

October 27th, 2024

Siwell Signature

you're!
INVITED!

The Kingdom Invitation

The multitudes thought Jesus was a prophet. The Jewish leaders plotted to kill him, but feared the people. The Lord knew what they were thinking and answered their thoughts. Their dangerous attitudes are exposed in the parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:12-24).

It was told on a Sabbath when Jesus was invited into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat. They watched our Lord closely to see if he would do anything they could criticize. Jesus healed a man with dropsy. He taught them to take the lesser, rather than the greater, seats. He said they would be exalted by being asked to move up to a better seat. He told them to invite those to their feasts who could not invite them to a feast in return. Such actions will be repaid in eternity.

Wedding and banquet invitations were sent out weeks in advance. The recipients had plenty of time to make plans to attend. The exact day would be set, with the time to be determined as the final meal preparations were made. The banquet giver would send for the invited guests when all was ready. God and the prophets had similarly spoken of the Messiah and his kingdom since the beginning of time (Genesis 3:15; Deuteronomy 18:15; Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 2:36-45). There was no reason for the Jews to be unprepared for the Lord's entrance into the world.

The king observed a man without a wedding garment and asked how he came to be there without proper garments. He had no excuse and his failure to prepare was on full display. He seems to represent those who accept the gospel call but choose not to live in accord with the Lord's will, like Demas (Colossians 4:14; Philemon 24; 2 Tim. 4:10). We must put off the old man and put on the new man (Ephesians 4:17-24).

Christ concluded, "For many are called, but few are chosen." The gospel invitation is for all (Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 22:17; Acts 10:34-35). Anyone who believes and puts on Christ in penitent baptism will be saved (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-48). Not all will accept the invitation. Some, like initial invited guests, make light of God's call. Others persecute his messengers. Their refusal will cause them to be barred from God's feast in the eternal kingdom.

Our rationalizations regarding our failure to respond to God's invitation will not be accepted. Excuse makers show more care for personal business than God's feast. Accepting the Lord's invitation is paramount. Act before you can no longer accept the invitation.

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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,
Scott Morris, Hiram Sturgeon**

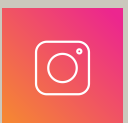
Ministers

**Gary Hampton - Pulpit
Derek Broome - Associate
Edward Glass - Deaf
Joey Jamison - Youth**

Missionaries

**Louis and Martha Rushmore
Sam Lawrence**

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Service Lists

Monthly Service List October 2024

	October
Flowers	Patty Polk
Food Coordinator	Dana Dulaney
Contribution	William Case and John Mark Bridges
Prep Communion	Beverly Patrick and Hannah Broome
Wash Communion Trays	Davina Gardner and Jennifer Griffith
Elder to Contact	Chris Bates
Sound Booth	Joey Jamison
Attendance Count	Herbert Ellis
Greeters	Darrel and Nan Cockroft Drew and Morgan Dulaney
Baptistry Towels/Garments	Suzanne Jamison
Food Pantry	Sam and Lana Clark
Welcome Bags	Annetta Bracey
Nursery Linens	Mitzie Nations

Sundays

Date	6 th	13 th	20 th	27 th
Song Leader	Christian Young	Joey Jamison	Terrance Freeman	Jeff Dotson
Scripture Reading/ A.M. Opening Prayer	Herbert Ellis	James Leggett	Martin Ware	Hiram Sturgeon
Presiding/PM Communion	Drew Dulaney	W.E. Walker	Jeff Morris	Dustin Jeffords
Communion/Serve Lord's Supper	Corey Yates, Kyle Russell, Owen Boutwell, Jim Green, Terry Dyer, Allen Bates, Antonio Bracey, Raymond Gray. Alternates: Hunter Thompson and Marvin Ellis.			
A.M. Closing Prayer	Thomas Edwards	Wayne Morris	Dustin Byars	Andy Dulaney
PM Opening Prayer	Chris Carr	Earnest Longstreet	Bobby Chase	Scott Morris
P.M. Closing Prayer	Wesley Wall	Abram Yates	John Mark Bridges	Richard Carr
Building Lock-Up	John Mark Bridges	Chris Carr	William Case	Bobby Chase
Nursery Attendants	Hope Jamison	Camille Jeffords	Sally Pickett	Amanda Yates

Wednesday Nights

Date	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Song Leading	Dustin Jeffords	Allen Bates	Drew Dulaney	Scott Morris	Hiram Sturgeon
Devotional	Derek Broome	Christian Young	Chris Bates	Gary Hampton	Joey Jamison
Closing Prayer	Charles Bracey	Darrel Cockroft	William Case	Grant Sturgeon	James Koestler

New Classes Start November 3rd

Sunday

Auditorium
1 and 2 Peter
Andy Dulaney

B2

Ladies Class
Various Teachers

B4

Prison Epistles 1
Gary Hampton

Wednesday

Auditorium
Genesis
Drew Dulaney and Gary Hampton

B4

Through the Bible
Richard Carr



News and Events

Teen Devo - October 27th after evening services

Women's Fellowship Night - October 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Men's Fellowship - October 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs fellowship hall. We will be having a chili cookoff. Bring chili, toppings, drink, and desserts.

Kids Game Night - November 1st at 6 p.m.

Fellowship Meal - November 3rd following morning services. After lunch we will have a 12:45 p.m. afternoon service. We will not be meeting at 5:30 p.m. Everybody is asked to bring potluck, drinks, and desserts. Everybody's whose last name begins with N-Z is responsible for setup and clean up.

Early Risers - We will not have Early Risers on November 5th because of the election on that day.

Alive Retreat - Teens and Parents Retreat - November 8-10th. Please sign up by October 27th if you plan to attend.

7TH - 12TH GRADE

YOUTH DEVO

**SUNDAY, OCT 27TH
FOLLOWING PM SERVICE**

YOUTH (7TH - 12TH)
& PARENTS

ALIVE *retreat*

NOVEMBER 8TH - 10TH
SARDIS LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMP

**DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP OCT 27TH
SIGN-UP SHEET IN FOYER**

DO YOU NEED PRAYER??

The elders would like to pray for you!



Contact the Church Office
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Prayer List Updates

Please keep Shannon Brown's brother, **Delvin Brown**, in your prayers. He's going through a rough time right now.

Please keep Chris Rae's son, **Chris Rae Jr.** in your prayers. He is waiting on test results after a recent seizure.

Please keep Chris Bates's brother, **Sonny Bates**, in your prayers as he is having problems with his lungs.

Please keep **Carrie Rae** in your prayers. She is having trouble with her legs again. Please pray that she will get some relief and that the doctors can help her resolve this problem.

Please keep Casey Hurley's dad, **Bill Hurley**, in your prayers. He has been diagnosed with throat cancer.

Please keep **Terrance Freeman's friend**, Johnny Alford, in your prayers. He has been diagnosed with cancer.

Teresa Hampton's brother, **Vic**, has esophageal cancer. Please pray for him, the family, and all those who are treating him.

Please continue to keep **Jeanie Lane** in your prayers.

Please keep **Ron and Mary Clemons** in your prayers as he undergoes cancer treatments

Contribution/Attendance For October 20th, 2024

Bible Classes.....	167
Sunday Morning Worship.....	220
Sunday Night Worship.....	138
Budget:	\$12,518.00
Contribution:	\$14,045.04

EARLY RISERS

1ST TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
7:00 AM



BYRAM

A Men's Ministry

Women of
the Word

2nd Monday of the Month
Doors open at 6 pm. Bible study at 6:30 pm



Men's
Bible
Study

2nd Monday
Of The Month
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Women of the Word

Fellowship
Night

4th Monday of the Month

Men's Fellowship
4th Monday Of The Month
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

