

## TODAY'S MESSAGES

SUNDAY MORNING	SUNDAY EVENING
<b>We Must Count the Cost</b> —Luke 14:28-33	<b>CANCELLED</b>



### The Value of Criticism

Winston Churchill exemplified integrity and respect in the face of opposition. During his last year in office, he attended an official ceremony. Several rows behind him two gentlemen began whispering. "That's Winston Churchill." "They say he is getting senile." "They say he should step aside and leave the running of the nation to more dynamic and capable men."

When the ceremony was over, Churchill turned to the men and said, "Gentlemen, they also say he is deaf!"

Nobody enjoys being criticized, even if it's done in a kind, loving way. But it's even more difficult to accept when the criticism is harsh or unfair. The fact is, however, that we all find ourselves from time to time in a position of being unfairly criticized.

Criticism -- even destructive criticism -- may serve a useful purpose. We need to listen to it and, if possible, profit by it. We ought to be humble enough to recognize that some criticisms are justly deserved. Even when critics are unkind and when they exaggerate our failures, there may still be some truth in what they say.

So, when faced with criticism, we need to look at the situation honestly and ask these questions: Is it true? If so, how can I overcome the condition that caused it? If not, is there something I can do to eliminate future criticism of the same type?

It was reported to Abraham Lincoln once that one of his cabinet members had called him a fool. Having verified the fact that Mr. Stanton had indeed referred to him in this manner, Lincoln said, "Mr. Stanton is a wise man. If he said I am a fool, then I had better look into the matter."

It has been said, "We learn much from the disagreeable things people say, for they make us think, whereas the good things only make us glad."

For Christians, criticism should be a stepping stone to spiritual growth! It's an opportunity to learn what we're doing wrong and what we need to correct. It provides us with the motivation we need to change and mature.

"If you listen to correction to improve your life, you will live among the wise. Those who refuse correction hate themselves, but those who accept correction gain understanding." (Proverbs 15:31-32, NCV)

--By Bro Alan Smith

*For the Shepherds,  
Brother Ben*



## The Wheless Lane Messenger

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**APRIL 26, 2020**

### 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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## COUNT THE COST

When Jesus taught about counting the cost his real concern was not about architecture or construction. He was concerned about our relationship with God and encouraged us to think things through. Jesus knew that most of us refuse to think about the things that really matter. Luke 14:27 reads ...anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?"

Jesus challenges us to think about what it means to be a faithful disciple. The word "disciple" in the original text is the word MATHETES. The word literally means a follower or learner. Disciples, pleasing to God, are those who do not simply follow, but learns the will of God and puts it into action. Christ wants us to count the cost of being a disciple. What then does it cost TO be a Christian? EVERYTHING! What does it cost NOT to be a Christian? EVERYTHING! God gives us a choice, but there is only one right choice.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
*Paul Noel*

Opening Song  
*Paul Noel*

Prayer  
*Sam Roberts*

Scripture Reading  
*Batthias Matthews*

Sermon  
*DeWayne Calloway*

Communion/Offering

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

*Cynthia Mitchell*—Prayers for my brother Don for complete recovery.

Continued 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**

➤ **YOUTH ACTIVITY**  
May 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm  
**HOUSE SCAVENGER HUNT**  
via ZOOM  
Parents check your email!!!  
Questions call or email  
Benjamin Calloway at 512-923-8816 or  
[benjaminalloway14@gmail.com](mailto:benjaminalloway14@gmail.com)

➤ **ATTENTION SISTERS**  
May 1, 2020 at noon  
**LADIES LUNCH BRUNCH**  
via ZOOM  
Check your email for details

• 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](mailto: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