The Messenger

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Whiteland Church of Christ

Loving God ~ Loving People

Welcome

October 26, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer
Eric Wiwczaroski

Worship Leader
Lonnie Hewitt

Communion
Dan Strope

Scripture Reading
Randy Sowder

Sermon
Ed Tichenor

Announcements / Prayer
Ed Tichenor

Nursery: Rhonda Denzio (sub: Cindie C.)
Bible Hour Pre K: Gina & Edie
Bible Hour 1st-3rd: Kara Littleton

Schedule of Services

Worship
Sun: 10:30am
Bible Study
Sun: 9:30am & 5:00pm; Wed: 7pm

Connect with Us

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www.Instagram.com/WhitelandCOC_Youth
www.X.com/@Whiteland_COC
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Leadership

Elders: Stan Davis & Ed Tichenor
Minister: Ronnie Hewitt

Mail In Contributions

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Prayer Requests

Karen Deford has basal cell carcinoma and will be doing laser treatments. **Angie Hewitt** is searching for employment. **Ashton Hewitt** will be having an MRI on his knee and a follow-up with his doctor. **Ronnie Hewitt** is sick with bronchitis. **Sharon Laister** is on hospice care. Visits are welcomed, just call first. **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, had a procedure to place a blood patch due to a spinal leak. **Melva Belle**, Wanda's mom, 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. **Mike Young**, Pam Sherrill's nephew-in-law, is in rehab after having neck surgery.

Our prayers and love are with Helen Shoopman and family in the passing of our brother, Lonnie this past Friday morning. We will update you as to when services will be.

Cleaning Crew

Cindie Cottingham would like to have a quick meeting with everyone involved with cleaning the building immediately following this morning's worship.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, October 26	Luke 9
Monday, October 27	Luke 10-11
Tuesday, October 28	Luke 12-13
Wednesday, October 29	Luke 14-16
Thursday, October 30	Luke 17-18
Friday, October 31	Luke 19-20
Saturday, November 1	Luke 21-22

Administration Record

2025 Budget: $178,787.94
Weekly Budget: $3,438.23
Last Week's Offering: $2570.00
Attendance Last Sunday: 65

Celebrations This Week

Birthday
None to Report

Anniversary
30th Joel & Marissa Westberry (43yrs)
Nov 1st Chaz & Hannah Redden (6yrs)

Temptations / Where Faith is Refined

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear."
(1Corinthians 10:13, NIV)

Temptation is not a sign of weakness – it's a sign of spiritual opportunity. Every believer faces moments when desires, distractions, or doubts try to pull us off course. But these crossroads are where character is forged and faith is refined.

Temptation often disguises itself as something good, convenient, or harmless. It whispers, "Just this once," or "No one will know." But behind the mask is a subtle invitation to compromise. Jesus himself was tempted in the wilderness – not with obvious evil, but with shortcuts to power, provision, and popularity (Matt. 4). He overcame by anchoring Himself in the Word.

The question could be asked, "Why does temptation matter?" Temptation matters because it reveals what we truly value. It tests our obedience when no one is watching. And it invites us to lean on God's strength and not our own.

Let me offer some practical encouragement:

- Stay Word Ready: Scripture is your sword. Memorize verses that speak to your struggles.
- Pray Before Pressure: Don't wait until the moment of temptation, pray for strength in advance.
- Find Accountability: Share your journey with someone who will encourage you and challenge you to stay on track.
- Look for the Escape: God promises a way out. Sometimes it's a change of scenery, a pause, or a phone call to a friend.

Remember, temptation isn't the enemy – it's the battleground. And every time you choose God over compromise, you declare that your faith is alive and your life is worth protecting. Let temptation become the refining source of your faith.

Sermon Notes