Sermon Notes

Matthew 4:1-4; Psalm 1:1-3; Deuteronomy 8:1-3; John 1:1, 14; Matthew 26:51-52; 2Peter 1:5

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, August 31, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Eric Wiwczaroski

Scripture Reading: Keith Huesman (Matthew 4:1-4)

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Rick Lowe

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(God's Word in You)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

During Sermon
Nursery: Kayla Stanton (Sub: Kathy Hanshaw)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Angie McDaniel

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

Edie Culin, friend of Eric and Amy has stage 2 rectal cancer lymphoma. Undergoing chemo infusions. **Rex & Karen DeFord** leave Saturday and will be traveling out west during the month of September. **Frank Denzio,** John's brother, has been in the hospital this past week with kidney and liver issues. **Isaiah Echols's** biopsy results for prostate cancer showed 2 of them detected cancer of 5%. At this time, he is just going to be monitored with blood work, exams, and MRI for any changes. **Kathy Feldmeier** had back injections on Wednesday and saw her doctor on Friday concerning the 1.5cm mass on head/neck area. **Tana Kay Marriott's** court date was moved to Sept. 10th. **GayLee Sutton** will be having back injections on Sept. 4th.

Long Term Concerns

Samantha Brazel, GayLee's granddaughter, residential facility. **Gavin Brooks,** infant son of Keith Huesman's friend, heart issues. **Brian Burris,** Richard's brother, is recovering from a heart attack. **Brandon Chance**, Edie Short's nephew, is deployed to Poland. **Susie Crecelous**, GayLee's friend, has bone cancer & lupus. **Cindy Davis** is undergoing radiation. **Pam Dowty,** Ronnie Sutton's sister, has Parkinson's. **Robert Ewing**, GayLee's nephew, has bone & liver cancer. **Gloria**, friend of Hagan's, kidney and heart issues. **Donna Hall** has dementia. **Angie Hewitt** undergoing treatment for severe migraines and is looking for a new job. **Jamie Jones**, Hagan's nephew, recovering from coronary artery bypass and is on the kidney transplant list. **Neil Kent**, David's brother, has lung cancer. **Pam Lasiter** (ongoing health issues); **Sharon Lasiter** undergoing cancer treatments. **Lynn,** aunt of Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law, has 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** has non-Hodgkin lymphoma. **Melissa Stephens**, Gina's daughter, therapy after knee replacement. **Vonnie Stonebraker,** Sowder's neighbor, palliative care. **Delbert Vibbert**, Lougene's nephew, COPD. **Tiffany Waskom**, Crystal Miller'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).

Shut-In's (Juanita Brunnemer, Polly Burchfield, Sharon Cooper, Moe Handy, Martin Julian, Barb Surber, and Blanche Taylor)

Administration Record

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

Last Week's Offering: $4,046.00

Attendance Last Week 76

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

None to Report

Anniversary

None to Report

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.

Love Feast Fellowship

Our next potluck fellowship meal will be Sunday, September 14th following our worship service. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to invite friends and enjoy getting to know one another better.

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.

Sympathy

Our hearts and prayers are with Mickey McDaniel and his family in the passing of his dad, William Roland McDaniel. His celebration of life was this past Friday in Crestwood, KY.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, August 31	Ezekiel 16
Monday, September 1	Ezekiel 17-19
Tuesday, September 2	Ezekiel 20-21
Wednesday, September 3	Ezekiel 22-23
Thursday, September 4	Ezekiel 24-26
Friday, September 5	Ezekiel 27-28
Saturday, September 6	Ezekiel 29-31

Meditation of God's Word

Working Out Your Salvation

Philippians 2:12-13, "*So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; [13] for it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for His good pleasure.*" (NASB)

For centuries, this passage has been a source of inspiration, reflection, and discussion among Christian thinkers and communities. Written by the apostle Paul, to the church in Philippi, this passage is part of a letter that weaves together themes of humility, obedience, and the pursuit of righteous living.

Philippians 2 is particularly famous for its "Christ hymn" (Philippians 2:5–11), which exalts Jesus' humility, obedience, and exaltation by God. Paul urges the believers to have the same mind and attitude as Christ, highlighting self-sacrifice, unity, and service. Immediately after this, he moves into verse 12, drawing a direct line from Christ's example to the everyday life of His followers. This verse has stirred the hearts and minds of millions, raising questions about personal responsibility, divine grace, and the nature of salvation itself.

Let's dive into vs. 12 and see what we can glean from it:

- "Therefore, my beloved" — Paul's affection for the Philippians is evident. They are dear to him, not just participants in faith but valued companions.
- "As you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence" — Paul praises their past obedience and encourages them to maintain it even when he is not physically present. This speaks to personal responsibility and integrity.
- "Work out your own salvation" — Here lies the verse's central exhortation. The Greek word for "work out" (katergazesthe) carries the sense of "bring to completion" or "carry out to the goal." Salvation is not a passive possession; it is an active, ongoing process.
- "With fear and trembling" — This phrase does not mean terror but a reverent awe and seriousness about the divine gift and calling.

How do we apply this verse? "Working out our salvation" is often misunderstood as a call to achieve or secure salvation through human effort. However, the context makes clear that Paul is addressing those who are already "beloved"—that is, those who belong to God. The imperative to "work out" thus speaks to the believer's response to grace, not the cause of it. Salvation, in this sense, is not a static, one-time event, but a dynamic journey. Paul's use of the present imperative suggests an ongoing process—an unceasing engagement with the transformative power of God at work within.

The believer is called to bring to fruition the reality of salvation in their thoughts, actions, relationships, and character, all the while maintaining a posture of humble reverence before God.

To "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" means to approach one's spiritual growth with seriousness, recognizing both the honor and the weight of being called by God. It is to live out the implications of the gospel in every aspect of life, trusting that, even in our effort, it is God who supplies the strength and will to persevere.

...Ronnie Hewitt