Sermon Notes

Exodus 14:11, 13-16, 31; Phil 1:4-6; Exodus 15:11-13

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, July 6, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Lonnie Hewitt

Scripture Reading: Heath Reeves (Exodus 14:13-14)

Worship Leader: Jacob Day

Communion: Dan Strope

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(Crossing the Impossible)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

During Sermon
Nursery: Megan Johnson (Sub: Kathy Hanshaw)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: GayLee Sutton

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:

Judy Cooper (Wanda's friend) is dealing with spiritual struggles. **Cindy Davis** is doing well and recovering from surgery. **John Fletcher** (former elder) is recovering from a light stroke. **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew) had coronary artery bypass grafting and is now on the kidney transplant list. **Pat Martin** (Amy's dad) is having brain shunt surgery on the 17th. **Melissa Stephens** (Randy & Gina's daughter) is having a knee preplacement on the 14th. She has to have her pacemaker turned off during the procedure. **Kathy Ley-Taylor** (Wanda's friend) has esophageal and lung cancer, undergoing chemo. **Wanda Weaver** is having another EGD on Tuesday.

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); **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); **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 6	Psalm 119
Monday, July 7	Psalm 120-135
Tuesday, July 8	Psalm 136-142
Wednesday, July 9	Psalm 143-150
Thursday, July 10	Proverbs 1-4
Friday, July 11	Proverbs 5-8
Saturday, July 12	Proverbs 9-13

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

9th John Denzio, Brenda Lind

Anniversary

None to Report

Encouragement Sunday

.....Today is Encouragement Day. There are note cards available for you to fill out and place 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, July 12th at 10am in the fellowship hall.

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 at 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: $4,338.00

Attendance Last Week 65

Meditation of God's Word

"What a Wretched Man I Am"

The cry of "*What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death*?" found in Romans 7:24 echoes through the centuries as a sad expression of human struggle. Penned by the Apostle Paul, this verse captures the profound inner turmoil faced when grappling with personal weakness and the persistent pull of sin.

In the 7th chapter, Paul describes an internal battle where he desires to do good, yet finds himself repeatedly failing, ensnared by his own shortcomings and the power of sin residing within him. Paul's words are not merely abstract theology but a candid admission of the universal human condition. The "law" reveals what is right, but it also highlights one's inability to fully live up to its standards. Paul's anguished confession: "What a wretched man I am!", is a climactic moment in his examination of the soul's conflict.

The term "wretched" used by Paul is loaded. It conveys not only a sense of misery and distress but is also a recognition of one's helplessness. It is the cry of someone who recognizes their own limitations, the weight of their failures, and the gap between who they are and who they long to become. Paul's lament is familiar to anyone who has ever felt torn between noble intentions and disappointing actions.

The verse is not the endpoint, but a turning point. Immediately after his anguished cry, Paul gives thanks: "*Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord*!" (Romans 7:25, NIV). This turn from despair to gratitude underscores the Christian belief that, while human effort is insufficient, grace is sufficient.

Romans 7:24 remains relevant for modern readers wrestling with their own imperfections. It provides comfort and solidarity, reminding us that the battle with weakness is not a solitary one. Like Paul, individuals today can acknowledge their struggles, seek help, and look beyond themselves for transformation.

Reflecting on this passage can inspire humility and compassion, both for oneself and for others. It invites honesty before God and community, opening the way for support, growth, and ultimately, hope.

"*What a wretched man I am*!"—Paul's cry in Romans 7:24—captures the universal human experience of struggle and longing for redemption. It is a reminder that while the journey is marked by weakness, it can also be crowned with grace. In the midst of despair, Paul points to the answer: deliverance comes through faith, hope, and the enduring love of God.

Again, Romans 7:24-25 is a story of despair, humanity, and the path to redemption. "*What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? 25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.*" (NIV)

....Ronnie Hewitt