

TODAY'S MESSAGES	
SUNDAY MORNING	SUNDAY EVENING
What does it mean to be a "True Disciple"? –Luke 14:25-27	CANCELLED



SALT OF THE EARTH

DEVOTION: "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless." ~ Matthew 5:13 NLT

SALT OF THE EARTH: The citizens of this heavenly kingdom (the church) that Jesus preached about were at hand and were to become "the salt of the earth." The citizens of this kingdom of all generations are described by the beatitudes, and they are to have a saving influence in the world. Faithful Christians are to the human race what salt is to food—the element which preserves it from corruption and gives savor and relish. How are Christians the salt of the earth? They are present as proof of the success of truth, and are monuments of what the principles of the kingdom will make one; they preserve the life of Christ on the earth; they are the means of spreading the truths of the gospel, and propagating the salvation of Jesus, by which the world is preserved. Salt was used in the Levitical sacrifices. (Lev. 2:13.) Livy called Greece "the salt of the nations" as they were enlightened by the wisdom of Greece; so Christians are called by Jesus "the salt of the earth," because they are to save the world through their lives, teaching, and influence. ~Gospel Advocate Commentaries

MEMORY VERSE: "Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world." ~1 Peter 2:12 NLT

QUOTE: "Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone." ~Colossians 4:5-6 NLT

PRAY WITH US: Holy Father, I pray that I might follow Your teachings through the Scriptures so that I will not compromise with the world of unbelievers but be an influence to lead them to the way of salvation. May the world hear about Christ in my teaching, see His influence in my conduct and way of living. In the name of Jesus the Christ I pray, Amen.

For the Shepherds,
Brother Ben

--By Bro Roy Beaty



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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)

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Every Last Sunday of the Month

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Have you Counted the Cost of Discipleship?

Some look through religious rose colored glasses and see only Jesus' love, tolerance of wickedness, and the beauties of heaven. Opening the Bible and reading it produces a clearer vision of Jesus and heaven. Anyone hearing the Lord tell them to enter into the gates of heaven will have paid a high price in this life. Jesus speaks of the high cost of discipleship at Luke 14:25-33 (please do read all before going any further in this article). Jesus said, "28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he have wherewith to complete it? 29 Lest haply, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all that behold begin to mock him, 30 saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish" (Luke 14:28-30).

To illustrate the cost of discipleship Jesus considers a building project. Before one begins to build a tower he would be wise to check his financing, materials, and skill needed to complete it. Only a fool would begin building not knowing what was involved in such a project. Likewise, it would be foolish for one to obey the gospel expecting to receive salvation without considering or going through the cost of such discipleship. Far too many people become Christians and then continue their previous lives of sin expecting to be saved without paying the price of discipleship. Delusions of grandeur have taken hold of such a mind and will end in eternal destruction.

The cost of discipleship and a heavenly home will mean giving up old sinful habits (Romans 6:12-13), not being ashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16), enduring persecution for living a life of truth (Hebrews 10:32-39), denying personal traditions and opinions (Proverbs 14:12), overcoming the pain of having a close family member reject you (Matthew 10:21, 34-39 and Luke 14:25-26) and many others hating you (Matthew 10:22). Before one decides to become a disciple of Jesus Christ through baptism for the remission of sins they should know what they are getting into and purpose to see the project through to its completion. To be baptized and turn around and be offended by the Lord's words and his people would be a shameful thing to do.

The words of Jesus are an excellent example of how much of the New Testament teaching is an antitype of the events in the Old Testament. The Apostle Paul said that the "4 things written aforetime were written for our learning that through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4). One clear example of an antitype of New Testament teaching that is connected to the Old Testament is found at 1 Peter 3:20-21. The Apostle Peter tells us that baptism is the antitype of how Noah, his wife, and his three sons and their wives were saved by water. Jesus adds another of these types of salvation here at Luke 14. Jesus explains that it would be very foolish to begin a building project not considering the cost. Likewise, many people do not count the cost of discipleship before building upon the foundation of Jesus Christ and the apostles (i.e., truth) (see Ephesians 2:20). These words are the antitype of Zerubbabel's task to rebuild the temple of Jerusalem as recorded at Ezra chapters 1-6. Zerubbabel returns to Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity and laid the foundation of the temple yet when persecution arises from the Samaritans the people became discouraged and stopped the building project (Ezra 4:45, 24). It would not be until fifteen years later that the people returned to the work of building the temple on the foundation after being encouraged by the prophets Haggai and Zechariah (see Ezra 5:1; Haggai 1:4-9 and Zechariah 4:9; 8:9). Those that confess that Jesus is the Christ, repent of sins, and are baptized for the forgiveness of sins will face much heartache in life as they serve the Lord. Are we willing to be slandered, mocked, persecuted, and even lose close family relationships for the sake of heaven? Those unwilling cannot be the Lord's disciples now and forevermore.

Selected

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Paul Noel

Opening Song
Paul Noel

Prayer
Sam Roberts

Scripture Reading
Batthias Matthews

Sermon
DeWayne Calloway

Communion/Offering
Batthias Matthews

Announcements
Sam Roberts

Song
Paul Noel

Closing Prayer
Sam Roberts

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

Lora Calloway—Prayers for my sister's, Lostra Burrow recovery from an emergency heart procedure.

Continue prayers for all of the healthcare workers on the frontline taking care of patients during this pandemic.

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**
Please visit www.connectatx.org concerning United Way services during this pandemic.

• 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 week including a stamped envelope to mail lesson back. It will be graded, and the next lesson will be mailed.

—email Sis Vergie Sharp at vergiasharp@att.net for more details

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)

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Placed Membership

2

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly