

TODAY'S MESSAGES

SUNDAY MORNING	SUNDAY EVENING
Looking Through the Crisis and Seeing the Joy Hebrews 12:2	CANCELLED



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

DEVOTION: *“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” ~John 8:12 NKJV*

LIGHT OF THE WORLD: “Light” as a figure of truth, and “darkness” as a symbol of error and ignorance, often appears in the writings of John. Jesus is the light of the world (John 1:4), because he is both the possessor and bearer of light to mankind, having come into the world to make the way of the Father known. *Light*, as used here, is not synonymous with salvation

but is the source from which it springs since where there is no light there is no salvation. Thus those who follow Him do not walk in the darkness of error but are privileged to have “the light of life.” Those possessed of the light, “walk in the light as He is in the light” (1 John 1:7), and become light-bearers to others.

Even though we live in a dark and dangerous world, we who are in the light are to be light in this world. Jesus said, *“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14 NKJV)*. Those of us who are in Christ live in this world of darkness as the moon is to the atmosphere. The moon bears no light of its own but receives its light from the sun and therefore lights up the darkness of night. As Christians we bear the light of Christ in a world filled with darkness. We do not take part in darkness but strive to bring light to it. John wrote, *“If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:6-7 NKJV)*.

Jesus is not only the light we bear to a dark world of sin but He is the light that guides us when we go through darkness or have to face afflictions and sorrow. As Isaiah 53:4 says, *“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.”* He understands firsthand our heartache, and it is He who will never leave nor forsake us. Though we are weak, He is both strong and faithful, and His love cannot fail. Let us therefore yoke our hearts to Him—His strength will pull us through the sad and painful time, step by step. Look there—even now His light begins to shine.

“Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, The LORD will be a light to me.” --Micah 7:8

MEMORY VERSE: *“This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.” ~1 John 1:5 NKJV*

QUOTE: *“Through Your precepts I get understanding. Therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.” ~Psalm 119:104-105 NKJV*

PRAY WITH US: Holy Father, I pray today as the Psalmist wrote, though I walk through the valley of shadow and death I will fear no evil for thou are with me. In the name of Jesus the Christ I pray, Amen. --By Bro Roy Beaty

*For the Shepherds,
Brother Ben*



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MARCH 29, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:45 a.m. Bible Class
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Friday
10:00 a.m. Seasoned Saints'
Bible Class
(Suspended)

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Hebrews 11: 1-9 (NIV 1984 Edition)

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. **2**This is what the ancients were commended for. **3**By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. **4**By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. **5**By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. **6**And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. **7**By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. **8**By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. **9**By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **10**For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Song
C. C. Pinkston

Opening Prayer
DeWayne Calloway

Sermon
Sam Roberts

Communion / Offering
Batthias Matthews

Announcements
DeWayne Calloway

Prayer
DeWayne Calloway

Closing Song
C.C. Pinkston

Welcome Visitors!

Welcome to the Church of Christ at Wheless Lane. We are honored you chose to worship with us. As members of the church of Christ our goal is to *teach* and practice New Testament doctrine. We invite you to observe our services and evaluate the doctrine. We would love to be your church-on-the-road or your new congregation if you are relocating to the Austin area.



REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

DeWayne Calloway—Prayers for Paul.

Vicki Russell—Prayers for my mother's brother, Charles Mondine who is in hospital having stints put in to relieve blockages. Prayers for the doctors and those caring for his and also for his wife.

Denise Stowers—Prayers for Aaron and Francis Moore. Francis is currently in ICU being tested for COVID-19 and Aaron is running a fever and is being quarantined. Please keep the Moore family in your prayers.

Continued prayers for the Wheless Family and churches of Christ all over the world during this crisis.

PLAN OF SALVATION

Faith – which results from hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Faith is essential to salvation (Mark 16:16; John 8:24; 20:30-31; Hebrews 11:6).

Repentance – a change of mind which causes one to turn away from sinful practices. It is commanded for everyone (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30).

Confession – confession is an outward confession of faith in Jesus as the Son of God (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10). All who deny Christ has no part of him.

Baptism – a "command" of Christ, "you must be born again." It is an act which is essential to salvation (Mat 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16).

“Touching Lives ” —Matthew 28:18-20

➤ **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES** will be livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube until further Notice.

➤ **Online Interactive Wednesday Night Bible Class at 7:00pm**

Please check your email for details soon!

➤ **ATTENTION MEMBERSHIP** COMMUNION SUPPLIES will be available for pick-up on Saturday's from 10:00 am—12:00 pm. Pull into the drive through lane in front of the church and you will be given communion supplies and your OFFERING taken as well if necessary. You do not need to get out of your car!

➤ **FREE Weekly Bible Correspondence Course**—A lesson will be mailed each including stamped envelope to mail lesson back. It will be graded, and the next lesson will be mailed.

—See Sis Vergie Sharp

WHELESS EDUCATION TEACHER ROTATION for March 2020

LEVEL 1 (Nursery—Age 2)

Sunday: Vicki Russell

Wednesday: Vicki Russell

LEVEL 2 (Ages 3—5)

Sunday: Kaylin & Kayrin Monroe

Wednesday: Kaylin & Kayrin Monroe

LEVEL 3 (1st—2nd Grade)

Sunday: Tasha Clifton

Wednesday: Tasha Clifton

LEVEL 4 (3rd—5th Grade)

Sunday: Batthias Matthews

Wednesday: Batthias Matthews

LEVEL 5 (6th—8th Grade)

Sunday: Charles Gaston

Wednesday: Charles Gaston

LEVEL 6 (9th—12th Grade)

Sunday: DeWayne Calloway

Wednesday: DeWayne Calloway

TRANSITIONS CLASS (Ages 18-23)

Sunday: Westley Shaw

Wednesday: Westley Shaw

PRINCIPLES CLASS

Sunday: Paul Noel

ADULTS BIBLE CLASS

Sunday: Sam Roberts

Wednesday: DeWayne Calloway

SICK & SHUT IN

Gertie Ward
Angie Barber

FOR THE IMPRISONED

Bro. Bryant Johnson

STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE

Morning

Evening

Wednesday

Visitors

RESPONSES

Baptisms (Cum)

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Placed Membership

2

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly