Sermon Notes: “Hope Anchors the Soul”
(1Corinthians 13:4-13; Hebrews 11:6; Romans 1:17; Ephesians 3:12; Mark 12:28-31; John 13:34-35)

The Nature of Christian Hope (Hebrews 6:19-20; Titus 1:1-2; 1Peter 1:3)

The Power of Hope (Romans 8:24-25; 1John 3:3; 1Thessalonians 4:13; Hebrews 6:10-12)

The Danger of Losing Hope (Hebrews 6:11-12)

The Source & Foundation of Hope (1Corinthians 15:17-19; Romans 8:38-39)

Living as People of Hope

Practical Steps to Strengthen Hope

The Messenger

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

The Lord’s Day, September 14, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting: Dan Strope

Scripture Reading: Clinton Nalley (Hebrews 6:19-20)

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Jacob Day

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(Hope Anchors the Soul)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

During Sermon
Nursery: Rhonda Denzio (Sub: Cindie Cottingham)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Kara Littleton

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 today. May you find his time to be a source of renewal, hope, and belonging.

Prayer Requests

Cindy Davis (finished radiation treatment and is to follow up her surgeon on the 23rd). **Rex & Karen DeFord** (traveling for the next few weeks). **Kathy Feldmeier** (continues to recover from an auto accident. She is also following up with the doctor concerning the mass that was found at the base of her head and neck area). **Rick & Ladonna Lowe** (Donna Hall on palliative care). **Tana Kay Marriott** (protection order against her was dropped). **Virginia Short** (currently on oxygen). **GayLee Sutton** (fell and bruised her ribs). **Della Turnbill** (scheduled for a CAT scan on October 3rd to determine what they need for installing the watchman device to help reduce stroke risk).

Long Term Concerns

Samantha Brazel, GayLee's granddaughter (residential facility in Colorado). **Gavin Brooks,** infant son of Keith Huesman's friend (heart issues). **Juanita Brunnemer** (Shut-in). **Brandon Chance**, Edie Short's nephew (deployed to Poland). **Susie Crecelous**, GayLee's friend (bone cancer & lupus). **Edie Culin**, Wiwczaroski's friend (stage 2 rectal and lymphoma cancer). **Cindy Davis** (undergoing radiation). **Frank Denzio**, John's brother (kidney & liver issues). **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** (shut-in with severe shoulder & back pain). **Rex Hembree**, Della's brother (lung issues). **Angie Hewitt** (severe migraines and is looking for a new job). **Jamie Jones**, Hagan's nephew (recovering from coronary artery bypass and is on 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). **Clayton Marrott** (intestinal issues). **Leah Raker**, the Kent's great-granddaughter (Rett syndrome). **Anthony Ross,** Gay Logsdon's nephew (dialysis). **Tim Scott**, Cindy Strope's brother (palsy and is being treated with steroids). **Megan Setser,** Wanda's neighbor (recovering from brain tumor surgery). **Helen Shoopman** (ligament tear in knee); **Lonnie Shoopman** (non-Hodgkin lymphoma). **Vonnie Stonebraker,** Sowder's neighbor (palliative care). **Blanche Taylor** (shut-in). **Delbert Vibbert**, Lougene's nephew (COPD). **Mary Walton** (shut-in). **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).

Missionaries

Jason & Devan Pierce (Resident Missionary, Freed-Hardeman University); **Caleb Pierce** (Student, Bear Valley Bible Institute); **Steve & Renee Gaudreau** (India Missions); **Shults-Lewis Child & Family Services**

Administration Record

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

Last Week's Offering: $2,173.00

Attendance Last Week 66

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

14th Kayla Stanton

16th Barb Surber

20th Regina Anderson, Neil Buttram

Anniversary

19th Jacob & Sarah Day (3yrs)

Love Feast Fellowship

Today is our potluck fellowship meal immediately following our worship service. We would like to extend an invitation and encourage everyone to join us. Please note that our evening Bible study has been cancelled for today.

