

Sermon Notes

1Peter 1:3-5; Matthew 28:1-10 Mark 16:6; Luke 24:5-6; Romans 3:21-24

The Messenger

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

The Lord’s Day, April 20, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Clinton Nalley

Scripture Reading: Randy Sowder (1Peter 1:3-5)

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Jacob Day

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (He Is Risen)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

Bible Hour Today: Rachel Hewitt

Bible Hour April 27: Lavana Tichenor

Nursery Today: Kathy Hanshaw (Sub: Megan Johnson)

Nursery April 27: Rhonda Denzio (Sub: Cindie Cottingham)

Schedule of Services

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

Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Prayer Concerns

Cindy Davis - cancer is responding to treatments.

Clayton Marriott has been sick with intestinal issues and is unable to eat much.

Kaitlynn Parrott had surgery this past week to remove a mass from her abdomen. She is still experiencing discomfort. She has a follow-up with her surgery on the 21st.

Jimmy Bush, Kathy Feldmeier's son, has been in the hospital and was jaundice.

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), **Missy Gillespie** (former member, aortic dissection); **Donna Hall** (dementia); **Moe Handy** (shoulder, back & sciatic pain), **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (former member, lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Pam Lasiter** (ongoing health issues); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Camille Parsley** (Deford's niece, metastatic breast cancer that has spread to her bone marrow), **Leah Raker** (David & Janice Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome, seizures), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Megan Setser** (Wanda Weaver's neighbor, brain tumor); **Lonnie Shoopman** (non-Hodgkin lymphoma & is doing well from aortic valve replacement); **Barb Short** (Edie Short's sister-in-law, cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer), **Barb Surber** (dementia, living with daughter), **Phyllis Thompson** (Cindy Strobe's aunt, recovering from broken femur); **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Mary Walton** (recovering from back surgery, & mourning the passing of her husband), **Tiffany Watcom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, cancer has spread to lymph nodes); **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), **Jimmy Wooten** (Parkinson's), **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's).

Missions

Caleb Pierce (studying at Bear Valley Bible Institute); **India** (Steve & Renee Gaudreau); **Shults/Lewis Child & Family Services** (Staff & Residents); **Jason & Devin Pierce** (Jason will be the missionary in residence at Freed Hardeman University for the 2025-2026 school year)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, April 20	1Kings 7
Monday, April 21	1Kings 8
Tuesday, April 22	1Kings 9-10
Wednesday, April 23	1Kings 11-12
Thursday, April 24	1Kings 13-14
Friday, April 25	1Kings 15-17
Saturday, April 26	1Kings 18-19



Celebrations This

Birthday

25th Lonnie Hewitt, Ronnie Hewitt

Anniversary

20th Noah & Gay Logsdon (62yrs)

24th Justin & Lauren Clark (15yrs)



All men are invited to join us on Saturday, April 26th at 9am for a meal, fellowship, devotional, and prayer time.

Shults & Lewis Child & Family Services Commodity Drive through May 6

We are collecting liquid laundry soap and dish soap. The items can be placed in the front coat closet.

Sisters Saturday of Service

Making Fidget Blankets (Saturday, June 14th from 10am-4pm)

They will be collecting items for the project. Items needed by May 18th are fabric (cotton, upholstery, fake fur, velvet, satin, plain or printed), low to medium loft quilt batting, and binding). Items needed by June 8th: shoe strings, zippers, buttons (medium to large size), fringe (straight or pom pom), snaps, clasp or buckles, d-rings, lace trim, stuffing or cotton balls, small stuffed objects that can be put in a pant pocket, unused textured dust mop (looks like loop fringe), and old pant pockets (especially from jeans). There will be a table for these items next weekend by the family restroom in the foyer.

Ladies' Fellowship

The Heartland Church of Christ is hosting a fellowship for the ladies on May 3 (10am-2pm). Their theme: "My Cup Is Running Over." There is more information on the brochure on the bulletin board.

Gospel Meeting

The Morgan Street Church of Christ in Martinsville is hosting a gospel meeting, with Randall Jones, April 25th -27th. Their theme is "Hope in A Hopeless World." Times are posted on the bulletin board.

Administration Record

2025 Budget: \$178,787.94

Weekly Budget: \$3,438.23

Last Week's Offering: \$3,080.00

Attendance Last Week 67

Meditation of God's Word

A Living Hope

The story of the resurrection of Jesus has been told and retold for over 2,000 years, and yet, it still brings hope and life to each of us. The resurrection is more than a story; everything about our redemption is connected to His resurrection.

Peter said in 1Pet 1:3-5 "*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*"

The apostle Peter opens his letter with words of praise for God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, reminding readers that salvation is a gift of God's mercy. Then Peter states that believers are given "a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." What exactly does Peter mean when he speaks of "a living hope"?

Peter states that it is the "new birth" that provides our living hope, affirming that salvation is a gift from God. Just as an infant does nothing to be born, we experience rebirth not because of who we are or anything we have done. We are born of God (John 1:13) through Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Salvation changes who we are (2 Corinthians 5:17), making us dead to sin and alive to righteousness in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:5). This new birth serves as our reason for hope—the assurance of salvation.

Bible commentators often call Peter the apostle of hope. In this passage, Peter links our new birth—our salvation—with the idea of "a living hope." The hope Peter speaks of is not the wishful thinking usually associated with the word hope today. We might say, "I hope it doesn't rain," or "I hope I pass the test." But this is not the kind of hope Peter has in mind.

The Greek term for "hope" in the passage from 1Peter means "an eager, confident expectation." This hope of the believer is not only "living" but "lively." The CEV translates the phrase as "a hope that lives on." Unlike the empty, dead hope of this world, this "living hope" is energizing, alive, and active in the soul of the believer. "We live with great expectation," as the New Living Translation puts it. Our living hope originates from a living, resurrected Savior. Peter's living hope is Jesus Christ.

The apostle is speaking to Christians who were suffering persecution in Asia Minor. His words were meant to encourage them in their troubles. Their future was secure because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Their hope was in His victory over death and His resurrection life. Whatever the persecuted believers would face in this world could not compare to the blessings of the future resurrection and the life to come in eternity. The object of our living hope is described in 1Peter 1:4 as "*an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.*"

We have an inheritance that will never be touched by death, stained by evil, or faded with time; it is death-proof, sin-proof, and age-proof. This inheritance is also fail-proof because God guards and preserves it in heaven for us. It is wholly secure. Absolutely nothing can undermine the certainty of our future inheritance.

...Ronnie Hewitt