

Sermon Notes

Matthew 11:28-30; Jeremiah 31:25

The Messenger

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

The Lord’s Day, March 16, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Dan Strope

Scripture Reading: Clinton Nalley (Matthew 11:28-30)

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Jacob Day

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (Yoked with Jesus)

Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

Bible Hour Today: Crystal Miller

Bible Hour March 23: Tammy Burris

Nursery Today: Megan Johnson

Nursery March 23: Kayla Stanton

Schedule of Services

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

Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Prayer Concerns

Cindy Davis has been sick and running fevers off and on this past week.
Lonnie Shoopman will be having aortic valve replacement surgery on the 25th and has also been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
GayLee Sutton is to see spine specialist on the 20th.
Mary Walton, Regina Anderson's mom, has a mass in her uterus and a lower back stress fracture. She was given a brace, muscle relaxers, and pain meds for her back. They have not been able to start therapy yet, due to the amount of pain she is having.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Samantha Brazel, (GayLee's granddaughter, residential hospital); **Brandon Chance** (Edie Short's nephew, deployed to Poland), **Sharon Cooper** (Dementia); **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Cindy Davis** (chemo treatments), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Joyce Goodwin** (Rhonda Denzio's mom, hospice); **Moe Handy** (shoulder, back & sciatic pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer, in remission), **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), **Barbara Hurst** (hematologist is monitoring her platelet and protein levels), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Pam Lasiter** (ongoing health issues); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, recovering from a kidney transplant), **Tori Parker** (Tana's friend, dealing with domestic abuse), **Camille Parsley** (Deford's niece, metastatic breast cancer that has spread to her bone marrow), **Janette Parsley** (Karen Deford's sister, recovering from valve replacement surgery), **Leah Raker** (David & Janice Kent's 4yr old great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome, seizures), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Barb Short** (Edie Short's sister-in-law, cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments), **Barb Surber** (Dementia), **Nancy Vermillion** (Burriss's friend, cancer treatments), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Chaney Walls** (teenager girl in Dallas, TX, has Leukemia. Request submitted by Karen Deford), **Don & Mary Walton** (Shut-In's at Compass Park), **Tiffany Watcom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, melanoma, awaiting treatment plan); **Charlie Weaver** (stage 4 prostate cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Mary Welling** (Angie Hewitt's co-worker, mom on hospice and dad's health is poor), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), **Jimmy Wooten** (Parkinson's), & **Keven Wooten** (Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo)

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)

Administration Record	
2025 Budget: \$178,787.94	Weekly Budget: \$3,438.23
Last Week's Offering: \$2,492.00	
Attendance Last Week 59	



Celebrations This Week

Birthdays

16th Sonya Hewitt
 18th Christian Statom
 20th Pam Sherrill



All men are invited to join us on Saturday, March 22nd at 9am for a meal, fellowship, devotional, and prayer time. This will be a bring your own breakfast.



The Eagle Valley Church of Christ cordially invites you to their Spring Gospel Meeting (April 6-10). The Theme is "Meditations from Matthew," with Guest Speaker: A.J. Cox. There is a flyer on the bulletin board showing the times and topics of study.



It is that time of year for their commodity drive. We have been asked to collect liquid laundry soap and dish soap. They will be picking up the collection the week of May 6.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, March 16	Joshua 15-17
Monday, March 17	Joshua 18-20
Tuesday, March 18	Joshua 21-22
Wednesday, March 19	Joshua 23-24
Thursday, March 20	Judges 1-3
Friday, March 21	Judges 4-6
Saturday, March 22	Judges 7-8

Meditation of God's Word

Scripture, the Work of Grace

The grace we receive from God is often through the aid of the Holy Spirit. It can sometimes be hard to understand just how the Holy Spirit interacts with our human spirit, but we do know He most often uses the Word of God. That is, He brings to our mind some Scripture or Scriptures particularly appropriate to the situation. He may accomplish this through a sermon, through Christian periodicals or books we are reading, through encouraging words of a friend, or through our own reading and study of the Word. He then enables us to apply it to our situation.

In Acts 20:32, Paul said to the Ephesian elders, "Now I entrust you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." The reference here is to the ongoing use of Scripture in our daily lives to build us up in the Christian faith.

The Bible is not just a book about God, but a book from God. It is God's self-revelation to us of all He wants us to know about Himself and His provision for our salvation and spiritual growth. Therefore, if we are to apply God's grace in our lives, we must seek to know and understand the great truths of His Word: truths about Him and His character, and truth about ourselves and our desperate need of His grace. Understand, the Bible is more than merely objective truth; it is actually life-giving and life-sustaining.

How do we know God's grace is sufficient? How do we come to a proper understanding of what it means to live by grace? How do we learn about the throne of grace where we receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need? The answer to these questions is the Scriptures. This close connection between God and His Word of grace is seen in Romans 15:4, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope."

If we are to apply the grace of God to our lives, then, we must regularly expose ourselves to the Word of God. It is not enough to only hear it preached or taught in Bible classes, as important as these are to our lives and worship. God's Word is absolutely necessary to sustain a healthy spiritual life. In our battle against Satan, we are told to take "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" Eph 6:17). How can we do this if we have not read and studied Scripture for ourselves. In order to take up God's Word as a sword, we must have it at hand, in our hearts. It's just as the psalmist says, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11). This principle of hiding God's Word provides a mental reservoir for the Holy Spirit to use to mediate His grace to us, whatever our need for grace might be.

...Ronnie Hewitt