

TODAY'S MESSAGES

SUNDAY MORNING

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Am I A Christian?
Acts 11:26

CANCELLED



Lifting Potato Sacks

My grandfather worked in a blacksmith shop when he was a boy, and he used to tell me how he had toughened himself up so he could stand the rigors of blacksmithing.

One story was how He said he had developed his arm and shoulder muscles by holding a 5-pound potato sack in each hand, extending his arms straight out to his sides and holding them there as long as he could. He said he did the same thing with 10 and 50-pound potato sacks, and finally the 100-pound potato bags, holding his arms out for a full minute. **Next, he started putting potatoes in the sacks.**

(Author Unknown)

I suspect we're all like that at times. We understand (intellectually, at least) the value of trials. We understand that the testing of our faith produces patience (James 1:3). We understand that the fiery trials serve to purify our faith (1 Peter 1:7). And we are quite content to hold the potato sacks -- as long as God doesn't put any potatoes in them!

It's much harder to see the benefit of trials when they are so overwhelming as to seem to be crushing. As Job said, "For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me." (Job 3:25)

But empty potato sacks will never build muscles. And light trials will never develop the kind of qualities that God seeks to develop in our lives.

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." (James 1:2-4)

May the trials you are going through today, serve to strengthen the muscles of your spiritual life.
—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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Making Distinctions

We're often entranced by those who have what we don't-riches, popularity, position, and power. We want to befriend cool moms, hipsters with ironic mustaches, and supervisors who can get us to the next step on the corporate ladder. We relate to them differently, even though we know we shouldn't.

Our problem is one of perception. In his letter, James reprimands members of the early church community who were displaying partiality by honoring the rich and overlooking the poor. James shows them that they need to reset their standards because making distinctions in this way doesn't reflect God's nature, and it doesn't reflect the grace He extends to us: "Did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?" (Jas 2:5).

We shouldn't act with partiality because God didn't deal with us in that way. We don't deserve God's love, yet He, in His perfect holiness, chose to give it to the unpopular, the uncool, the dirty, and the undeserving-which is all of us. James shows us that the proper response to this grace is to love our neighbor: "If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing well" (Jas 2:8).

Brought into a new community of faith based on grace, Christ-followers aren't meant to live by the judgment-based standards of their old way of being. The members of James' community had to reset their standards, and that's a message we still need to hear today.

Do you make distinctions? How can you view others through the grace that God has shown to you?

Selected

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Paul Noel

Opening Song
Paul Noel

Scripture Reading
Batthias Matthews

Prayer
DeWayne Calloway

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

Bettie Banks—Prayers for the Eddie Young (my daughters' husband) in the loss of his mother and brother due to medical illnesses. Please keep the Young family in your prayers.
Sharon Callis—Prayers for healing for my husband, James and continued healing for my granddaughter.
June Cunningham—Prayers for Matthew Gaskin and Adeline Barefield who are in the hospital. Also prayers for Karen and GiGi Camp who are recovering at home. Prayers for the family and friends of Barbara Littles who passed away suddenly.
Kisha Hyson—Prayers for my father Daniel Goodspeed that he will have a good report and outcome from his medical tests.
Vicki Russell—Prayers for a cousin, Amanda Jones, who is dealing with the virus. Prayers for her healing and strength for her and her family.

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.

➤ **Level 3 and 4 Youth Study Every Sunday via Zoom at 11:15 am**
—Wednesday Night Bible Class via Zoom at 7:00pm
—Level 5 and 6 Youth Study Every Friday at 6:00 pm

All lessons available on Wheless Lane website under the MEMBERS SECTION 

➤ **ATTENTION SISTERS**
July 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm
LADIES BIBLE STUDY
via ZOOM (same as last study)
Check your email for details

➤ **Youth Zoom Activity**
July 18, 2020

➤ **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 July 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