

Whiteland Church of Christ

Sunday, December 9, 2018

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Order of Worship

Bible Hour – Following communion, elementary aged children are invited to participate in a lesson geared toward their age groups in the library (exit the back of the auditorium then to the left). **Babies & Toddlers** – There is a staffed nursery/toddler room following communion (exit the back of the auditorium then to the right).

~ All children can be picked up at the end of worship. ~

(*) Denotes Song is Projection Only

Call to Worship – Stan Davis

153 Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Welcome – Stan Davis

Prayer – Joel Westberry

290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

** Oft We Come Together*

Communion & Offering – Chris Turnmire

535 The Gloryland Way

Scripture Reading – Sam Miller (1 Peter 2:9-12)

Message – Ronnie Hewitt

“Distinctive People”

Invitation – Come to Jesus

(Elders & Minister Upfront)

Announcements & Closing Prayer

711 Blest Be the Tide That Binds

Guests

Welcome and know that we are thankful you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer for additional information and to provide us with a record of your attendance. If there is anything, we can do for you, or any questions we may answer, please let us know. Again, thank you for choosing to worship with us!

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Silence your
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Upcoming

Dec	
11	Visitation Group
14	White Elephant Christmas Party
16	Christmas Caroling
31	New Year's Eve Party
Jan	
5	Area-Wide Singing & Chili Supper
6	Start of Hearts for Souls 2019
12	Men's Breakfast
26	Women's Brunch
Feb	
9	Men's Breakfast
10	Couple's Valentine Dinner
16	Family Game Night
23	Women's Brunch

Celebrations

Birthdays

- 11 – Don Reeves
- 12 – Moe Handy
- 13 – Ruth Alden

Anniversaries

n/a



Serving this Week

Greeters: Carolyn Dollens & Ronnie Sutton

Nursery: Rhonda Denzio & Lori Fletcher

Bible Hour: Angie McDaniel
(next week: Lorri Dannemiller)

Shut-in Communion: Mickey McDaniel

Cleaning 12/13-12/15: Tichenor & Hanshaw

Christmas Caroling

We will be going Christmas caroling following evening Bible study on Sunday, Dec 16th. See Jim Robling for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



We believe in the power of prayer & are a praying family. If you have a need, please let us know. You can fill out a prayer request form at the Welcome Table or send us an email at: prayerrequest@whitelandchurchofchrist.com.

Christian Statom (Homework Help) has retrocollis and is scheduled to see a specialist in January to decide what steps to take to improve his health.

Willard Pennington (Hewitt's grandfather) has not been eating and it has become difficult to take his medicine. So, he has been taken off all pill medications and is being administered morphine to keep him comfortable.

Kathy Hanshaw is having knee surgery at OrthoIndy on January 23rd.

Helen Dollens has been released from the hospital and is home.

Matt Byers (Tana Kay Marriott's ex-brother-in-law) has been battling cancer. It has spread into his pancreas, gall bladder, liver, etc. There are no further treatments available. He's been given a couple of weeks. Matt is only in his 40's, has a wife and 5 children.

Justin Clark's great aunt, Anita Carmack, is battling uterine cancer and it has spread elsewhere now. She was in the hospital the past 5 days draining fluid and they have come up with a plan to start chemo.

Bill Dollens had his heart shocked back into sinus rhythm this past week.

Christmas Baskets

We are once again putting together Christmas Baskets this year. Please see Angie Turnmire by this Wednesday for nominating a family for a Christmas Basket. There are gingerbread kids on the center table in the foyer with suggested items and clothing sizes. Please take one or more if you wish to shop and provide for the families this year. All items should be returned no later than Sunday, Dec 16th.

Deadline Reminder:

Nominate A Family – Wednesday, Dec 12th

Basket Items – Sunday, Dec 16th

Visitation Group

The visitation group will meet on Tuesday, Dec 11th at 7pm at Lougene Wooten's. All are welcome!

