

Sermon Notes

Col 2:6-7; Jn 10:27; Lk 9:23-24; Ps 1:1-3; Jer 17:7-8; Matt 7:24-25; 1Cor 3:11; Eph 3:16-19

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, May 4, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Rex DeFord

Scripture Reading: Chase Tichenor (Colossians2:6-7)

Worship Leader: George Hewitt

Communion: Rick Lowe

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (Rooted in Christ / Living in Him)

Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

Bible Hour: Crystal Miller

Nursery: Cindie Cottingham (Sub: Rhonda Denzio)

Schedule of Services

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

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Prayer Concerns

Brooks Anderson, Tichenor's newborn grandson (John & Jordan's son), is doing better and was able to go home from the hospital.

Bob Braun, friend of Stan Davis, has stage 4 prostate cancer.

Rex DeFord has been dealing with gout.

Neil Kent, David's brother, has diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Reese Ritter, son of Randy Sowder's friend, sustained injuries (broken leg and ankle, fractured spine and arm) in a 4-wheeler accident with a pickup truck.

GayLee Sutton is having a procedure to insert a loop recorder on the 7th.

Wanda Weaver is dealing with an upper respiratory infection.

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), **Angie Hewitt** (migraines), **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (former member, lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Pam Lasiter** (ongoing health issues); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **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); **Barb Short** (Edie Short's sister-in-law, cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, palliative care), **Barb Surber** (dementia), **Phyllis Thompson** (Cindy Strope's aunt, recovering from broken femur); **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Mary Walton** (recovering from back surgery), **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 (student at Bear Valley Bible Institute); **India** (Steve & Renee Gaudreau); **Shults/Lewis** (staff & residents); **Jason & Devin Pierce** (resident missionary at Freed Hardeman University, 2025-2026 school year)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, May 4	2Kings 15-16
Monday, May 5	2Kings 17-18
Tuesday, May 6	2Kings 19-21
Wednesday, May 7	2Kings 22-25
Thursday, May 8	1Chronicles 1
Friday, May 9	1Chronicles 2-4
Saturday, May 10	1Chronicles 5-6



Celebrations This

Birthday

4th Sharon Lasiter

6th Justin Clark; Clinton Nalley

10th Addison Rutheford



Commodity Drive through May 6

We are collecting liquid laundry soap and dish soap. The items can be placed in the front coat closet. Final day to bring in these items will be Tuesday.



Morning Glories' Ministry Brunch

The next brunch for our ladies will be on Saturday, May 10th at 10am in the fellowship hall.

Celebration of Life

There will be a celebration of life service for Paula Joyce Goodwin, Rhonda Denzio's mom, on Saturday, May 17th +here at the church building. Visitation will be at 2pm and the service will be at 3pm.

Sisters Saturday of Service

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

They are collecting items for this 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). There is a table for these items in the foyer.

Directory Address Update

Polly Burchfield is now living with her son (Mark) at 1170 Hinson Rd.; Martinsville, IN 46151

Love Feast Fellowship

Our love feast for next Sunday will be cancelled due to it being Mother's Day.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, May 24th at 9am in the fellowship hall.

Administration Record

2025 Budget: \$178,787.94

Weekly Budget: \$3,438.23

Last Week's Offering: \$3,847.00

Attendance Last Week 78

Meditation of God's Word

Rooted in Christ

As Christians, it is so important to establish strong roots in Jesus Christ. If we are going to live out our purpose as followers of Christ, we cannot live the Christian life and fulfill the mission God has for us without being rooted in Christ. So, what does it mean to be rooted in Christ?

Understanding how a tree grows is the best way to describe what rooted in Christ means. If you envision a tree that grows in the ground, some trees grow hundreds of feet tall and even grow several branches during its lifetime. The strong roots of the tree are the foundation which allow the tree to grow tall and strong. The roots provide the foundation for the tree to grow and provide the necessary nutrients through the soil that the tree needs in order to grow and eventually produce fruit. If someone were to move or replant the tree, a gardener would have to dig and uproot the roots in order for the tree to survive in its new location. The tree's roots are essential to its growth.

Just like a tree, we are called to grow and produce fruit as Christians for God's glory. We are called to grow into mature Christians, and we are called to raise disciples and glorify God in the work he calls us to do. The key to our spiritual growth and bearing fruit is establishing strong roots in Jesus Christ. He provides all the essential nutrients we need to grow and bear fruit and also provides the foundation we need to stand firm when we face trials or tough seasons. Rooting yourself to Jesus means establishing a strong faith and reliance on Him so that you will not fall or be tossed around during trials.

Being rooted in Christ can also be described as establishing your life's foundation in Christ. This concept is described in the Bible in Luke 6:47-49. *"As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸ They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed, and its destruction was complete."* (NIV)

When you build your life on Christ and his Word, you are building a strong foundation for your life. Just like a house that is built on a rock, when you build your life on Jesus, you will be able to stand firm during trials or storms. You will not be tossed around when times get tough because you have built your life on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ.

Being rooted in Christ and building your life's foundation centered on Him is the key to standing firm in your faith and accomplishing what God has called you to do in this world. Beginning today, we are starting a series, from the book of Colossians, on this very topic to help us understand what the Bible says about our being rooted in Jesus, the author and sustainer of our lives and faith.

...Ronnie Hewitt