Sermon Notes: “The Way of Worship”
Scripture Reading: John 4:19-24; Romans 12:1; Matthew 6:33

The Messenger

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

The Lord’s Day, October 5, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting: Rick Lowe

Scripture Reading: Keith Huesman (John 4:19-24)

Worship Leader: George Hewitt

Communion: Rodney Dowell

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(The Way of Worship)

Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon
Nursery: Megan Johnson (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 today. May you find your time here to be a source of renewal, hope, and belonging.

Prayer Requests

Cindy Davis is currently being treated with antibiotics for both strep and the flu. **Della Turnbill** is scheduled to have a heart monitor placed and had a cardiac CAT scan this past Friday in preparation for her watchman device. **Jacob Wert**, Ronnie and Angie's son, recovering from gallbladder surgery. **Edie Short** will be having nerves in her back burned Wednesday to help with her pain. **Ronnie Sutton** is receiving therapy for knee issues. **Mary Walton**, Regina Anderson's mom, is being treated for an upper respiratory infection. April Ashley, Rachel Hewitt's sister-in-law, recently had tests to determine the source of her spinal fluid leakage. **Benny and Gayle Stephens** need our prayers; Gayle is undergoing intensive cancer treatment that requires isolation, and Benny has been placed on oxygen. **Lucy Tichenor**, Ed & Lavana's granddaughter, broke her arm and had to have it reset with pins and cast. **Betty Tucker**, the mother of Crystal Miller's coworker, fell and broke her shoulder and kneecap and had surgery on last weekend.

Long Term Concerns

Samantha Brazel, GayLee's granddaughter (residential facility in Colorado). **Gavin Brooks,** son of Keith Huesman's friend (heart issues). **Juanita Brunnemer** (Shut-in). **Brandon Chance**, Edie Short's nephew (deployment). **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, severe shoulder & back pain). **Rex Hembree**, Della's brother (lung issues). **Angie Hewitt** (severe 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); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments). **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). **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).

Administration Record

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

Last Week's Offering: $4,621.00

Attendance Last Week 57

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

7th Sara Day, Landry Johnson

Anniversary

11th Derrick & Kara Littleton (17yrs)

Boys to Men Campout

Mark your calendars for the annual campout. This year, it is set for October 10-11, beginning at 6pm. All ages are welcome to join us. There will be more information shared as it gets closer.

Love Feast Fellowship (Potluck)

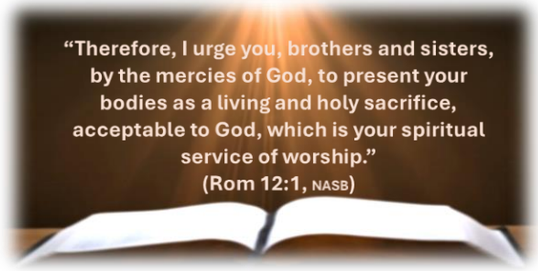
We invite everyone to our pitch-in/potluck dinner next Sunday, October 12, immediately following our morning worship service. We encourage you to bring a covered dish and/or dessert to share.

Morning Glories Ministry Brunch

The next brunch will be Saturday, October 18th at 10am in the fellowship hall. All our women are invited to join in with this ministry and fellowship.

Gospel Meeting

The Eagle Valley Church of Christ will hold its Fall Gospel Meeting from October 19-23, featuring Don Loftis on "Discovering the Heart of Jesus." See the foyer bulletin board for schedule and topics.



Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, October 5	Matthew 7-9
Monday, October 6	Matthew 10-12
Tuesday, October 7	Matthew 13-14
Wednesday, October 8	Matthew 15-17
Thursday, October 9	Matthew 18-20
Friday, October 10	Matthew 21-22
Saturday, October 11	Matthew 23-24

Meditation of God's Word

The Atonement of Jesus
A Reflection on Redemption and Grace

Everyone who has ever lived has had the same need. Due to the sin that is found in humanity, everyone needed atonement, without exception—rich and poor, old and young, men and women. As God commanded, each person needed to have their sins forgiven in order to become right with Him.

The Atonement of Jesus stands as the central pillar of the Christian faith. Through His selfless sacrifice, Jesus bridged the gap between God and humanity, offering forgiveness, hope, and eternal life to all who believe. The word "atonement" refers to the reconciliation between God and humankind brought about by the sacrificial death of Jesus. In the Old Testament, atonement was accomplished through the offering of sacrifices, but these were only temporary solutions foreshadowing the perfect sacrifice to come. Jesus, the Lamb of God, fulfilled this promise by laying down His life on the cross, once and for all, for the sins of the world (John 1:29).

The heart of the atonement lies in God's unconditional love for humanity. Through Christ's sacrifice, we see the depth of compassion and mercy that God extends to each of us. This act was not merely a response to human failure, but a deliberate demonstration of divine grace, inviting everyone into a restored relationship with their Creator.

As we contemplate the magnitude of this gift, we are reminded that the atonement is both deeply personal and universally inclusive. It assures us that no one is beyond the reach of God's forgiveness, and it inspires us to extend grace and love to others in our daily interactions. This profound truth calls us to live with gratitude and humility, continually seeking to draw closer to God through faith in Jesus Christ.

As we open our hearts and minds to the profound mystery of redemption, I encourage you to consider how the atonement not only addresses our deepest spiritual needs but also transforms our daily lives, offering hope in moments of despair and strength in times of weakness. May these reflections draw you nearer to the heart of Christ and deepen your understanding of His immeasurable love.

...Ronnie Hewitt