White Elephant Christmas Party

Join us Friday, December 14th at 6:30pm for our Christmas party over in the Fellowship Hall. Those wishing to participate in the White Elephant exchange should bring a wrapped gift (up to \$10 value). This gift can be something funny or something serious. It can even be a recycled gift. Dinner for the evening is being provided so we need a head count of those attending. Please see the sign-up sheet located on the Involvement Board in the foyer.

New Year's Eve Party

We hope you will join us Monday, December 31st for games, food, fellowship, ushering out the old & bringing in the New Year. Bring your favorite games, finger foods & snacks to share.

Area-Wide Singing & Chili Supper

What better way to start the new year than with your brothers and sisters in the surrounding area. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan 5th at 5pm for an area-wide singing. We'll sing from 5-6:30pm and then enjoy some chili & fellowship immediately following. All are welcome. Please see George Hewitt if you're interested in making a big crockpot of chili. We may even have a chili cook-off.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, Jan 12th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us for breakfast, fellowship and a short devotional.

Women's Brunch

All women (all ages) are invited to join us for brunch, fellowship and devotional on Saturday, Jan 26th at 10am. We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study, Growing in Godliness, no longer meets on Thursdays; however, the study is available on Sunday Mornings at 9:30am over in the Fellowship Hall.

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Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away. With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth. – John 19:38-40

Key Thought

Jesus had promised that the cross on which he would be "*lifted up*" would be the power that would draw all sorts of people to him in faith (John 12:32). Jesus had even told Nicodemus: "*And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life*" (John 3:14-15). For Nicodemus, Jesus' crucifixion — Jesus' being "*lifted up*" — was his deciding moment of faith. On the human side of things and in the view of the Jewish religious leaders, Jesus' crucifixion was absolutely the worst time for Nicodemus to identify himself with Jesus. Jesus had just been convicted — falsely convicted, but still convicted — of a vile crime by the Roman authorities and rejected by Nicodemus' peers, the Jewish ruling council. Despite the direst of possible consequences, Nicodemus stepped forward and did the loving work of burial preparation. This preparation was something the closest family members of the deceased would normally do. Nicodemus' taking part in the burial of Jesus made him unclean for the Passover celebration. Furthermore, his actions were political suicide. He was now openly identifying himself as a disciple of Jesus along with Joseph.

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Ministry Surveys

The Elders would like to remind everyone to fill out their member ministry survey and place it in the box on the Welcome Table in the foyer. Also, if there is an area in which you'd like to serve but do not see it listed, please let us know.

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He could be put into prison because of this association with Jesus. The cross and the sacrifice of Jesus, however, drew his heart to follow Jesus. The fulfillment of prophecies about Jesus and his own words called forth the courage of both of these men when they had everything to lose. In this moment of decision, Nicodemus stepped out of darkness into Jesus' bright light (John 3:19-21). In the process, these two influential and respected men provided the early disciples another incredibly important blessing: They could testify that Jesus had actually died. They had prepared his dead body for burial and placed it in the tomb!

Today's Prayer

Father, thank you for the touching story of Nicodemus who had previously come to Jesus during the night with questions about his identity. As Jesus hinted in his reply to this great teacher, Nicodemus began to unlock the real identity of Jesus with the Lord's crucifixion. Now, dear Father, I rejoice that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross has led me to know your love for me just as surely as it challenged Nicodemus to fully identify with Jesus. Empower me with the Holy Spirit to be willing to risk everything for my Lord. Amen.

Facility Use

Did you know you can use the building for special occasions or borrow tables & chairs?

To check on availability, and to reserve a time, please see George Hewitt or email him at george@whitelandchurchofchrist.com.

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study 9:30am
 Sunday Worship 10:30am & 5:00pm
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

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For the Record

Last Week's Attendance

Sun AM Bible Class	48
Sun AM Worship	96
Sun PM Worship	21
Wed PM Bible Class	44

Last Week's Contribution

\$3,163



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