Sermon Notes

Colossians 3:1, 12-17; 2Timothy 1:9; and Colossians 1:21-22

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, June 29, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Eric Wiwczaroski

Scripture Reading: Chase Tichenor (Colossians 3:12-14)

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Ronnie Sutton

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(Clothed in Christ)

Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

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

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 is recovering from surgery. **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew) had coronary artery bypass grafting and is now on the kidney transplant list. **Kathy Nowak** (Jena Davis Nowak's mother-in-law, had to be taken back to the hospital); **Della Turnbill** had an echocardiogram and is wearing a heart monitor for a few weeks.

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); **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); **Gloria** (friend of Hagan's, kidney and heart issues); **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); **Nova** (Inez's 3yr old granddaughter, colostomy); **Kathy Nowak** (Jena [Davis] Nowak's mother-in-law, blood clot issues); **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, is doing therapy after having a stroke); **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, palliative care); **Barb Surber** (dementia); **Blanche Taylor** (shut-in); **Wilma Tinkle** (Lyndsay Trostle's aunt, chemo for lung cancer); **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).

Missions

Caleb Pierce (student at Bear Valley Bible Institute); **India** (Jerris & Juanita Bullard, 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, June 29	Psalm 78-81
Monday, June 30	Psalm 82-89
Tuesday, July 1	Psalm 90-97
Wednesday, July 2	Psalm 98-104
Thursday, July 3	Psalm 105-107
Friday, July 4	Psalm 108-116
Saturday, July 5	Psalm 117-118

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

30th Rachel Hewitt, Fred Lind
July 3rd Rusty Hanshaw, Wanda Weaver
4th Adam Johnson

Anniversary

None to Report

Encouragement Sunday

.....Next Sunday is encouragement day. There are note cards available on the table in the foyer, by the bulletin board, if you would like to pick one up and take home to fill out. Bring it back next Sunday, and it will be mailed for you.

Morning Glories' Ministry Brunch

The next brunch for our ladies will be on Saturday, July 12th at 10am in the fellowship hall.

Our next Love Feast Fellowship will be July 13th. Bring your favorite covered dish and dessert to share, and don't forget to invite someone to join you.

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

Garden Bros Nuclear Circus

The Garden Bros Nuclear Circus, with a Kids Fun Zone, will be at the Castleton Square Mall (July 10-13th). They are advertising free kid's tickets (ages 3-13) with paid adult tickets. There website is www.GardenBrosCircus.com

Administration Record

2025 Budget: $178,787.94 Weekly Budget: $3,438.23
Last Week's Offering: $3,410.00
Attendance Last Week 68

Meditation of God's Word

"Exploring the Incarnation of the Word"

John 1:14 stands as one of the most awe-inspiring and pivotal verses in all of Scripture. It declares a truth so profound that it has become the cornerstone of Christian faith and theology: "*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*" The mystery of the Incarnation—God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ—is both a deep well for theological reflection and a fountain of hope for every believer.

Before we can fully appreciate this verse, we must glance at its context. The Gospel of John opens not with a genealogy, nor with a birth narrative, but with a majestic hymn to the eternal Word (Logos). "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" (John 1:1). The opening verses take us from eternity past, where the Word is present with God, through the creation of all things, and finally to the dawning of a new era: "*The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world*" (John 1:9). All of this builds to the crescendo of verse 14, where John reveals the unthinkable: the eternal Word entered human history.

The wonder of the Incarnation is that God did not choose to reveal Himself from a distance. He stooped low, taking on our frailty, our vulnerability, our limitations. In Jesus, God embraced the fullness of human experience—birth and growth, hunger and fatigue, joy and sorrow, friendship and betrayal, even death itself. The Incarnation is the ultimate affirmation of the value and dignity of our humanity. God is not remote; He has come near.

The word "dwelt" in Greek (ἐσκήνωσεν, eskēnōsen) literally means "tabernacled" or "pitched His tent." This is a deliberate echo of the Old Testament, where God's presence dwelled in the tabernacle among the Israelites during their wilderness journey. Just as the glory of God once filled the tent of meeting, He was now present in the person of Jesus—not hidden behind veils or walls but walking the dusty roads of Galilee. To say that Jesus "tabernacled" among us is to affirm that God desires to be intimately involved in the human story. In Christ, God shares our neighborhoods, our struggles, and our celebrations. The Incarnate Word does not observe our lives from afar but lives them with us and for us.

So, what is the ongoing significance of the Incarnation? John 1:14 is not merely a theological statement; it is a living invitation. The truth that God became flesh challenges us to see the sacred in the ordinary, the divine in the midst of our humanity. It assures us that no part of our existence is untouched by God's compassion, and no burden is too heavy for His understanding. For those who feel alone, the Incarnation proclaims that God is with you, even in your isolation. For those suffering, Jesus knows pain and sorrow firsthand. God is not indifferent to your suffering. For those seeking truth, in Christ, the fullness of God's truth is revealed, not as some abstract doctrine but as the living Word. For those who long for grace, Jesus is the embodiment of God's gracious love, reaching to embrace and restore.

John 1:14 is a treasure that never diminishes in beauty or relevance. It assures us that God's heart is bent toward humanity, that divine glory is found in unexpected places, and that grace and truth are available to us in Jesus. As we meditate on these words, may we be drawn deeper into wonder, worship, and the joyful calling to be bearers of His presence in the world.

....Ronnie Hewitt