Sermon Notes: Daily Altars: What Have You Sacrificed for God Today
Scriptures: Romans 12:1; Matthew 6:33; 7:13-14; Genesis 22:9-18)

Introduction

Point One: The Purpose of Altars and What We Do Today (Romans 12:1)

Point Two: The Nature of a Living Sacrifice (Matthew 6:33; 7:13-14)

Point Three: Sacrifice Unlocks God's Power (Genesis 22:9-18)

Point Four: Tomorrow's Altar – A Life of Surrender

The Messenger

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The Lord's Day, October 19, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting: Randy Sowder

Scripture Reading: Chase Tichenor (Romans 12:1-2)

Worship Leader: George Hewitt

Communion: Stan Davis

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(Daily Altars)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

During Sermon
Nursery: Hanna Redden (Sub: Rhonda Denzio)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Renie Nalley

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 your time here to be a source of renewal, hope, and belonging.

Prayer Requests

Cindy Davis had to return to the doctor, where she was diagnosed with bacterial bronchitis and prescribed another antibiotic. **Karen Deford** has basal cell carcinoma and faces some decisions regarding her treatment. **Ashton Hewitt** dislocated his knee again. He will need to see an orthopedist. **Della Turnbill** underwent a heart monitor procedure, which went well. **Wanda Weaver** re-injured her arm and is doing therapy. She also has some upcoming appointments due to some labs. **April Ashley**, Rachel Hewitt's sister-in-law, procedure to place a blood patch due to a spinal leak went well. **Cathy Statom**, Christian Statom's grandmother, is in the hospital. **Melva Belle**, Wanda's mom, experienced blood pressure issues requiring medical assistance. She is to have an MRI and see a neurologist. **Monica**, friend of Crystal Miller's cousin, is experiencing liver failure. **Betty Tucker**, the mother of Crystal Miller's coworker, broke her shoulder and kneecap and is now in rehab at Otterbein. **Tiffany Waskom**, Crystal Miller's coworker, has more cancer. She will be having another scan and surgery. **Tina White**, Hanna Redden's mother-in-law, is now at home and continues to recover from an auto accident. **Mike Young**, Pam Sherrill's nephew-in-law, has been moved to rehab after having neck surgery.

Long Term Concerns

Gavin Brooks, son of Keith Huesman's friend (heart issues). **Juanita Brunnemer** (Shut-in). **Susie Crecelous**, GayLee's friend (bone cancer & lupus). **Edie Culin**, Wiwczaroski's friend (stage 2 rectal and lymphoma cancer). **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). **Moe Handy** (shut-in, shoulder & back pain). **Rex Hembree**, Della's brother (lung issues). **Angie Hewitt** (migraines, looking for employment). **Jamie Jones**, Hagan's nephew (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); **Lynn,** aunt of Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law (breast and spine cancer). **Clayton Marrott** (intestinal issues). **Leah Raker**, Kent's great-granddaughter (Rett syndrome). **Anthony Ross,** Gay Logsdon's nephew (dialysis). **Tim Scott**, Cindy Strope's brother (palsy, being treated with steroids). **Megan Setser,** Wanda's neighbor (recovering from brain tumor surgery). **Lonnie Shoopman** (non-Hodgkin lymphoma). **Benny Stephens** (oxygen). **Gayle Stephens** (cancer). **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).

Our sister, **Sharon Lasiter** is now on hospice care. She says that visits would be appreciated, but please call first to arrange them. Her number is 317.374.5506. Please continue to pray for her and the family.

Upcoming Events

Gospel Meetings

The Eagle Valley Church of Christ is hosting their Fall Gospel Meeting starting today and running through Thursday, featuring Don Loftis. He will be presenting the theme: "Discovering the Heart of Jesus." We are canceling services this evening that we may all go and support them in their efforts. It begins at 6pm. There is a pamphlet on the bulletin board in the foyer listing times and topics for the rest of the week. They are located at 8465 Crawfordsville Rd; Indianapolis, IN 46234.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

All our men (young and old alike) are invited to join us for breakfast, prayer, devotional and fellowship on Saturday, October 25th at 9am. Lonnie Shoopman is scheduled to lead our devotional discussion. For more information, please see Lonnie Hewitt or Clinton Nalley.

Address Update

Our brother, Larry Sawyer has moved to Nashville, IN to be closer to his children and grandchildren. His new address is 280 W. Main, unit D13; Nashville, IN 47448. His phone number is (812) 521-3011.

Administration Record

2025 Budget: $178,787.94 Weekly Budget: $3,438.23
Last Week's Offering: $2,801.00
Attendance Last Week 60

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, October 19	Mark 12-13
Monday, October 20	Mark 14-16
Tuesday, October 21	Luke 1
Wednesday, October 22	Luke 2-3
Thursday, October 23	Luke 4-5
Friday, October 24	Luke 6-7
Saturday, October 25	Luke 8

Faith Applied: Where Scripture Meets Everyday Life

Beginning this week, I will be striving to post short video lessons on my Facebook page and the church's page once a week, under the banner of the above title. I want to encourage you to make comments on the different topics and how you are doing in your walk with the Lord. I will do my best to interact with you that we may all be encouraged in our walk with the Lord.

Today, I would like to begin with a verse that is shaping my walk, and maybe yours too, from Matthew 6. I have entitled this: **"First Things First: Living Matthew 6:33."**

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you."
(Matthew 6:33, NASB)

Let me begin by telling you about a morning I had recently. I woke up with a to-do list on my mind – Bible class lessons, sermon prep, ministry calls and visits to make, a bulletin article to write, and so on. I was tempted to dive right in. However, I felt the Holy Spirit nudging me to "Seek first." So, I paused. I opened the Word. I prayed. And you know what? The day didn't just go smoother – it felt anchored. That's the power of Matthew 6:33.

Understand, this verse isn't just about priorities, it's about trust. Jesus had just finished telling people not to worry about food, clothes, or tomorrow. He wasn't saying those things don't matter. He was saying: "Put God first and watch Him take care of the rest."

What does "Seek First" look like? It's choosing prayer before panic. It's letting your calendar reflect your calling. It's asking, "Does this decision honor God's kingdom?" It's forgiving when it's hard, serving when it's inconvenient, and trusting when things are unclear. Seeking His righteousness means aligning with His character – grace, truth, justice, and mercy. It's not about perfection, but about the pursuit.

Picture a compass. The needle always points north. In our lives, "Kingdom" is north. When we orient everything – our work, relationships, and dreams – toward that direction, clarity comes. Or think of a funnel. When God is at the top, everything flows in order – provision, peace, and purpose.

Let me help you with real-life application: Start your day with scripture – even it is just one verse – center your heart on God. Make one decision today that reflects kingdom values – choose integrity over shortcuts. Ask God to reorder your priorities. Let go of control and trust God with the outcome. Take time to reflect: "What's one area where you can seek God first today?" End that reflection with a prayer of surrender and trust.

Remember, you and I don't have to strive for control. We are invited to "seek" – and thus receive. That's the promise God makes to us. If this has encouraged you, share it with someone who's feeling overwhelmed. And remember: When you seek first the kingdom, everything else finds its proper place.

I want to encourage you to keep walking in faith and keep applying the Word to your life. May you be blessed as you strive to be more like Jesus with your life.