Sermon Notes

Hebrews 4:11-12, 2; 1Thessalonians 2:13; 2Timothy 3:16; Romans 15:4; Psalm 119:18; Psalm 139:1-4

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, August 3, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Rex DeFord

Scripture Reading: Ashton Hewitt (Hebrews 4:12)

Worship Leader: George Hewitt

Communion: Lonnie Hewitt

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(The Power of God's Word)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

During Sermon
Nursery: Cindie Cottingham (Sub: Debbie Smith)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Rachel Hewitt

Schedule of Services

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

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Prayer Concerns

Please join us in prayer for…

Eric Chamberlain (Logan's dad) had successful surgery to remove skin cancer. He is waiting to find out if he needs radiation therapy. **Isaiah Echols** has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is to see a Urologist and surgeon on the 27th to discuss treatment. **Kathy Feldmeier** has been dealing with low blood pressure and dizziness. She is also going to be having injections in her spine on the 27th. **Julie Manley** (Amy Wiwczaroski's sister) is waiting for the results of the heart monitor. **Clayton Marriott** is still dealing with intestinal issues. **Tim Scott** (Cindy Strope's brother) is suffering with palsy on his right side. **Gay Lee Sutton** will be doing injections in her back. **Amy Wiwczaroski** is asking for prayers for strength in dealing with family grief and their medical issues.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

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, 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); **Kay Roberts** (recovering from broken hip); **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis); **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's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer); **Wanda Weaver** (kidney disease and lupus); 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 3	Isaiah 52-56
Monday, August 4	Isaiah 57-59
Tuesday, August 5	Isaiah 60-63
Wednesday, August 6	Isaiah 64-66
Thursday, August 7	Jeremiah 1-3
Friday, August 8	Jeremiah 4-6
Saturday, August 9	Jeremiah 7-9

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

6th Joel Westberry
8th Debbie Smith

Anniversary

None to Report

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.

Encouragement Sunday

…..Today is Encouragement Day. There are note cards available for you to fill out. 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 this Saturday, August 9th at 10am in the fellowship hall.

Northside Church of Christ

(Jeffersonville, IN)

Dr. Jerry & Lynn Jones present their "Relationship Matters Seminar," August 10-13. The cost is $5 a person. They will be discussing how to navigate the tricky waters of marriage and relationships with honesty, humor, and hope. You can sign up for the seminar at https://northsidechurch.tithelysetup.com There is an ad on the bulletin board showing the seminar schedule.

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

Administration Record

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

Last Week's Offering: $3,283.00

Attendance Last Week 72

Meditation of God's Word

"Paul's Perspective"

Paul (formerly "Saul") was considered a "Hebrew of Hebrews." He was the product of fine Jewish ancestry that could be traced back to Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac and Abraham (2Cor 11:22; Rom 11:1). As you read his letters, you find frequent references to the law of Moses. Paul belonged to the Pharisees, an elite sect that followed the law very strictly. They viewed the law as the way to reach God. Paul's religion depended on many fleshly things: whether it was his own effort at keeping rules and regulations, his earthly ancestry, or the fleshly mark of circumcision. That is why he called that type of religion "*confidence in the flesh*." He felt very confident that his fleshly credentials made him acceptable to God.

He says in Phil 3:4-6, "*If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: [5] circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; [6] as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless*" (ESV). He seemed to excel at "righteousness under the law." He was "zealous for God" (Ac 22:3) and lived before God "in all good conscience" (Ac 23:1). He was making great progress along the road of Judaism, and he truly believed this road led to God.

Paul would eventually meet God, but not in the way he expected. In his great zeal, he sought to destroy the new religion of faith in Jesus. He began to persecute those who expressed this new religion of faith. As he traveled to Damascus to terrorize the believers there. Along that road, the Lord appeared to him in a blinding light. Paul's religious beliefs exploded as he realized that all his fleshly credentials had been for nothing. He realized just how empty and futile his old ways had been. His Jewish qualifications were rubbish compared with God's true way of salvation.

"*But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. [8]What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus as my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage (rubbish), that I may gain Christ [9]and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.*" (Phil 3:7-9, NIV)

Paul's transformation was nothing short of miraculous. From a staunch persecutor of Christians, he became one of the most influential apostles of Christ. His encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus was a turning point that reshaped his entire belief system. No longer did he place his confidence in the flesh or in his Jewish heritage. Instead, he found true righteousness through faith in Christ.

Paul's journey of faith serves as a powerful reminder that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace. His life story encourages us to let go of our past mistakes and to embrace the new life that is available through faith in Christ. Just as Paul was transformed, we too can experience this transformation.

…Ronnie Hewitt