

TODAY'S MESSAGES

SUNDAY MORNING	SUNDAY EVENING
Just a Little Talk With Jesus Luke 24:13-27	CANCELLED



Sin and Compassion

"Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, 'Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?'"
Matthew 9:10-11

Jesus was never popular with the religious elite of his time. There were groups of scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees, who themselves differed in some very fundamental ways, but together made up the ruling council that governed the religious and social life of the people of God. They criticized many things that Jesus said and did and were constantly seeking opportunity to shame, discredit and ultimately kill him.

The interesting thing about these groups is that what should have been their main concern, in effect, was not. Rather than seeing to the needs of the people and doing all they could to shepherd them to godliness, they were often more concerned with position, pride, pomp and circumstance. When Jesus came along clarifying and advancing the spirit of the Law rather than the letter of the Law to which they so strictly adhered, it created problems that they wanted to resolve in his death. They should have known that that is why the Messiah was to come in the first place.

So it was that when Jesus went about the business of "seeking and saving the lost," those who should have been doing just that in anticipation of his arrival, withstood him for it.

Beloved, as Christians, we should never withstand good being done. We should never judge those who are coming to Christ. Far too often, the church, whose main mission is to seek and save the lost through love and obedience to our heavenly Father, do the opposite by creating barriers to those who would come. Stories abound about homosexuals, fornicators, drunkards, abusers, thieves and other sinners being turned away at the doors of the worship facility because they are sinners. In so doing, we are exemplifying the adversaries of Christ more so than Christ himself. This is not to say that we are to endorse sin or turn a blind eye to it. The word of God is crystal clear about the dangers of sin and the prohibition against it. If we, however, do not display love and compassion toward the lost, how can they possibly be saved? How can we call ourselves Christians? And interestingly enough, there are none of us that were not ourselves bought out of sin (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

As we model the one who saved us from our sin, let us all endeavor to be more compassionate toward those who have yet to be saved. There is plenty of time and opportunity to teach righteousness but it will not materialize if we are not first welcoming as we ourselves have been welcomed. --By Bro Lee Lewis

*For the Shepherds,
Brother Ben*



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Just a Little Talk With Jesus



We are all dealing with some stuff! We are challenged in so many ways. Some of us are dealing with disappointment, some with fear and some with grief. It is important to know that disappointment, grief and fear can cause us to lose hope. All three of these can make us doubt things God has said to us. All three can make what would normally seem obvious seem unclear and uncertain.

The story we're using this morning takes place on the day of Jesus' resurrection.

We're reading about two followers of Christ who had *reason* to hope that Jesus had been raised from the dead but *lost their hope* in the midst of their disappointment and grief. Their hope was clouded to the point that they had given up and were on the road home. Our risen Lord met them on the road to Emmaus and had a conversation with them. After letting the men express the sadness and confusion of their hearts, he then took them to the scripture to restore their hope.

During this challenging situation, some of us may experience emotions that have the power to bring us down and make us forget what we already know. Now, more than ever, we need to do something very similar to Jesus' followers on the road to Emmaus. Unlike them, we can't have the exact kind of conversation with Jesus, but there is a way to still connect. We can express our disappoints, fears and grief to God in prayer. Then we go to the Word and read the promises of God. God communicates back to us through the Bible. Family and Friends two way communication with God is a conversation that will restore hope.

Bro. Sam

ELDERS

DeWayne Calloway
Paul Noel
Sam Roberts

MINISTER

DEACON

Batthias Matthews

YOUTH MINISTER

Charles Gaston

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)

*Visitors' Day & Fellowship
Every Last Sunday of the Month*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Paul Noel

Opening Song
Paul Noel

Prayer
DeWayne Calloway

Scripture Reading
Batthias Matthews

Sermon
Sam Roberts

Communion/Offering
Batthias Matthews

Announcements
DeWayne Calloway

Song
Paul Noel

Closing Prayer
DeWayne Calloway

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

Vicki Russell—Thanking Wheless for prayers and thanking God for answering! Ellie found employment! God is good!

Tessa Shaw—Prayers for a friend Maurice Dotson who has COVID-19 and is not doing well at all. Also prayers for all the staff and residents at West Oaks Rehabilitation and Live Oaks Assisted Living.

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.

➤ **Wednesday Night Bible Class via Zoom at 7:00pm**

➤ **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.

—email Sis Vergie Sharp at

WHELESS EDUCATION TEACHER ROTATION for April 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) 0
Placed Membership 2

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly