weekend. Jonas was a friend of Bill and Beverly Patrick's 15 year old grandson.

Francis Kings sister, **Martha Satchfield**, was taken to the hospital Wednesday evening. She is now back home and will be consulting her doctor in the next week or so.

Gary Williams had an accident and had to have surgery to repair a cut to his radial artery. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.

Rickey Wilson, Gary Hampton, brother-in-law, has melanoma on his face. He will be having further test to determine if it has spread into the lymph nodes. Please add Rickey and Lisa to your prayers.

Beth Dyer had some tests last week. All of the tests

Please keep **Jerry and Neeta Hart** in your prayers. They have been having some health problems.

Please keep **Bob and Mary Allen** in your prayers.

Please keep **Regina Clower and Eric Davis** in your prayers.

Please keep **Jimmy Barr** in your prayers as he is recovering from surgery.

Please keep Julia Lewis's friend, **Shannon Stevens-Meyers**, in your prayers as she battles cancer.

Former member, **Donna Taylor**, is recovering from surgery.

Jeanie Lane is continuing to have problems with her knee.

Our Military, Law Enforcement, and First Responders

Johnny Alman, Cameron Brown, 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



News and Events

Diapers and Wipes - We are collecting diapers and wipes for the Spearman family with the birth of their baby girl. Please place all donations on the table in the foyer.

VBS Prep Week - June 3rd-7th. If you can help during the day or during the evening we could really use your help.

VBS Door Knocking - June 8th at 9:30 a.m. Come help us invite the community to VBS.

Fellowship Meal - June 9th following morning services. The theme for this meal is BBQ. Please bring meats, sides, and desserts that go along with this theme. After lunch we will have a 12:45 p.m service. We will not be meeting at 5:30 p.m.

VBS - Mark your calendars for June 10-14th for our annual Vacation Bible School. If you would like to help please sign up on the list in the foyer.

New Mission Works

The elders have added a couple of items to the budget for this year. We will now be supporting **Sam Lawrence**, who will be doing mission work in Australia, and **Mani Pagidipalli**, who is working in India. Please keep these missionaries and all of our mission works in your prayers.

Siwell Road Church of Christ

V.B.S. 2024

THE NAME OF

JESUS



June 10th-14th 6-8 pm



WELCOME

We are glad YOU are here!

GUEST
SIGN IN



SCAN HERE



(Use your phone camera to scan image)

Worship: An Expression of Thanks—Noah

- I. God _____ Noah.
 - A. Genesis 7:11 600 yrs. 1 mon. and 17days
 - B. Genesis 7:23
 - C. Genesis 8:1-2
 - D. Genesis 8:14-16 “Then God spoke to Noah, saying, ‘ _____ of the _____, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you.’”

- II. Noah gave _____ for God’s deliverance.
 - A. Genesis 8:18-19
 - B. Genesis 8:20 “Then Noah built an _____ the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and _____ burnt offerings on the altar.”

- III. God’s pleasure, _____ and blessing.
 - A. Genesis 8:21-22 “And the Lord _____ a _____ aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground for man’s sake”
 - B. Genesis 9:1-3
 - C. Genesis 9:4-7

- IV. _____ for today.
 - A. Gen. 9:11-17 “The _____ shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to _____ the everlasting _____ between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”
 - B. God still delivers! 1 Peter 3:21
 - C. Revelation 2:10
 - D. Philippians 4:6-7

God’s Purpose as It Relates to Glorification

- I. Glorify the God who is _____.
 - A. Ephesians 3:20a
 - B. 1 Cor. 10:13 “who will _____ you to be tempted _____ what you are able”
 - C. 2 Timothy 1:12 “He is _____ to _____ what I have _____ to Him until that Day.”
 - D. Philippians 3:20-21

- II. Glorify the God who is _____.
 - A. Ephesians 3:20b “to do _____ abundantly _____ all that we _____ or _____”
 - B. Romans 4:20-21 “He did _____ waver at the _____ of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, _____ glory to God”
 - C. Hebrews 10:19-20

- III. Glorify God in the _____.
 - A. Ephesians 3:21a “to Him be _____ in the _____.”
 - B. Ephesians 1:15-18
 - C. Ephesians 1:19-21
 - D. Romans 15:5-6

- IV. Glorify God _____ and in _____.
 - A. Ephesians 3:21b “ _____ Christ _____ to all generations, _____ and ever. Amen.”
 - B. 1 Cor. 6:19-20 “For you were _____ at a price; therefore _____ God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.
 - C. 1 Thessalonians 1:10