

TODAY'S MESSAGES

SUNDAY MORNING	SUNDAY EVENING
Ring In—Ring Out with God Colossians 3:1-4	CANCELLED



ONE!

DEVOTION: “For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all.” ~Ephesians 4:4-6 NLT

ONE!: Unity is more than just getting along. At the core of maintaining unity and keeping the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3), there is ONE core reality. Paul emphasizes this core reality by using “one” seven times. These seven immutable and essential elements of our faith include the “one Spirit” — the Holy Spirit of God who is at work in us. We must never let the Spirit of God become relegated to a place of diminished importance. We must, however, realize that just as the “one Lord” animates and defines the “one hope,” the “one faith,” and the “one baptism,” so also the “one Spirit” empowers and defines the nature of our being the “one body” as we seek to honor the “one God.” —Phil Ware

MEMORY VERSE: “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” ~Ephesians 4:1-3 NKJV

QUOTE: “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” ~Galatians 3:26-28 NKJV

PRAY WITH US: Yahweh, You are the one God. I commit to love You with all of my heart, my soul, my mind, and my strength. I praise You for revealing Yourself as Father, Son, and Spirit. I thank You for the Lord Jesus, the Son, the basis of my Christian faith, the source of my hope, and the focus of my baptism. I thank You for being present in me as the Spirit, my connection to Your body, the church, and to You. May what I think and how I live bring honor to You as the one God. In Jesus' name, 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*

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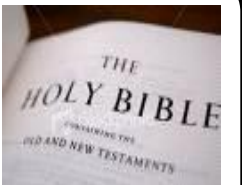
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Resolution or Commitment?

Turning to a new calendar year leaves us feeling hopeful of better things. Everyone seems to be talking about how good it is to leave 2020 behind. If only it were as easy as that. Actually, there are likely many good things we might recall about the past year, if only we took the time to count our blessings. But, this is a time when people talk about moving forward and many of us are likely considering changes for the year ahead. The idea of making a New Year's resolution is viewed quite negatively in the eyes of many, likely because such resolutions are so often made and so frequently forgotten.



A resolution is a “firm determination...the act of resolving to do something.” If made without firm determination, resolutions become little more than promises made to be broken. These are not resolutions at all, but wishful thinking or good intention. Perhaps, commitment is a better word. A commitment is “a pledge to do something....The state of being bound emotionally or intellectually to some course of action....”

Whether we call it resolution or commitment, the Christian's life is marked by new beginnings—changes in attitude and performance that lead us in the direction of spiritual growth. Spiritual renewal is a daily part of Christian living. The apostle Paul said that the inward man is “being renewed day by day” (2 Cor. 4:16). The Colossian brethren were told to “put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him...” (Col. 3:10). Every Christian must take an active part in daily renewal. This includes a firm determination and pledge to put away the old man of sin and live for righteousness.

Although this is easier said than done; it can be accomplished with the help of our Savior (Ph. 4:13). However, the first step is often the most difficult. An Old Chinese proverb tells us that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Whether we call it a resolution or a commitment, the important thing is to get started on the journey that leads us closer and closer to Jesus. As we enter into another year, let us not think of all the steps which must be taken, but consider those steps which must be taken today to make this year a new beginning to the glory of God, our Creator.

Selected

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call To Worship
Sam Roberts

Song Leader
Richard Noel

Scripture Reading
Batthias Matthews

Prayer
Westley Shaw

Sermon
DeWayne Calloway

Communion/Offering
Batthias Matthews

Announcements
Sam Roberts

Closing Prayer
Westley 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

Mary Brown—Prayers of comfort and strength for the Berry and Sullivan family in the passing of Elnora Sullivan, Sis Candacee Berry's grandmother.

Lora Calloway—Prayers for my first cousin, Kenneth Thomas who is ICU with covid-19. Continued prayers for Ernest Wilkerson who is still in ICU that his condition will improve and his body healed.

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).

➤ **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 11:30 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 

➤ **Men's Prayer Breakfast**
January 9, 2021 at 9:30 am
via Zoom

➤ **Youth Corner Newsletter & Home Scavenger Hunt**
January 10, 2021

➤ **ATTENTION SISTERS**
LADIES BIBLE STUDY
January 12, 2021
at 7:00 pm Via Zoom

Ladies Annual Brunch
January 16, 2021
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 January 2021

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