

TODAY'S MESSAGES	
SUNDAY MORNING	SUNDAY EVENING
What the World Needs Now... I John 4:7-8	CANCELLED



Came, I Saw, God conquered

Veni, Vidi, Dei Vici -- I came, I saw, God conquered

Remember the twelve spies sent into the land of Canaan? Ten came back and said, "There's no way we can conquer this land! The people are too big and too strong! Let's go back to Egypt!"

Only Joshua and Caleb had faith that God would keep his promise. Their attitude was, "We came, we saw, and we are confident that God will conquer."

"But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: 'The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, "a land which flows with milk and honey."'" (Numbers 14:6-8)

How about you? Ever felt like a grasshopper compared to some of the obstacles you face? But if the Lord is on your side (or more accurately, if you are on the Lord's side), the victory will be yours.

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:37)

Veni, Vidi, Dei Vici! --By Bro Alan Smith

For the Shepherds,
Brother Ben



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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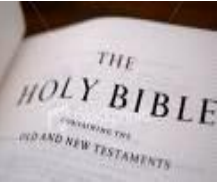
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Having a Positive Attitude During Difficult Times



These are difficult times the world is in, more specifically this country is in and to put it directly, black people are in. As Christians we do not focus on the physical like race, but on the spiritual and recognize the avenues in which the forces of darkness operate through.

As Christians we must acknowledge our surroundings and be aware of what's going on in life, in our families, and internally. Hence the scripture in 1 Pet 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

We can not allow Satan to devour us by being spiritually blindsided, for Ephesians 6 warns us of attacks: 10-11 "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places". In order to have a positive attitude during difficult times, we must knowledge the times or situations that we are in. Awareness is key.

What does it mean to have a positive attitude from a Christian perspective? To truly ask this question would be to say what does it mean to have a positive attitude from a spiritual perspective, because we as Christians acknowledge our spiritual state first. The answer is to draw near to God. Knowing that God and the Holy Spirit are one, the God and the Holy Spirit can help us to have a positive attitude especially when we call on him. James 4:8 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded". Jeremiah 2:12-13 "Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart".

Now that may look different for each individual because of one's level of spiritual maturity or their experience with dealing with life issues and situations. For some drawing near to God will be praying more, for others it will be reading and studying encouraging scriptures more, for some singing encouraging songs more, and for others speaking with spiritually minded brothers and sisters and for some they do all those things.

Regarding difficult times, we can't just focus on the response, but have to invest in prevention. A positive (correct) attitude includes prevention, solutions, and communication if needed. A positive response to difficult times should include to separate, isolate, reflect, plan, act or communicate (Matt 6:6, John 14:16-18, 2 Cor 13:5, Rom 12:18, Rom 8:28, Phil 4: 4-9). James 1:12 also speaks on the rewards for be steadfast during difficult times. Matt 5:13-16 speaks to the "Why" we should have a positive attitude.

In conclusion, our response to difficult times must be deliberate and planned. We must possess a thermostat vs thermometer type of thinking. Please know that God has not left us without help. John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Also read Psalms 121:1-8 for some serious encouragement. I leave you with this: "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" - Romans 12:2. May God bless and Keep us as we strive to have a positive attitude during difficult times.

Bro. Darren Hyson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Paul Noel

Opening Song
Paul Noel

Prayer
DeWayne Calloway

Scripture Reading
Batthias Matthews

Sermon
Charles Gaston

Communion/Offering
Batthias Matthews

Announcements
DeWayne Calloway

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

June Cunningham—Prayers for Bro. James Franklin for healing as he deals with health issues.

Rocio Matthews—Prayers for my Aunt Delia to remain healthy and safe from COVID-19 while at the nursing home.

Torrence Washington—Prayers for cousin Anitra who is suffering from ovarian cancer and also cousin Beverly who is suffering from breast cancer. Prayers that they hold fast to their faith in God and His will and they lean on the family for support.

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 tentatively resume at the church building on **June 28, 2020**, until then, we will continue with **LIVESTREAM** via Facebook and YouTube.

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

Lesson available on Wheless Lane website under the MEMBERS SECTION 

➤ **ATTENTION SISTERS**
June 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm
LADIES BIBLE STUDY
via ZOOM (same as last study)
Check your email for details

➤ **ATTENTION PARENTS & YOUTH**
Youth Bible Class Lessons will be available on the Wheless Lane website (www.wheless.org)
MEMBER SECTION 

➤ **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 June 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