

Sunday, July 21, 2019

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*Order of Worship*

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**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).

**Gathering Song** – George Hewitt

*121 God Is Love*

**Call to Worship** – Stan Davis

**Opening Prayer** – Benny Stephens

*155 Highest Place*

*272 Aspiration Medley*

*315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Communion & Offering** – Randy Sowder

*448 The Greatest Commands*

**Scripture Reading** – Dan Strobe (1 John 4:9-12)

**Message** – Ronnie Hewitt

*“The Command to Love”*

**Invitation** – 791 *On Bended Knee*

*(Elders & Minister Upfront)*

**Announcements & Closing Prayer**

*Light the Fire*

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*Welcome*

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*Welcome and know that we are thankful you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are visiting with us, 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!*

## Upcoming Events

July	
23	Visitation Group
24	Leadership Meeting
27	Women's Brunch Youth Group Bible Bowl
Aug	
3	VBS Workday
4-8	VBS: Marooned
10	Men's Breakfast
11	Quarterly Congregational Meeting
13	Visitation Group
17	Women's Brunch
23-25	15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
27	Visitation Group
28	Leadership Meeting
Sept	
8	Love Feast Singing Devotional Afternoon
14	Men's Breakfast
20	Family Movie Night
25	Leadership Meeting
28	Women's Brunch

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 22 – Amanda Magner,  
Cindy Strobe &  
Martin Julian
- 25 – Blanche Taylor
- 27 – Crystal Miller



### Anniversaries

n/a



*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](mailto:prayerrequest@whitelandchurchofchrist.com).*

Rachel Hewitt starts a new job at Riley Hospital in August.

GayLee Cummings' friend's son, Wade Reynolds, made the decision to return to church.

Della Turnbull is having some back issues and has been diagnosed with shingles. She's staying with her son during this time.

Cindy Strobe is still down with back issues.

Christian Statom is asking for prayers for his family as he has a new stepmother.

Lori Fletcher's friend, Mike Clark, has colon cancer. He is scheduled for surgery.

Shelby Henderson's dad has health issues.

Friend of Lonnie Hewitt's family, Tammy, has stage 3 Ovarian Cancer and had a hysterectomy.



Looking for teachers who are willing to commit to only 6 weeks. We need teachers for pre-school, K-3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Please see Angie Turnmire if interested.

## Hearts for Souls 2019

Now collecting: New shoes for all ages, new toys for newborn to teens. These gifts can be in any price range so please do not bring in used items. As you bring in items, please place them in the totes just outside the coat closet.

## Visitation Group

The next visitation group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. We'll meet at Lougene Wooten's home.

## Area-Wide Bible Bowl

Join us at Riverside Park this Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> for the first annual Bible Bowl hosted by Metro COC. We have two teams attending (pre-teen and teen) and they would love to have you there cheering them on. There will be a picnic at the big shelter from 12-2pm with the Bible Bowl at 2pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Community Center.

## Women's Brunch

The next Women's Brunch is Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am over in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us for brunch, fellowship and a short devotional.

## VBS Workday

All hands-on deck! We will be preparing the building and putting up decorations for VBS on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9am. Donuts will be provided. If you can assist, please make plans now to attend. We can use all sorts of help.

## VBS: Marooned

Join us for VBS on Sunday-Thursday, Aug 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm each evening. This year's VBS theme is Marooned. Be thinking about who you can invite. There will be classes for all ages, and all are welcome.

## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am over in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us for breakfast, fellowship and a short devotional.

## Congregational Meeting

Our quarterly congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> following our AM worship service. Please make every effort to be here for this meeting.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We will be hosting a Gospel meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Bro. Charles Speer will be our speaker on "Keeping the Journey Going". Friday evening will start at 7pm, Saturday we will have a Hog Roast / pitch-in / activities starting at 2pm, Singing devotional at 5pm and then worship at 6pm. Sunday will conclude with Bible class at 9:30 and worship at 10:30am. We have invited other congregations to join us and it is our hope you will invite others as well.

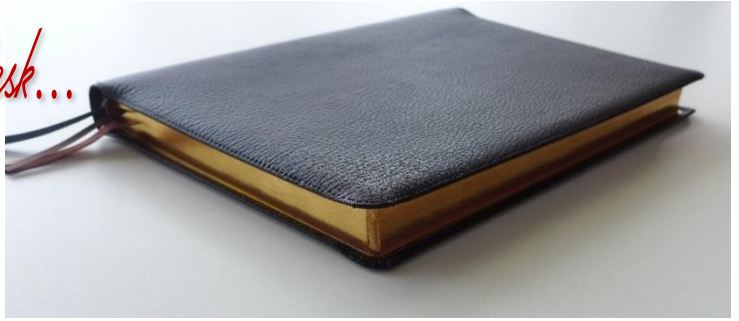
## Love Feast

Let's come together at the table. Our pitch-in meal, Love Feast, returns Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> following AM worship. Ham will be provided, and we ask everyone to bring additional entrées, sides & desserts. As always, we hope you will join us and invite others. Following our meal, we'll meet back in the auditorium for a singing

## Family Movie Night

Family Movie Night returns on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The movie will be announced closer to the date. For additional fellowship, bring your take-out dinner between 6:15-6:45pm. The movie will start at 7pm.

*From the Minister's Desk...*



## A Vital Union with Jesus | Ronnie Hewitt

*John 15:1-5 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

How do you remain in a vital union with Jesus? By loving Him, by obeying Him, and by surrendering more and more of your yourself to Him. This is exactly how Jesus lived His life with God the Father. He modeled for us a totally surrendered life, a life lived in union with the Father. He came in part to show us how it's done. All the dynamic life you see running through Him, He received as we must -- through ongoing love and dependence upon God.

If this is to be our experience, we must give our lives over to Him to receive His life in us. And not just once, but as a regular practice every day. The fruitful branches spoken of in the passage above are true believers who by their living union with Christ produce much fruit.

Jesus is always seeking to close the distance between Himself and us. The encounters we have are intimate, and meant to change us, to help us produce the desired fruit in our lives and in the kingdom. Many people try to be good, honest people who do what is right. But Jesus says that the only way to live a truly fruitful life is to stay close to Him, like a branch attached to the vine. Apart from Christ, our efforts are unfruitful.

Are you receiving the nourishment and life offered by Christ, the Vine? If not, you are missing a special gift He has for you.



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## Serving this Week

**Greeters:** Carolyn Dollens & Ronnie Sutton

**Nursery:** Kara Littleton & Lori Fletcher

**Bible Hour:** Cindy Strobe

**Shut-in Communion:** Lonnie Shoopman

**Cleaning 7/25-7/27:** Smith & Cottingham

## For the Record

### Last Week's Attendance

Sun AM Bible Class	34
Sun AM Worship	90
Sun PM Worship	32
Wed PM Bible Class	41

### Last Week's Contribution

\$2,313.00

*Schedule of Services*

Bible Study  
Sun 9:30am, 5pm & Wed 7pm  
Worship  
Sun 10:30am

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## 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.



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