Sermon Notes

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, July 27, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Rick Lowe

Scripture Reading: Chase Tichenor (Galatians 6:9)

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Jacob Day

Sermon: Isaiah Echols
(In Due Season)

Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon
Nursery: Rhonda Denzio (Sub: Cindie Cottingham)
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

Please keep the following individuals in your thoughts and prayers:

Eric Chamberlain (Logan's dad) has a rare form of skin cancer. He is waiting to find out if he needs radiation therapy. **Kathy Feldmeier** has been dealing with low blood pressure and dizziness. She is also to have a MRI of her spine and see a surgeon. **Julie Manley** (Amy Wiwczaroski's sister) is having some health issues and is wearing a heart monitor. **Kay Roberts** (former member) fell and broke her hip. **Melissa Stephens** (Randy & Gina's daughter) is recovering from knee replacement surgery and has started therapy. **Wanda Weaver's** kidneys have improved some. She is now stage 3 instead of stage 4. **Heather Wiwczaroski** (Eric's sister-in-law) had surgery to fuse her spine and had some difficulties with bleeding.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Gavin Brooks (2mth old son of Keith Huesman's friend, heart issues); **Juanita Brunnemer** (Shut-in); **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in); **Brian Burris** (Richard's brother recovering from heart attack); **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); **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome); **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis); **Megan Setser** (Wanda's neighbor, recovering from brain tumor surgery); **Lonnie Shoopman** (non-Hodgkin lymphoma); **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** (kidney disease and lupus); **Jimmy Wooten** (Parkinson's); **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's).

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, July 27	Isaiah 26-28
Monday, July 28	Isaiah 29-31
Tuesday, July 29	Isaiah 32-35
Wednesday, July 30	Isaiah 36-38
Thursday, July 31	Isaiah 39-42
Friday, August 1	Isaiah 43-47
Saturday, August 2	Isaiah 48-51

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

27th Crystal Miller
30th Marsha Lowes
Aug. 2nd Ed Tichenor

Anniversary

30th Logan & Taylor Chamberlain (9yrs)

Assistive Listening Device

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

Monthly Calendar

The August Worship and Event calendar is available on the table at the back of the auditorium.

Thank You!

The Memory Care Units at Franklin Meadows, Compass Park, and Home View would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who took part in donating to and making the fidget blankets. The 25 blankets were greatly appreciated.

Encouragement Sunday

.....Next Sunday is Encouragement Day. There are note cards available for you to pick up and bring back next week. You can place them in the box on the table in the foyer, by the bulletin board, and they will be mailed for you.

Morning Glories' Ministry Brunch

The next brunch for our ladies will be on Saturday, August 9th at 10am in the fellowship hall.

Sympathy

Our prayers and love are extended to Barbara Houchin and family in the passing of Ted Houchin (former member). He passed away last Sunday night. A Celebration of Life will take place Monday at 2pm at Flinn & Maquire Funeral Home in Franklin. Visitation will be from 11am-2pm.

Administration Record

2025 Budget: $178,787.94 Weekly Budget: $3,438.23
Last Week's Offering: $5,931.00
Attendance Last Week 74

Meditation of God's Word

"A Call for Humility and Repentance"

James 4:8-10, "*Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.* [9] *Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.* [10] *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.*" (NIV)

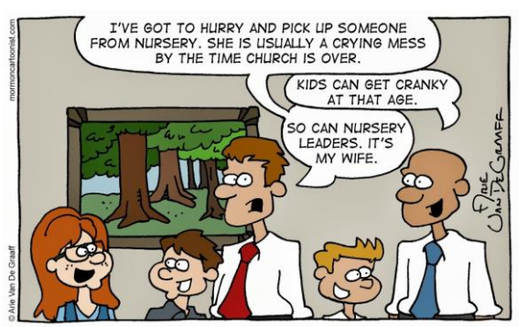
Verse 8 begins with an invitation to draw near to God, promising that God will reciprocate this action. This emphasizes the importance of seeking a close relationship with God, which requires intentional effort and a sincere heart.

The call to "wash your hands" and "purify your hearts" signifies the need for both external and internal cleansing. The language of this metaphor highlights the importance of living a life that is both outwardly and inwardly pure. It addresses the issue of being "double-minded," urging believers to have a singular focus on God.

James uses strong language to describe the emotional response to sin: "Grieve, mourn and wail." This reflects a deep sense of sorrow and regret for one's sins. The transformation from laughter to mourning and joy to gloom signifies a genuine repentance and acknowledgment of one's wrongdoing.

The final exhortation is to "humble yourselves before the Lord." Humility is a key theme in the Bible, and it involves recognizing one's dependence on God and submitting to His will. The promise that "He will lift you up" assures us that God honors and exalts those who humble themselves before Him.

This passage serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of humility, repentance, and a sincere relationship with God. By drawing near to God, cleansing ourselves from sin, expressing genuine repentance, and humbling ourselves, we can experience God's uplifting presence in our lives.

The above passage encourages humility before God, teaching that those who humble themselves will be lifted up by the Lord. The verse emphasizes the importance of recognizing one's dependence on God rather than relying on personal pride or self-sufficiency. By embracing a humble attitude, individuals open themselves to God's grace and receive honor and support in accordance with divine wisdom and timing.

...Ronnie Hewitt