Sermon Notes

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, June 1, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Lonnie Hewitt

Scripture Reading: Clinton Nalley

Worship Leader: George Hewitt

Communion: Jacob Day

Sermon: Jason Pierce

Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon
Nursery: Hanna Redden (Sub: Sarah Day)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Kara Littleton

Schedule of Services

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

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Prayer Concerns

Polly Burchfield has been discharged from the hospital.
Cindy Davis started immunotherapy this past Thursday.
Gary Hout, member at Central Church of Christ in Bedford, is having kidney dialysis after undergoing Car T-cell Immunotherapy at St. Francis.
Pat Martin, Amy Wiwczaroski's dad, is recovering from cataract surgery and having a hole in his macula corrected.
Donald Shup, Eric Wiwczaroski's uncle, had a stroke and is doing physical therapy.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Bob Braun (Stan's co-worker, prostate cancer); **Bernice Brown** (former member, breathing issues); **Juanita Brunnemer** (Shut-in); **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in); **Brandon Chance** (Edie Short's nephew, deployed to Poland), **Sharon Cooper** (Dementia); **David Craig** (Stan's co-worker, prostate surgery on June 2nd); **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), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer); **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Pam Lasiter** (ongoing health issues); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Lynn** (aunt of Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law, breast and spine cancer); **Leah Raker** (David & Janice Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **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), **Blanche Taylor** (shut-in); **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Mary Walton** (shut-in, Compass Park), **Tiffany Watcom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, cancer); **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

Jason & Devan Pierce (Resident Missionary @ Freed-Hardeman University); **Caleb Pierce** (Student @ Bear Valley Bible Institute); **Jerris & Juanita Bullard** (India Missions); **Shults-Lewis Child & Family Services**

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, June 1	Ezra 9-10
Monday, June 2	Nehemiah 1-3
Tuesday, June 3	Nehemiah 4-6
Wednesday, June 4	Nehemiah 7-8
Thursday, June 5	Nehemiah 9-10
Friday, June 6	Nehemiah 11-13
Saturday, June 7	Esther 1-3

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

5th Richard Burris
7th Chase Tichenor

Anniversary

3rd Ronnie & Angie Hewitt (31yrs)
4th Phil & Cindie Cottingham (42yrs)

Encouragement Sunday

There are note cards on the table by the bulletin board that can be filled out and placed in the box and they will be mailed for you.

"Living with Loss Conference"

Hosted by the Central Church of Christ in Bedford (June 6-8) There is a flyer on the bulletin board with the times and topics.

Gospel Singing (5:00-6:30pm) & Ice Cream Social

June 7, 2025
Franklin Road Church of Christ
(950 N. Franklin Road; Indianapolis)

Love Feast Fellowship

June 8 is our next Family Fellowship Meal following our worship service. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite dish and/or dessert. Following our meal, we will be having our evening Bible Study. There will be no 5pm service.

Secret Sisters

Secret Sisters is starting up again on the 14th. If you would like to participate, there is a questionnaire on the table for you to fill out and give it to Kayla, Inez or Cindy Strope.

Sister's Saturday of Service

The ladies will be making fidget blankets on June 14th in the fellowship hall from 10am-4pm. These will be handed out at a facility for Alzheimer's and Dementia patients. Items they are collecting until June 8th are shoestrings, zippers, buttons (medium and large), fringe, snaps, clasp or buckles, D-rings, lace trim, stuffing and/or cotton balls, small stuffed objects that can be put in pants pockets, unused textured dust mop (loop fringe) old pant pockets (especially jeans).

Men's Prayer Breakfast

All of our men are encouraged to join us for a meal, a time of devotion, prayer, and fellowship on June 28th at 9am in the fellowship hall.

Administration Record

2025 Budget: $178,787.94 Weekly Budget: $3,438.23
Last Week's Offering: $3,852.00
Attendance Last Week 64

Meditation of God's Word

Bread of Life

John 6:48-51 "*I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down out of heaven, so that anyone may eat from it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats from this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I will give for the life of the world also is My flesh.*" (NASB)

I am sure much of Jesus' teaching must have sounded like riddles to the people who first heard it. Even now, 2000 years later, with the accumulation of centuries of Christian scholarship and commentaries in abundance, it still seems like a riddle. Jesus is thinking and speaking on a much higher level than we are accustomed to. His thoughts are the thoughts of heaven while our thoughts often remain fixed on the earth. Nevertheless, we can understand that even the miracle of manna in the wilderness did not sustain the Israelites to eternal life. The manna which fell from heaven was indeed a miracle from God, and the people ate it with glad hearts, yet they still died. While our first inclination is to put our hope in material things, spiritual things are better.

Jesus offers us the bread of life, which is the spiritual food that strengthens us for a heavenward journey. When we begin believing in Christ, this world is no longer our home; our home is now in heaven, and we must be prepared and strengthened for this higher journey. And while good religious practices may help us in our earthly journey, our ultimate goal is on a higher level. Jesus gave His body on the cross for our redemption, and when we meditate on this truth, we are partaking of the spiritual bread He offers. Jesus is likening Himself to the manna the Israelites ate in the wilderness. That manna sustained them all the way through the wilderness and into the promised land. So, Jesus wants to sustain us throughout our earthly journey all the way to the eternal kingdom of heaven.

Again, Jesus said that He was the bread of life, and that he who eats of it will live forever. The Jews quarreled among themselves and wondered how this could be. They knew of the manna that their fathers ate and received from heaven, but not this new heavenly bread that Jesus spoke of. What does it mean to eat the bread of life – the living bread from heaven?

When a loaf of bread is on a shelf in the grocery store, it has not become a part of me. But if I buy it, take it home and eat it, then the bread will become a part of me. The vitamins and minerals in the bread will, after a short time, be transported around the body and give me energy and strength for the day's activities. As long as the word of God, which can also be called the bread of life, only exists as letters in my Bible, the word of God has not become a part of me. But if I open the Bible, read what it says, believe it as it says and practice it as it says, then the word of God becomes a part of me and gives me life.

How about you? What are you eating? Are you satisfied with Christ? Do you feed on His death for you as your only hope of eternal life? Do you feed on Him daily in His Word as nourishment for your soul? Do you enjoy all that He is for you, both now and for eternity? If not, the answer is fairly simple: Change your diet!

....Ronnie Hewitt