Sermon Notes

Proverbs 3:5-6; John 10:10; Colossians 2:6-7; Luke 11:28; James 1:22; 1Thessalonians 5:11; 2Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 1:1-3; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, August 10, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Rick Lowe

Scripture Reading: Clinton Nalley (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Dan Strope

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(Lead the Christian Life)

Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

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

Schedule of Services

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

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Prayer Requests

Newer Concerns

Tony Dowell, new sister in Christ, had surgery Wednesday in hopes of determining her stomach issues. **Kathy Feldmeier** has been dealing with low blood pressure and GI issues. She is also going to be having injections in her spine on the 27th. **Helen Shoopman**, hurt her knee. She was given an injection. **Gay Lee Sutton** will be doing injections in her back. **Wanda Weaver** has fractured her wrist and hurt her shoulder and is in a sling.

Long Term Concerns

Samantha Brazel, GayLee's granddaughter, has been moved to a medical residential facility in Denver; **Gavin Brooks,** infant 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, has bone cancer & lupus; **Cindy Davis** is undergoing immunotherapy; **Pam Dowty,** Ronnie Sutton's sister, has Parkinson's; **Isaiah Echols** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He has an appointment on the 27th to discuss treatment; **Robert Ewing**, GayLee's nephew, has bone & liver cancer; **Gloria**, friend of Hagan's, kidney and heart issues; **Donna Hall** has dementia; **Moe Handy** has shoulder, back & sciatic pain; **Angie Hewitt** undergoing treatment for severe migraines, and recently lost job; **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; **Julie Manley**, Amy Wiwczaroski's sister, is waiting for the results of the heart monitor; **Pam Lasiter** (ongoing health issues); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments); **Lynn,** aunt of Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law, breast and spine cancer; **Clayton Marrott** has intestinal issues; **Leah Raker**, the Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome; **Kay Roberts**, former member, is recovering from broken hip; **Anthony Ross,** Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis; **Tim Scott**, Cindy Strope's brother, is suffering with palsy – being treated with steroids; **Megan Setser,** Wanda's neighbor, recovering from brain tumor surgery; **Lonnie Shoopman** (non-Hodgkin lymphoma); **Melissa Stephens**, Gina's daughter, recovering from knee replacement; **Vonnie Stonebraker,** Sowder's neighbor, palliative care; **Barb Surber** (dementia); **Blanche Taylor** (shut-in); **Delbert Vibbert**, Lougene's nephew, COPD; **Tiffany Waskom**, Crystal Miller's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer; **Wanda Weaver**, kidney disease and lupus; **Amy Wiwczaroski** is asking for prayers for strength in dealing with family grief and their medical issues; **Heather Wiwczaroski**, Eric's sister-in-law, recovering from spine surgery; **Jimmy Wooten** (Parkinson's); **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's).

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, August 10	Jeremiah 10-12
Monday, August 11	Jeremiah 13-15
Tuesday, August 12	Jeremiah 16-18
Wednesday, August 13	Jeremiah 19-22
Thursday, August 14	Jeremiah 23-25
Friday, August 15	Jeremiah 26-27
Saturday, August 16	Jeremiah 28-30

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

10th Addison Johnson
14th Tammy Burris

Anniversary

None to Report

The Gospel of Christ

The Gospel of Christ is a Media Program designed to "take the WHOLE gospel to the WHOLE world." They air on over 200 television stations across the world as well as a streaming and on-demand content base. They currently have channels on Roku, Amazon Fire TV, YouTube Music, TuneIn Radio Podcasts, Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, Amazon Music, GospelRadio247, and Apple TV. You can also find them on the app store! Their URL is www.thegospelofchrist.com

New Sister in Christ

Let us rejoice together as we warmly welcome Tonya Dowell, who was baptized into Christ last Sunday. We invite you to introduce yourself to her and her husband, Rodney, and share in their joy.

Movie Night

Join us Friday, August 15th as we view the latest installment of God's Not Dead series, entitled: "In God We Trust" at 7pm here at the building. You are also invited to bring a sack-dinner and participate in fellowship together before the movie from 6:15-6:45pm in the fellowship hall.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Our next breakfast will be Saturday, August 23rd at 9am in the fellowship hall. All men (young and old alike) are invited to join us for a time of fellowship, prayer and a devotional. See Clinton Nalley or Lonnie Hewitt for more info.

Sister's Day

Our ladies are hosting a Sister's Day on Saturday, September 13th, from 10am-3pm. Lunch will be provided. The Theme is "We are Missionaries," with a focus on the home, in the workforce, and in the world. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the involvement board in the foyer. Please take time to register so they know how much food to have prepared. Also, don't forget to invite others.

Administration Record

2025 Budget: $178,787.94 Weekly Budget: $3,438.23

Last Week's Offering: $4,525.00

Attendance Last Week 75

Meditation of God's Word

"Understanding the Temptations of Jesus"

The Temptations of Jesus occupy a central place in Christian theology, offering a reflective glimpse into the nature of Christ and the fundamental spiritual struggles faced by all mankind. This narrative, recounted in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, is rich in symbolism and meaning, inviting readers to reflect on the nature of temptation, the character of Jesus, and the path of spiritual victory.

The temptations faced by Jesus are not arbitrary, nor are they simply about personal weakness. Instead, they represent three core areas in which mankind experiences trials: physical need, spiritual pride, and worldly ambition.

First Temptation: After forty days of fasting, Jesus is hungry. The devil approaches with a deceptively simple suggestion: "*If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread*." On the surface, this is about satisfying a natural need. Yet, at a deeper level, it is a challenge to Jesus' trust in God's provision. Would He use His divine power for self-gratification, or would He remain dependent on His Father and trust in His provision?

In the 2nd temptation, the devil leads Jesus to the pinnacle of the Temple in Jerusalem—a place teeming with symbolic importance and at the very heart of religious life. Here, the adversary's challenge is more subtle and sinister. He quotes Scripture itself—"*If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'*" This temptation is not centered on physical need but on spiritual pride and the misuse of divine authority. The devil entices Jesus to prove his identity and the Father's favor by performing a miraculous act of self-preservation. At first glance, such a display might seem to glorify God, yet beneath the surface lies a demand that God conform to human expectations, that divine protection be forced or flaunted rather than received in trust. Here, Jesus exposes the spiritual pride that so easily entangles the human heart and calls all who follow Him to the humility of childlike faith—a faith that does not manipulate or test but simply trusts and obeys.

The 3rd temptation strikes at the very heart of ambition and authority. The tempter's words are clear and bold: "*To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours*" (Luke 4:6-7). The offer is staggering as this was not about simply one kingdom, but all: not merely earthly power, but the very glory of the nations. This promise is laced with both truth and deception. Here, Jesus is invited to seize what will one day be His by right, but to do so on the enemy's terms and methods. The path of suffering is replaced by the lure of immediate supremacy, the call to worship God alone is exchanged for the worship of the tempter. It is a test not just of means, but of allegiance—a question of whom Jesus will serve and how He will reign.

Jesus' stand against the devil's temptations, reminds us that resistance is possible, and that faithfulness is not passive resignation, but an active, courageous stand. To worship God alone is to declare that worth, identity, and destiny are not commodities to be bargained, but gifts to be received and stewarded. It is to choose the often-hidden path of integrity over the brightly lit avenue of instant success.

...Ronnie Hewitt