

Sermon Notes

Scriptures: Isaiah 9:6-7; Revelation 19:16; John 1:29; Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:22; Isaiah 53:6-8; 1Peter 2:22-25; Matthew 20:28; Acts 4:12; 1Peter 3:18; Ephesians 1:7; 1Peter 1:18-19; Eph 2:13; and John 3:16

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The Messenger

Weekly Newsletter of Whiteland Church of Christ
Loving God / Loving People

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Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Mickey McDaniel

Worship Leader: George Hewitt

Communion: Dan Strope

Scripture Reading: Scott Anderson (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (Jesus, King of Kings)

Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

Bible Hour Today: Angie McDaniel

Bible Hour December 22: Renie Nalley

Nursery Today: Cindy Davis

Nursery December 22: Debbie Smith

Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm

Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Prayer Concerns

Moe Handy is struggling with sciatic pain in his legs.

Samantha Brazel, GayLee's granddaughter, is in a residential hospital in Anderson and is needing a feeding tube through her stomach as she cannot swallow anything.

Charlie Weaver had another PET scan on his lungs. He will be having a bronchoscopy to do biopsies on his lungs. He is also scheduled for prostate surgery on January 3rd.

Amy Wiwczaroski has been dealing with severe congestion and sinus issues.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Juanita Brunner (Shut-in), **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, parkinson), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Tom Gardner** (Rachel's former teacher, colon cancer), **Moe Handy** (shoulder & back pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer, radiation treatments), **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (Shut-in), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Leah Ranker** (David & Janice Kent's 4yr old great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments), **Barb Surber** (Dementia), **Nancy Vermillion** (Burris's friend, cancer treatments), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Charlie Weaver** (A fib w/premature ventricular contractions), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), and **Nancy White** (John Denzio's aunt, hospice).

Missions

Fiji Bible Institute (Jason & Devin Pierce family); **India** (Jerris & Juanita Bullard, Steve & Renee Gaudreau); **Shults/Lewis Child & Family Services** (Staff & Residents); **Caleb Pierce** (Bear Valley Bible Institute)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, December 15	Hebrews 4-6
Monday, December 16	Hebrews 7-9
Tuesday, December 17	Hebrews 10-13
Wednesday, December 18	James 1-3
Thursday, December 19	James 4-5
Friday, December 20	1Peter 1-5
Saturday, December 21	2Peter 1-3



Celebrations This Week

Birthdays

16th David Kent

17th Karen DeFord, Gay Logsdon

Anniversary

18th Stan & Cindy Davis (43yrs)

19th Lonnie & Sonya Hewitt (25yrs)

White Elephant Christmas Party

Dec 20th @ 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Each person wishing to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift (up to a \$10 value). This gift can be something funny or something serious or even something recycled. Dinner will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the Involvement Board.

Ministry Donations for the Homeless

Do you have blankets, shoes, socks, gloves, hats, sweaters, pants, or jackets that are taking up space? Please consider giving to the homeless. Lisa Robling, former member and sister-in-Christ, works with a group who provides a weekly hot meal and clothing to the homeless population. They are also accepting shelf staple food with pop-open lids, such as tuna snacks, pop tarts, or any item that is single serve that can be opened and eaten without having to be cooked. These items are placed in a sack and given to them for next day use. If you have any of these items, please bring them to the building, and our Morning Glories group will deliver them to Lisa.

Christian Material

This quarter's Daily Devotionals and the 2025 Bible reading plans are on the main table in the foyer. Also, on the table under the nursery window are brotherhood publications and outreach studies for your use.

January Events / Worship Calendar

Next month's calendars on the table in the foyer. Please pick one up and plan accordingly.

Administration Notes

The office will be closed Dec. 20-29th. If you need anything, please contact one of the elders. If you have a prayer request, you can use prayerrequest@whitelandchurchofchrist.com or contact the elders.

Meditation of God's Word

Extending Grace

Grace is not only to be received by us, but it is also, in a sense, to be extended to others. I say, "in a sense," because our relationship with others is different from God's relationship to us. He is the infinitely superior Judge and moral Governor of the universe. We are all sinners and are on an equal plane with one another. So we cannot exercise grace as God does, but we can relate to one another as those who have received grace and who wish to operate on the principles of grace.

In fact, we will not experience peace with God and the joy of God if we are not willing to extend grace to others. This is the point Jesus makes in His parable of the unmerciful servant in Matt. 18:23-34. He told the story of a man who was forgiven a debt of ten thousand talents (millions of dollars), but who was unwilling to forgive a fellow servant who owed him a hundred denarii (a few dollars). Of course, the unstated truth in the parable is that our debt of sin to God far outweighs the debt others may owe us.

The person who is living by grace sees this vast contrast between his own sins against God and the offenses of others against him. He forgives others because he himself has been so graciously forgiven. He realizes that, by receiving God's forgiveness through Christ, he has forfeited the right to be offended when hurt. He practices Paul's admonition in Ephesians 4:32, "*Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.*" (NASB)

The thought behind Paul's admonition is the fact that God's unmerited favor has been shown to people who are totally undeserving of it, which applies to you, not only in salvation, but in everyday life. This meaning of grace never changes. The fact that God deals with His children on the basis of grace without regard to merit is a staggering concept. However, it is something we need to consider as we relate to others and extend grace to them.

There is a song in our books that says, "God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name. And in Jesus' name, I come to you to share His love as He told me to. He said, 'Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.'"

All of that is to say this: Love and forgive others as God has loved and forgiven you – Extend grace.

...Ronnie Hewitt