Sermon Notes

2Chronicles 6:36-40; Daniel 6:10,16, 20, 22; Psalm 34:7; Daniel 6:26-27

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, July 13, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Mickey McDaniel

Scripture Reading: Clinton Nalley (2Chronicles 6:36-40)

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Rick Lowe

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(Faith to Face Lions)

Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

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

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:

Gavin Brooks (2mth old son of Keith Huesman's friend) has heart issues; **Tylee Daniel** (Sara Day's friend) antibiotics for blood infection are working. She was able to return home. **Cindy Davis** is doing well and continues to recover from surgery. Her tests show that she is in remission. She continues with immunotherapy treatment. **Pat Martin** (Amy's dad) is having brain shunt surgery on the 17th. **Melissa Stephens** (Randy & Gina's daughter) is having knee replacement surgery on Monday. She has to have her pacemaker turned off during the procedure.

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); Jamie Jones (Hagan's nephew) recovering from coronary artery bypass and is on the kidney transplant list); **Martin Julian** (Shut-In); **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer); **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); **Kathy Ley-Taylor** (Wanda Weaver's friend, esophageal and lung cancer, undergoing chemo; **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).

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, July 13	Proverbs 14-17
Monday, July 14	Proverbs 18-21
Tuesday, July15	Proverbs 22-24
Wednesday, July 16	Proverbs 25-28
Thursday, July 17	Proverbs 29-31
Friday, July 18	Ecclesiastes 1-6
Saturday, July 19	Ecclesiastes 7-12

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

13th Tana Kay Marriott
14th Devin Jones
15th Colin Anderson

Anniversary

15th Clinton & Renie Nalley (36yrs)
17th Keith & Debby Huesman (42yrs)
18th Justin & Kayla Stanton (6yrs)

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

Assistive Listening Device

We have listening devices available in the sound booth for your use during the worship service. Please see the men in the back to receive one.

Administration Record

2025 Budget: $178,787.94 Weekly Budget: $3,438.23
Last Week's Offering: $2,617.00
Attendance Last Week 71

Meditation of God's Word

"A Blessed Person: A Life Set Apart"

Psalm 1 stands as the threshold to the Book of Psalms, as it serves as the gateway which frames the spiritual journey upon which every soul embarks. It is brief—just six verses—but within its simplicity lies a profound wisdom, a call to choose between two distinct ways: the way of the righteous and the way of the wicked. This psalm invites us to examine our lives, our choices, and our destinies.

Psalm 1:1-6, "*Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, [2] but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on His law day and night. [3] That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither-- whatever they do prospers. [4] Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. [5] Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. [6] For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.*" (NIV)

This psalm opens with a declaration of blessedness. "*Blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the seat of mockers.*" Here, the "blessed" person is not simply happy in the fleeting sense of the word, but deeply rooted in a sense of spiritual well-being, flourishing under the watchful gaze of God.

Notice the progression: walk, stand, sit. Each verb describes increasing levels of engagement with the forces that draw us away from God. At first, there is casual movement—walking in the counsel of the wicked, perhaps considering the world's advice. Then there is pausing—standing among sinners, becoming more comfortable in their company. Finally, there is settling—sitting in the seat of mockers, identifying oneself with those who scorn what is holy.

This gradual drift illustrates the subtlety of spiritual decline. Rarely does one leap headlong into folly; instead, it happens step by step, as we become accustomed to values and voices that pull us from the path of blessing. The psalmist draws our attention not to outward actions alone, but to the inward orientation of the heart—a heart that is set apart, that resists conformity to a world often at odds with the purposes of God.

The blessed person resists this downward spiral. They are set apart, not by isolation from the world, but by discerning engagement with it. Their choices are intentional, and their allegiance is clear. Truth is: Who we listen to shapes who we become. The psalmist warns us that the company we keep and the counsel we heed can either nurture our spiritual growth or choke it. Are we tuning our ears to voices that affirm God's truth and love, or do we allow our minds to be led by cynicism, materialism, and mockery? The blessed person is vigilant about their influences, guarding their hearts against paths that lead to emptiness.

In this psalm, we find both a warning and a promise. The two ways are before us—one leading to lasting blessing, the other to emptiness. The choice is made daily, moment by moment, in where we walk, where we stand, and where we choose to dwell. May we be counted among those whose delight is in the law of the Lord, planted by streams that never run dry.

...Ronnie Hewitt