Sermon Notes

Isa. 59:16-17; Psa. 69:7-9; Jn 4:34; Prov. 13:4; Eccl. 9:10; Gal. 4:18; 1Cor. 14:12; Josh. 14:11; Tit. 2:11-14; Rev. 2:5; Rom.12:10-12

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, August 17, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Dan Strope

Scripture Reading: Colin Anderson (Romans 12:10-12)

Worship Leader: Jacob Day

Communion: Lonnie Hewitt

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(Zealous for God / Reigniting Your Passion)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

During Sermon
Nursery: Debbie Smith (Sub: Hanna Redden)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Crystal Miller

Schedule of Services

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

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Welcome

Thank you for being with us. Whether you come with faith that is strong or questioning, joy or sorrow, weariness or hope, you are welcome here. This is a moment set apart from the ordinary, where all are invited to pause, breathe, and find meaning together. May this time be for you a source of renewal, hope, and belonging.

Prayer Requests

Tana Kay Marriott came forward last Sunday requesting prayers on her behalf. She has a court date on Aug 25th and is also looking for new living accommodations that she can afford. **Helen Shoopman** hurt her knee. She was given an injection. **Gay Lee Sutton** saw a doctor this past Thursday concerning her back pain. **Wanda Weaver** has fractured her wrist and shoulder.

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 looking for a new 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; **Anthony Ross,** Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis; **Tim Scott**, Cindy Strope's brother, has palsy and is being treated with steroids; **Megan Setser,** Wanda's neighbor, is recovering from brain tumor surgery; **Lonnie Shoopman** (non-Hodgkin lymphoma); **Melissa Stephens**, Gina's daughter, therapy after 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).

Administration Record

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

Last Week's Offering: $3,141.00

Attendance Last Week 82

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

18th Mickey McDaniel
19th Kaitlynn Parrott
20th Virginia Short
22nd GayLee Sutton

Anniversary

18th Ed & Lavana Tichenor (46yrs)

New Brother in Christ

Let us rejoice together. Larry Brunnemer, Juanita Brunnemer's son, accepted Jesus Christ in baptism last Tuesday.

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.

Boys to Men Campout

Mark your calendars for the annual campout. This year, it is set for October 10-11. All ages are welcome to join us. There will be more information shared as it gets closer.

Gospel Meeting

The Morgan Street Church of Christ is hosting a fall meeting with Br. Donnie Vick (Shelbyville Road Church of Christ) on September 12-14th. Their theme is: "The Bible and Me!" There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board listing worship times and the church's address.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, August 17	Jeremiah 31-32
Monday, August 18	Jeremiah 33-35
Tuesday, August 19	Jeremiah 36-38
Wednesday, August 20	Jeremiah 39-41
Thursday, August 21	Jeremiah 42-44
Friday, August 22	Jeremiah 45-48
Saturday, August 23	Jeremiah 49-50

Meditation of God's Word

Re-ignite Your Passion / Zeal

There are moments in every believer's journey when the flame of devotion wavers—when spiritual vigor is dampened by the trials of life, complacency, or the subtle pull of worldly distractions. Yet, scripture calls us to a faith that is alive, fervent, and ablaze, echoing the words of Paul: "*Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord*" (Romans 12:11, NIV).

From Genesis to Revelation, fire signifies God's presence, power, and purity. In Exodus, God appeared to Moses in a burning bush that was not consumed (Exodus 3:2-4). This fire symbolized God's holiness and His call to action. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit is described as tongues of fire resting upon the apostles at Pentecost (Acts 2:3-4), empowering them for witness and ministry. Spiritual fire, then, represents God at work within us—energizing, purifying, and guiding. When this fire dims, our faith can become routine, our service obligatory, and our joy diminished. But God invites us to return and be re-ignited.

Re-igniting our zeal for the Lord is a profound and transformative journey. Recognizing our need for renewal is not a mark of failure, but a courageous acknowledgement that we long for God's presence to burn brightly within us once more. This honest admission opens the door for transformation. When we humbly confess our spiritual dryness, God meets us with grace and invites us to realign our hearts. The journey back to spiritual vitality often begins with a yearning—an echo of David's plea: "*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me*" (Psalm 51:12). In these moments, God's desire is not to condemn, but to beckon us closer, kindling hope where apathy once lingered.

Here are some ways to re-ignite your passion for the Lord:

- **Reflect on Scripture**: Spend time reading, studying, and meditating on God's Word. In His Word, we can find strength and encouragement to continue in the faith.
- **Prayer and Worship**: Engage in regular prayer and worship. These practices help us to connect with God on a personal level, express our gratitude, and seek His guidance.
- **Community and Fellowship**: Surround yourself with a community of believers who can support and encourage you in your faith journey. Fellowship with others can provide accountability and inspiration.
- **Service and Ministry**: Get involved in serving others and participating in ministry activities. Serving others can help us to live out our faith and experience the joy of making a difference in the lives of others.
- **Personal Reflection**: Take time to reflect on your spiritual journey. Identify areas where you may have grown distant from God and seek ways to renew your commitment to Him.
- **Spiritual Growth Resources**: Utilize books, podcasts, and other resources that can help you grow in your faith and deepen your understanding of God's love and purpose for your life.

Remember, re-igniting your zeal for the Lord is a continuous process that requires dedication and an open heart. May your journey be filled with renewed faith, hope, and love.

...Ronnie Hewitt