

# TODAY'S MESSAGES

SUNDAY MORNING	SUNDAY EVENING
<p><b>THE WORTHY WALK</b></p> <p><b>Eph. 4: 1-6</b></p>	<p><b>CANCELLED</b></p>



## FROM CHIVALRY TO SHAME

**DEVOTION:** *“In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” ~Judges 21:25ESV*  
**FROM CHIVALRY TO SHAME:** The book of Judges illustrates for us what happens when there is a decline in male spiritual leadership. The book begins with Caleb offering his daughter to any man who would take Kiriath-sepher. Othniel rises to the challenge, demonstrating great faith and courage, thus displaying what male spiritual leadership should look like ([Judges 1:11-15](#)).

A little later we come to Barak who shows a lack of faith in God, saying he will only go and fight the enemy if a woman (Deborah) goes with him (Judges 4-5). Then there's Gideon, who refuses to be a king when the people call him to be king (and that's a good thing), but then he turns around and acts like a king by multiplying wives and a concubine ([Judges 8:30-31](#)). Gideon's son by concubine, Abimelech, assumes the throne that his father refused. Once again (as with the story of Jael and Sisera) a woman saves Israel from a wicked man (only this time the man is not a foreign power but a power from within, [Judges 9:53](#)). Then we read of Jephthah, whose rash vow costs his own daughter her life ([Judges 11:29-40](#)). The final judge is Samson, who seems to represent everything that is wrong about men (Judges 13-16). The book closes with some of the darkest and depressing stories in Israel's history. In chapter 19 a Levite, traveling with his concubine (that's right... a concubine!) decides it would be safer to spend the night in Israelite territory than Jebusite territory. (Wrong!) A group of men come to have sexual relations with him (think Sodom and Gomorrah), but he sends his concubine out to satisfy them. They rape her all night and leave her dead on his doorstep. When the Levite asks the Benjamites to turn over the perpetrators, they refuse, and he proceeds to cut up his concubine into 12 parts and sends the parts to the tribes, thus inciting civil war against Benjamin. The Benjamites are nearly wiped out. Only 600 men escape. So that they don't become extinct, the other tribes annihilate the town of Jabesh Gilead (because they didn't join in the civil war), give 400 virgins to the 600 Benjamites, and then send the remaining 200 Benjamites to Shiloh to kidnap 200 more women dancing during the harvest celebration. So, to summarize, we begin the book of Judges with women inspiring men to great deeds of faith and heroism. By the end of the book, women are treated as property (worse than animals, really). They are raped, kidnapped and slaughtered by their own countrymen. Are we far off from this in our world today? – David Maxson  
**PRAY WITH US:** Father, help us to raise our boys to respect women. Help us to challenge young men to earn the affection of young godly women by demonstrating faith, courage, gentleness, kindness, compassion, and above all steadfast devotion and love for You. 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*

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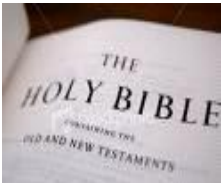
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# The Wheless Lane Messenger

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## The Worthy Walk



In Ephesians 4:1, Paul urges us “to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.” If our purpose is to display God’s glory and God be glorified through us, then there is a particular way to live our lives for this calling. We do not get to be a Christian and act how we want to act or do what we want to do. That is not our calling. This walk is our response to all that God has done for us, which we read about in the first three chapters of Ephesians. We are to live lives reflecting this new identity. You have been called to something great and glorious. Walk worthy of it!

Walking worthy means being eager and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. As we make this walk with Christ, let us have a greater focus on unity. Let us be more patient with each other. Let us be more gentle with each other. Let us be humble, not thinking so much of our abilities or knowledge. Let us bear with one another because of the love we have through Christ.

*Bro. DeWayne*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call To Worship  
**Ronnie Green**

Song Leader  
**Sam Roberts**

Scripture Reading  
**Benjamin Calloway**

Prayer  
**Westley Shaw**

Sermon  
**DeWayne Calloway**

Communion/Offering  
**Westley Shaw**

Announcements  
**Batthias Matthews**

Closing Prayer  
**Batthias Matthews**

# 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

**JoAnn McClellen**—Continued prayers for healing  
**Torrence Washington**—Continued prayers of strength and healing.

## 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**

All lessons available on Wheless Lane website under the **MEMBERS SECTION**



➤ **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 February 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 0

#### CONTRIBUTION

Weekly