

TODAY'S MESSAGES

SUNDAY MORNING	SUNDAY EVENING
Kool-Aid or Water? Galatians 5:9	CANCELLED



SOMEONE WHO KNOWS US

Right after World War II, a U.S. Army officer and his wife were stationed in Japan. That country had been devastated by the war. The post-war economy was in shambles. Unemployment approached 60%. People came to the Army wife's door daily looking for work. One man said that he could do wonders for her garden if she would only give him a chance. So, for the first time in her life, this young Army wife hired a gardener. He spoke no English, but the wife, through sign language and pencil and paper gave him instructions about where to plant, prune, and pamper her garden. He listened politely and followed her instructions exactly. The garden emerged as the finest in the neighborhood.

When she finally realized that her new gardener knew far more about the matter than she, the wife stopped giving him directions and let him freely care for the garden. It was magnificent. Then one day the gardener came with an interpreter who expressed the appreciation but the regrets of the gardener. "He will no longer be able to care for your garden. He must leave."

The wife expressed her regrets and thanked him through the interpreter for making hers such a fine garden. Out of politeness, she asked the interpreter, "Where is he going?" The interpreter replied that the gardener was returning to his old job as the Professor of Horticulture at the University of Tokyo.

Can you imagine the look that must have been on that Army wife's face when she discovered, that her gardener was the university professor of horticulture? No wonder he knew so much about gardening! Imagine having someone at your disposal with that amount of knowledge. What a beautiful lawn I could have!

And yet, we have something far greater that we often take for granted. We have someone who has that kind of intimate knowledge about everything in our lives -- He knows our purpose, He knows what brings us joy, He knows what we need to do to be fulfilled in life. And He's close enough to us that He's willing to listen to us and communicate to us. Imagine taking advantage of having someone with that amount of knowledge. What a beautiful life I could have!

"O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways...Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain." (Psalm 139:1-3, 6) --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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Galatians 5:9

*"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."*

The Galatian Christians far outnumbered the Judaizers, however, the influence of a few had worked its way through the churches of Galatia to the degree that many had been severed from Christ and fallen from grace. Paul uses the imagery of yeast in causing bread dough to rise. A little bit of leavening yeast will work its way through the entire batch of bread dough until all of it is affected.

This use of leaven as figure for the spreading of corruption is a common one in scripture.

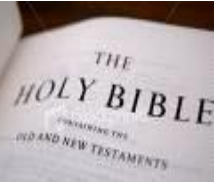
**1 Corinthians 5:7** *"Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us."*

**Matthew 16:6** *"Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."*

**Mark 8:15** *"Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."*

It only takes a little error to so corrupt the truth that it is no longer the truth. It is often times the greatest danger we face is from corruption from within which can lead to a departure from the truth by the whole congregation. Every single Christian in any given congregation commits sin from time to time. There is no such thing as a congregation of Christians who do not sin. Neither is there any such thing as a congregation of Christians who are in the same place in their journey for the truth. The danger comes from the sinner in the midst of the group who practices sinful behavior as a lifestyle, refuses to repent and openly and actively teaches or promotes sinful behavior.

The danger Paul is warning of is the danger of the doctrine of the Judaizers spreading throughout the congregations and leading them completely away from Christ. This suggests that the apostasy of the Galatian churches was not complete at the time of Paul's writing, but if left unchecked, much like leaven working its way through a whole lump of dough, the results within the churches will be that they will be completely corrupted.



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

*DeWayne Calloway*—Prayers for health and strength.

*Nancy Decker*—Prayers for strength as well as for my son's and their families.

*Torrence Washington*—Prayers for my cousin Victor Norris and family in the loss of their home that God will watch over them and provide their needs.

## 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**

**—Level 6 and Young Adults**

All lessons available on Wheless Lane website under the MEMBERS SECTION 

➤ **Men's Breakfast**  
September 12, 2020 at 9:30am  
via Zoom

➤ **ATTENTION SISTERS**  
**9/8/2020 & 9/22/2020**  
**at 7:00 pm**  
**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**  
via ZOOM

➤ **Youth Treat Pick-up**  
September 26, 2020  
Parents please bring your youth by Wheless between 10am and 12 noon to pickup their treat! Call Ben Calloway if you have any questions!

➤ **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

## WHELESS EDUCATION TEACHER ROTATION for September 2020

**LEVEL 1 (Nursery—Age 2)**

Sunday: Vicki Russell

Wednesday: Vicki Russell

**LEVEL 2 (Ages 3—5)**

Sunday: Kaylin &amp; Kayrin Monroe

Wednesday: Kaylin &amp; 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