

TODAY'S MESSAGES

SUNDAY MORNING	SUNDAY EVENING
Burden Free Faith Hebrews 12:1-3	CANCELLED



LAYING ON OF HANDS

DEVOTION: "When you bring the Levites before the LORD, the people of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites before the LORD as a wave offering from the people of Israel, that they may do the service of the LORD." ~[Numbers 8:10-11](#) ESV

LAYING ON OF HANDS: Years ago a couple asked me if I would dedicate their newborn baby for them. If I remember correctly, the mother was a new convert who had come out of a denomination where this practice was commonly done (perhaps at a baptismal ceremony). I remember we talked about the biblical pattern and purpose of baptism and that it would be more scriptural

to simply have a prayer service for the baby. And we did so at someone's home. This is similar to what Hannah did after Samuel was born. She had prayed for a son and promised God that she would give him to the LORD all the days of his life ([1 Sam 1:11](#)).

This practice of the congregation laying their hands on the Levites to dedicate them to God can be found in the New Testament as well. The men selected to serve the Hellenistic widows were set before the apostles, and after prayer they laid their hands on them ([Acts 6:6](#)). The church at Antioch laid their hands on Barnabas and Saul (along with fasting and prayer) before sending them off on their missionary journey ([Acts 13:3](#)). And it appears that "the council of elders" laid their hands on Timothy when he began preaching ([1 Timothy 4:14](#)).

I believe this is a good practice to follow. I don't believe there is anything wrong with simply announcing publicly that new deacons or elders have been selected or that a man is going out to preach the gospel and to request prayers. There is nothing wrong with a mother and father simply asking for prayers from their family and friends for a newborn baby. However, the "laying on of hands" (a symbolic handshake? holding the baby?) communicates much more and is more meaningful to the individual and to the congregation. –David Maxson

MEMORY VERSE: "And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them." ~Acts 6:5-6 NKJV

QUOTE: "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, 'Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then, having fasted and prayed and laid hands on them, they sent them away." ~Acts 13:2-3 NKJV

PRAY WITH US: Father, we commit our leaders and our children as sacrifices to You and for Your service. In Jesus' name, I pray for this grace. 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*

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Jesus; the Perfecter of our Faith!



We are not alone in this journey of faith; we have a great multitude of witnesses in those who have gone before us, upon whose shoulders we stand. The point is that Christ can be trusted; we can have a thriving faith in Him regardless of what we have been through or will face. Others have trusted in Christ and so can we. We are able to throw off whatever hinders and slows us down, have our sins removed so we can not only enter the race and run it but, keep running it, even finish it, and even win it! Jesus proved Himself by being willing to die for us, so we can live for Him. This gives us great joy and purpose for living. Just think about all that Christ did and endured for you. Now think about how you will live in response, your gratitude, so you do not become weary and give up with life or the fight against sin.

Have you ever wondered what it means in practice to fix your heart, mind, and your all on Christ? It means we respond to Him because He has apprehended our lives. The secret to a triumphant and contented life, as Paul found out, is really simple; keep your eyes, thinking, heart, will, and direction on Christ, just as a good athlete keeps his or her eyes on the ball or opponent. Thus, whatever situation we are in--good or bad--we know we are in Christ; we can seek His empowerment and even live in His presence. This is what our lives, feelings, attitudes and even joys are, and it is not metered from what we have/do not have, or what we want/cannot have. Nor is faith based on what is currently happening in our lives; rather, it is all about *who I am in Christ*, so my focus is on Him, bringing Him glory, reverence through my devotion, and gratitude, regardless of stress and situation. We can do this well, not in just more tyranny of activity, but rather in the crucible of surrender to Him. Our lives are His, to run hard and run deep by our absolute devotion, trust, and obedience to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord over all--including us, our thinking, and our situation.

Selected

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call To Worship
Ronnie Green

Song Leader
Sam Roberts

Scripture Reading
R.J. Kirby

Prayer
Ivan Booker

Sermon
DeWayne Calloway

Communion/Offering
Batthias Matthews

Announcements
Batthias Matthews

Closing Prayer
Benjamin Calloway

Ushers
Ivan Booker
Benjamin Calloway
Darren Hyson
Wayne 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

Sharon Callis—Traveling grace for my husband.

Lora Calloway—Prayers of strength for Cynthia Mitchell as she will undergo a procedure on Monday.

Denise Stowers—Prayers for Trey as he recovers from foot surgery.

Carol Ware—Continued prayers for my cousin, Ted Ware.

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 

➤ **Zoom Wednesday Night Bible Class**

December 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Guest Teacher

➤ **ATTENTION SISTERS LADIES BIBLE STUDY**
December 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm 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 November 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