Sermon Notes

Colossians 2:20-23, Romans 5:8, Romans 8:1, 1Peter 5:2-3

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, June 8, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Randy Sowder

Scripture Reading: Keith Huesman (Colossians 2:20-23)

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Mickey McDaniel

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(The Appearance of Wisdom)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

During Sermon
Nursery: Debbie Smith (Sub: Kayla Stanton)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Rachel Hewitt

Schedule of Services

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

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Prayer Concerns

Cindy Davis has started immunotherapy and is scheduled for surgery on 27th.
Kathy Feldmeier injured her foot.
Gary Hout is still dealing with memory issues after undergoing Car T-cell Immunotherapy.
Megan Setser (Wanda's neighbor) will be having surgery due to a brain tumor.
Mary Walton (Regina Anderson's mom) has more fractures in her back and will be having surgery on the 16th.
Gloria (Hagan's friend) is experiencing poor kidney function and heart issues.

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); **Jerris & Juanita Bullard / Steve & Renee Gaudreau** (India Missions); **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 and waiting on test results); **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); **Caleb Pierce** (student, Bear Valley Bible Institute); **Jason & Devan Pierce** (Resident Missionary, Freed-Hardeman); **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); **Shults-Lewis** (staff & residents); **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); **Mary Walton** (Regina's mom, back fractures); **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)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, June 8	Esther 4-7
Monday, June 9	Esther 8-10
Tuesday, June 10	Job 1-5
Wednesday, June 11	Job 6-10
Thursday, June 12	Job 11-15
Friday, June 13	Job 16-21
Saturday, June 14	Job 22-28

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

9th Della Turnbill
11th Ashton Hewitt
13th Stan Davis

Anniversary

None to Report

Love Feast Fellowship

Today is our Family Fellowship Meal following our worship service. Everyone is encouraged to stay and join us. 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. If you are not able to be there on the 14th, Kayla will have your secret sister's info for you on Sunday, the 15th.

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 Wednesday, June 11th 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: $3,765.00
Attendance Last Week 67

Meditation of God's Word

"Seeing the Pharisee Within"

The Pharisees were the standard of holiness in Jesus' day. They were also, at least in general, arrogant and mean. Instead of showing mercy and leading people to God, they often condemned and discouraged the people. Many times, Jesus called them out for their judgmental attitudes, usually using terms like "blind fools, snakes, and hypocrites" (Matt 23:16-33). No wonder they weren't fans.

The crazy thing is, they thought they were pleasing God. They were working hard to eradicate sin in themselves and in the people around them. Unfortunately, they were missing the message of Jesus entirely. The Pharisees were frustrated with Jesus because He was supposed to be a rabbi, yet He often seen with those they considered heathens. They believed the point was to avoid sin, but Jesus had a habit of seeking out sinners. Therefore, they began asking the question, "Why are you a friend to such terrible, awful sinners?" Jesus' answer was brilliant but often misinterpreted. He replied, "*It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.*" (Mar 2:17, NASB)

If you've been around the church for a while, you've probably heard this verse before. Most people would hear this and agree that this is a noble, compassionate sentiment. I wonder if even the Pharisees appreciated it. Did they say to themselves, "Oh, that makes sense. He's trying to help those poor, misguided souls. He wants to show them their wrongs so they can turn their behavior around. He's just like us: a good person helping bad people be better." However, they missed the point completely. And honestly, we often do as well. Apart from Jesus, there is no such thing as a "good person." There is no distinction between righteous people and unrighteous people, or between healthy people and sick people. Without the grace of Jesus, there is only one category for all people: sinner. Jesus was trying to communicate a message, but many missed it. He was saying He came to save everyone, but only those who recognize their need for salvation will be saved.

Just like the Pharisees, when we miss Jesus' message, we become blinded by our good works, religion, and self-effort. We think there are areas in our lives that are righteous apart from grace. The gospel of Jesus doesn't lead us to arrogance of self, but to submission to Jesus. It leads to humility and to dependence on God.

It is so easy to judge the Pharisees because they seem like fictitious characters to us. And yet, from time to time, I think there is a Pharisee in each of us. I recognize his selfish ways whenever I think I am better than someone, and whenever I compare my sin to someone else's sin, and when I think my morality impresses God. Truth is, whenever I think I am any different from Levi, the tax collector, I am in danger of missing Jesus' message. His message is that we are all sick, and that He came to heal us. We are sinners, and He came to call us to repentance. In Him, there is grace, there is wholeness, and there is life. Outward actions and changed lifestyles are important, and that is what Jesus desired to impact. When we meet Jesus and recognize the Pharisee within, we can experience genuine life change. The reasonable response to a true encounter with Christ is an inner and outer transformation. Your priorities change, your values change, you change.

....Ronnie Hewitt