

TODAY'S MESSAGES	
SUNDAY MORNING	SUNDAY EVENING
The Faithfulness of God Ezra 1:1-6	CANCELLED



HE BORE OUR SINS

DEVOTION: *“But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.”* ~Galatians 3:23-25 NKJV

HE BORE OUR SINS: The law made it very clear that only priests were to offer sacrifices before the LORD (Leviticus 1:5, 7, 11; 2:2, 9; 3:2, 8; 4:7). In other words, you couldn't set up an altar in your back yard and make sacrifices for yourself. It had to be in the place God designated once they entered the land (Deuteronomy 12:5) and it would be the priests to offer the sacrifices for you on the altar.

However, though the priest offered the sacrifice for you, he would not kill it for you. That was your job. You did that for yourself. After placing your hand on the head of the burnt offering (which probably symbolized the fact that the animal was taking on the guilt of your sins - see Leviticus 16:20-22), you would then take a knife and slit the throat so all of the blood would be drained out (for the life of the flesh was in the blood, Leviticus 17:16).

What was the purpose of that? It would appear that what God was teaching them (and us) was that the priest was not responsible for the death of that innocent animal, nor was God responsible. You killed the animal. It was your fault that he died. Your sins resulted in his death.

Christ Jesus "bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness" (1 Peter 2:24). No less than 10 times in Isaiah 53 a direct connection is made between the suffering of God's Servant (Jesus) and our sins. He did not die for his own sins but for ours. It is as if we placed our hand on the head of our Lord and took the nails in our hand and drove them through. He shed his blood for our sins, every last drop. --David Maxsom

MEMORY VERSE: *"And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place, the tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness."* ~Leviticus 16:20-22 NKJV

QUOTE: *"...who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed."* ~1 Peter 2:24 NKJV

PRAY WITH US: (Prayer in the lyrics of a song) Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure; Save from wrath and make me pure. In the name of Jesus the Christ I pray, Amen. --By Bro Roy Beaty

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

OFFICE

(512) 926-2988

FAX

(512) 926-3001

EMAIL

whelesscoc@whelesscoc.org

WEBSITE

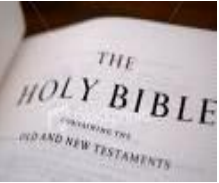
www.whelesscoc.org

The Wheless Lane Messenger

Church of Christ at Wheless Lane
2702 Wheless Lane
Austin, TX 78723

OCTOBER 18, 2020

The Faithfulness of God
Ezra 1:1-6



As Christians, we trust the word of God, and we trust it with important, sensitive and delicate areas of our lives.

We trust God's word to:
Guide our marriages
Guide the advice and what we teach our children
Guide what we believe is right and wrong
Guide how we handle our bodies

We let God's word affect every area of our life and our future. We have to trust it, and we should rely on God's promises that come from his word.

This morning we will look at specific promises God made to his people. The promise was made in Jeremiah 29:10.
The promise was fulfilled 70 years later in Ezra 1:1-6.

The fact that God had worked out all that would happen within those 70 years is interesting, but let's look at what is amazing. ...the kind of thing that makes The Bible different from any other book you will ever read. ...the kind of thing that makes trusting God's word in the sensitive and delicate portions of our life extremely reasonable.

Today we will look at how God fulfilled his promise and we will see that God had made plans to fulfill the promise well before he made the promise. We can trust and rely on the Promises of God!

Come and worship with us the morning.

Bro. Sam

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call To Worship
Paul Noel

Song Leader
Paul Noel

Scripture Reading
Batthias Matthews

Prayer
Wes Shaw

Sermon
Sam Roberts

Communion/Offering
Batthias Matthews

Announcements
DeWayne Calloway

Closing Prayer
Darren Hyson

Ushers
Ivan Booker
Ben Calloway
Ronnie Green
Wes Shaw

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 of safety for the Wheless family as we once again assemble at the church building for worship services.
Vicki Russell—Continued prayers for my dad, Homer Bradshaw as he recovers from a broken leg. Prayers for his health and wellbeing overall.

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 

➤ **ATTENTION SISTERS**
October 20, 2020
at 7:00 pm
LADIES BIBLE STUDY
via ZOOM

➤ **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 October 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