Sermon Notes: The Grace of Giving (2Corinthians 9:6-8)

Point One: The Principle of Sowing and Reaping (2Corinthians 9:6; Proverbs 11:25)

Point Two: The Posture of Heart (2Corinthians 9:7)

Point Three: The Promise of Abundance (2Corinthians 9:8; Matthew 6:33)

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, November 16, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting: Randy Sowder
Scripture Reading: Clinton Nalley (2Corinthians 9:6-8)
Worship Leader: George Hewitt
Communion: Red DeFord
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(The Grace of Giving)
Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

During Sermon
Nursery: Debbie Smith (Sub: Hanna Redden)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Crystal Miller

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.

Recent Prayer Requests

Stan Davis has been dealing with flu-like symptoms for a few weeks now. His doctors are not sure what he is dealing with.
John Denzio will be having back surgery Monday to remove a tumor and some arthritis from his spine.
John Fletcher and family in the passing of his mother, Marlene Fields. She was laid to rest this past Friday at Forest Lawn.

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), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, cancer), **Cindy Davis** (surgery scheduled for Dec 9th), **Karen Deford** (injections in her hip due to arthritis), **Frank Denzio** (John's brother, kidney & liver issues), **Tonya Dowell** (several health issues, undergoing tests), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's, & mourning the loss of her husband), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Gloria** (friend of Hagan's, kidney & heart issues), **Moe Handy** (shut-in, shoulder & back pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung issues), **Angie Hewitt** (looking for employment), **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew, coronary artery bypass & kidney transplant list), **Martin Julian** (shut-in), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Pam Lasiter** (Lougene's daughter, ongoing health issues), **Sharon Lasiter** (hospice), **Lynn** (aunt of Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law, breast & spine cancer), **Clayton Marrott** (intestinal issues), **Pat Martin** (Amy Wiwczaroski's dad, Parkinson's, testing upcoming), **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Tim Scott** (Cindy Strope's brother, palsy), **Megan Setser** (Wanda's neighbor, recovering from brain tumor surgery), **Benny & Gayle Stephens** (Benny – oxygen, Gayle - cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, palliative care), **Blanche Taylor** (shut-in), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Mary Walton** (Regina Anderson's mom, shut-in), **Tiffany Waskom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer), **John West** (Dawn Elliott's friend, cancer & recovering from pneumonia), **Wanda Weaver** (kidney disease & lupus), **Heather Wiwczaroski** (Eric's sister-in-law, recovering from spine surgery), **Jimmy Wooten** (Lougene's son, Parkinson's); **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Lougene's son & daughter-in-law, Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's).

Missions

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** (Valparaiso, IN)

Finance Record

2025 Budget: $178,787.94 Weekly Budget: $3,438.23
Last Week's Offering: $2,715.00

Attendance

Sunday: AM Bible Study (23); Worship (68); PM Bible Study (7)
Wednesday Bible Study (14)

Upcoming Events

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

18th Helen Shoopman
21st Lavana Tichenor
22nd Inez Dailey

Men's Prayer Breakfast

All our men (young and old alike) are invited to join us for breakfast, prayer, devotional and fellowship on Saturday, November 22nd at 9am. For more information, please see Lonnie Hewitt or Clinton Nalley.

Thanksgiving Service

On Tuesday, November 25, we will be having a special Thanksgiving service here at the building at 7pm. We will participate in singing, devotional, and a time of expressing our thanks to the Lord. Please plan to join us and invite others to come as well. This will replace our Wednesday night Bible study that week.

Thanksgiving Baskets

We are preparing food baskets to bless families in need from our community. If you are aware of any families in need, please let Eric Wiwczaroski, George Hewitt, or one of the Elders know today. There are slips of paper listing perishable items that are needed on the table in the foyer, or if you would like to make a monetary donation, please give it to Eric or George. Next Sunday, following worship service, we will be assembling the baskets and meeting the families when they pick them up. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the involvement board if you are willing to assist.

Youth Activity

There is movie and craft night planned for all the youth on Friday, December 5th, here at the building from 6-9pm. For more information, please see Eric or Amy Wiwczaroski.

Cleaning Crew
November 17-22 (Team 4)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, November 16	Acts 11-13
Monday, November 17	Acts 14-16
Tuesday, November 18	Acts 17-18
Wednesday, November 19	Acts 19-20
Thursday, November 20	Acts 21-22
Friday, November 21	Acts 23-25
Saturday, November 22	Acts 26-28

Faith Applied: Where Scripture Meets Everyday Life

"Thanksgiving, A Response to God's Goodness"

In a culture that often focuses on and magnifies what we don't have, or what we wish were different, I want to share a few verses that offer a radical shift in perspective. As we begin, we read in Psalm 107:1-3, "*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. 2Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story – those He redeemed from the hand of foe, 3those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south*."

These verses call us to remember, to rejoice, and to respond. But why give thanks? The psalmist gives two reasons: First, because God is good; and second, because His steadfast love endures forever. These aren't temporary truths, but eternal anchors for our lives.

Far too often, our gratitude seems to be tied to our circumstances. If life is going smoothly, we're thankful. If it's stormy, we struggle. But Psalm 107 invites us to root our thankfulness not in what's happening around us, but in who God is, because His character is constant. This shift, from circumstance to character, is the foundation of biblical gratitude. It's not about ignoring the hardships that we might face, but about acknowledging that even in hardship, God remains good.

Psalm 107 is a tapestry of testimonies. The entire chapter tells of wanderers who found a home, prisoners who were set free, the sick who were healed, and sailors rescued from storms. Each story ends with the same refrain: *"Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!"* Each of these events represent real lives touched by divine mercy. And each one reminds us that thankfulness is the natural response to God's grace.

So, what about you? Where has God met you in your wandering? What chains has He broken in your life? What storms has He calmed? Your story may not be written in ancient Hebrew, but it's just as sacred. And it's worth remembering. Truth is, gratitude begins when we pause to reflect, not just on what God has done for others, but on what He's done for us. The more we remember, the more we have reason to be thankful.

Understand: Thankfulness isn't just a feeling, it's a lifestyle as it shows in our words, our worship, and our witness. When we give thanks, we declare that God is trustworthy, as we push back against fear, entitlement, and bitterness, and become living testimonies of God's enduring love.

As you reflect on Psalm 107:1, let thankfulness be more than just a moment, let it be a movement in your life as gratitude shifts your focus from what's missing to what's eternal. This Psalm shows us that our thankfulness is meant to be a response to the steadfast love of our heavenly Father. As you move forward in life, let gratitude shape your perspective and guide your steps. Remember, thankfulness is not limited to a particular season or circumstance but is an ongoing celebration of God's unwavering love and faithfulness. Carry the spirit of Psalm 107 into each day, and may your life continually reflect the hope and joy found in His steadfast faithfulness.