Boys to Men Campout

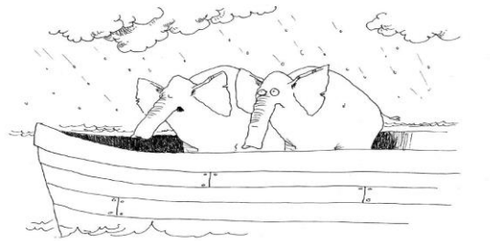
Mark your calendars for the annual campout. This year, it is set for October 10-11. All ages are welcome to join us. There will be more information shared as it gets closer.

Celebration of Life

The celebration of life service for our sister Polly Burchfield is this Thursday, September 18th at 3pm at the Indiana Memorial Funeral Home, north of Trafalgar on SR 135. Please keep her family in your prayers during this time of grief.

Assistance Needed

We need some more members to help clean the building. Please see one of the Elders or Cindie Cottingham if you are willing to help. They would like to have a quick meeting next Sunday after worship to organize things.



"Great, our first cruise and it rains for 40 days and nights."

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, September 14	Daniel 1-2
Monday, September 15	Daniel 3-4
Tuesday, September 16	Daniel 5-6
Wednesday, September 17	Daniel 7-8
Thursday, September 18	Daniel 9-10
Friday, September 19	Daniel 11-12
Saturday, September 20	Hosea 1-7

Meditation of God's Word

Making An Impact

When weariness sets in, we're called to endure in faith, allowing God's discipline to strengthen our walk and produce lasting fruit. This week has been a sobering reminder that life is fragile, death is certain, and eternity is real. Whether we reflect on the stabbing of a young lady on a train in Charlotte, the shooting at a high school in Colorado Springs, the lives taken at Fort Stewart Army Base in Georgia, the assignation of Charlie Kirk, or the many senseless acts of violence in our surrounding area, this week has proven that evil exists. We are surrounded by individuals who live in darkness as we live in a fallen world.

I heard someone talking about the influence that Charlie Kirk had on so many of our young people across our nation. They said, "He literally changed the trajectory of my life." I got to thinking about that statement and wondered if the same could be said of you or me. Are we actively changing the trajectory of people's lives, whether they be our family members, church family, friends, or neighbors. Maybe the question we all need to ask from time to time is: Am I impacting someone's life for good and being a positive influence (salt and light) for Jesus Christ?

Paul urges us as Christians: "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*" (1Corinthians 15:58, ESV). Truth is, souls are on the line, and God has placed us here to make an impact. Your influence could be the difference between heaven or hell for someone you love or interact with.

Paul encourages us to be steadfast, which is to be firm, unwavering, and resolute in faith. The Greek word used (*hedraios*) invokes the image of being seated or fixed in place. "Immovable" (*ametakinētos*) intensifies the idea: not subject to being shaken, swayed, or moved from one's convictions, regardless of opposition or hardship. Paul calls believers to spiritual stability, where they refuse to be tossed by doubts, persecution, or the shifting values of the world. This steadfastness is not stubbornness, but a faith which is anchored in the resurrection and promises of God.

When Stephen (Acts 7) was killed for preaching Christ, the early church didn't retreat in fear. Instead, they scattered and preached the gospel everywhere. Acts 8:4 tells us, "*Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.*" (ESV) That is exactly what we must do now.

Paul's vision is not of a static faith, but of a dynamic, active life energized by hope. Because the resurrection assures us of ultimate victory, believers are free to labor lavishly and joyfully, undaunted by discouragement or apparent failure. Perhaps the most comforting phrase in the verse comes when Paul reminds his readers that nothing done for the Lord is wasted. The resurrection guarantees that every act of faithfulness, every sacrifice, every unseen kindness has lasting value in a world where efforts often seem futile and results elusive.

One of the most common struggles in life is the sense that our efforts do not make a difference. Paul's assurance that "*your labor is not in vain in the Lord*" provides deep comfort and motivation. Whether results are visible or not, every act done for God is meaningful in eternity. This perspective transforms even mundane tasks into sacred service. Therefore, impact someone – today!

...Ronnie Hewitt