Sermon Notes

Colossians 3:4-11; Exodus 20:14, 17; Matthew 5:28; Zechariah 1:1-6; Romans 1:18-25

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, June 22, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Rex DeFord

Scripture Reading: Ashton Hewitt (Colossians 3:4-7)

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Eric Wiwczaroski

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(The Transformative Journey)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

During Sermon
Nursery: Rhonda Denzio (Sub: Cindie Cottingham)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Crystal Miller

Schedule of Services

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

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Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following individuals in your thoughts and prayers:

Cindy Davis will be having surgery on the 27th. **Gloria** (friend of the Hagan's) is experiencing poor kidney function and heart issues. **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew) had coronary artery bypass grafting. **Nova** (Inez's 3yr old granddaughter) is doing well after colostomy surgery. **Kathy Nowak** (mother of Stan and Cindy's son-in-law) has been in the hospital struggling with COVID, pneumonia, and blood clot issues. **Wilma Tinkle** (Eric & Lyndsay Trostle's aunt) has lung cancer and has started chemo. **Della Turnbill** is having an echocardiogram on Monday. Mary Walton (Regina's mom) is recovering from back surgery.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

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, recovering from prostate surgery); **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus); **Cindy Davis** (immunotherapy); **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); **Pat Martin** (Amy's dad, recovering from eye surgery); **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome); **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis); **Megan Setser** (Wanda's neighbor, brain tumor); **Lonnie Shoopman** (non-Hodgkin lymphoma); **Barb Short** (Edie's sister-in-law, cancer); **Donald Shup** (Eric's uncle, recovering from stroke) **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, palliative care); **Barb Surber** (dementia); **Blanche Taylor** (shut-in); **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD); **Tiffany Waskom** (Crystal's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer); **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus); **Jimmy Wooten** (Parkinson's); **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's).

Feel free to send your support to the families mentioned. There are note cards by the bulletin board in the foyer that can be filled out and mailed for you.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, June 22	Psalm 32-37
Monday, June 23	Psalm 38-44
Tuesday, June 24	Psalm 45-51
Wednesday, June 25	Psalm 52-59
Thursday, June 26	Psalm 60-67
Friday, June 27	Psalm 68-71
Saturday, June 28	Psalm 72-77

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

None to Report

Anniversary

23rd Dan & Cindy Strope (35yrs)

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.

Secret Sisters

Secret sisters kicked off again yesterday. If you would like to participate, please see Kayla Stanton. There are still forms on the table at the back of the auditorium you can fill out and give to Kayla.

Church Clothes

For generations, people have dressed in their Sunday-best clothes to go to church. On arriving home, they place their Sunday-best neatly back into the closet – not to be worn again until the next service.

Often as Christians, we can be guilty of putting on church-personalities as we would our Sunday-best clothes. When in a Christian environment, we are bubbly, friendly and seemingly without a care in the world. We use the right spiritual words and catch-phrases, and all our actions are carefully pious.

We should consider why we do this and who we are fooling. Though we should always put on our best manners when in public, God has commanded our life be without hypocrisy. God sees and knows us as we really are – we can't fool Him with our church-going personality. Remember, just because our fellow Christians think highly of us, doesn't mean God does. We gain nothing of value by fooling our peers, and it's usually the very thing that stops us from having an honest relationship with both them and God.

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Administration Record

2025 Budget: $178,787.94 Weekly Budget: $3,438.23

Last Week's Offering: $1,625.00

Attendance Last Week 80

Meditation of God's Word

"Walking in Newness of Life"

Romans 6:1-4 presents a powerful theological challenge and reminder to believers, calling for a life transformed by grace. In these verses, the Apostle Paul explores the profound implications of baptism and the believer's union with Christ. He addresses foundational questions about sin, grace, and the new life that emerges from faith in Jesus Christ.

Paul begins this passage with a challenging rhetorical question: "*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase*?" (Romans 6:1, NASB) He then emphatically rejects this notion in verse 2, "*Far from it! How shall we who died to sin still live in it*?" Here, Paul not only dismisses the idea but also establishes the premise that believers have undergone a transformation so fundamental that continuing in sin contradicts their new identity in Christ.

Verses 3 and 4 delve deeper into this transformation, illustrating it through the metaphor of baptism. Baptism symbolizes a believer's identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Through this sacred act, believers enter into a spiritual union with Jesus, sharing in His victory over sin and death. The mention of Christ's death serves as a reminder of the cost of grace. It is not a license for complacency but a call to gratitude and obedience. As Christ died to defeat sin, so too are believers called to die to the power of sin in their lives. This spiritual death is not merely symbolic—it represents a profound shift in the believer's orientation, from self-centeredness to Christ-centeredness.

Paul continues in verse 4: "*...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*" The phrase "newness of life" captures the essence of the Christian journey. It signifies a life marked by transformation, purpose, and renewal through the power of the Holy Spirit. Walking in newness of life is not simply a matter of moral improvement or adherence to religious rituals. It is a complete reorientation of the heart and mind, empowered by God's grace. This new walk is characterized by love, humility, service, and holiness—qualities that reflect the nature of Christ Himself.

Romans 6:1-4 challenges believers to examine their lives in light of their baptismal identity. It raises important questions: Are we living as people who have died to sin? Are we embracing the newness of life that Christ offers? These verses call us to live intentionally, rejecting sin and pursuing righteousness through the strength God provides.

This passage also serves as a source of encouragement. While the journey of faith may be fraught with struggles, the believer's union with Christ ensures that they partake in His resurrection power. The same glory that raised Christ from the dead empowers believers to overcome sin and live victoriously in Him.

For the church, this passage is a call to renewed discipleship and accountability. It reminds us that baptism is not merely a ritual but a declaration of allegiance to Christ and a commitment to walk in His ways. Therefore, it is extremely important we help believers grow in their understanding of this truth and apply it in their daily lives. May these verses inspire us to embrace the transformative power of God's grace and live lives that bring glory to Him.

....Ronnie Hewitt