Sermon Notes: The Truth of Sanctification”

Introduction: (John 17:14-21)

Sanctification Involves Purification (2Corinthians 7:1; Romans 15:15-16)

Sanctification Is Linked to His Consecration (2Corinthians 5:17, 21)

We Must Pursue Obedience to the Holy Spirit (1Thessalonians 4:3-8)

How to Walk in Sanctification (Colossians 3:1-2; Galatians 5:16)

Sanctification Is a Lifelong Process (1John 3:2-3)

The Messenger

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The Lord’s Day, January 18, 2026

Order of Worship

Greeting: Dan Strope
Scripture Reading: Keith Huesman (John 17:14-19)
Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt
Communion: Jacob Day
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(The Truth of Sanctification)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon

Nursery: Megan Johnson (Sub: Cindie Cottingham)
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. We hope you find your time here to be a source of renewal, hope, and belonging.

Recent Prayer Requests

Sharon Lasiter has been moved to Rosegate Assisted Living & Nursing Center. She is in room 120. **Virginia Short** was able to return home this past Thursday. **Barb Surber** was able to return home from rehab. **Eric Trostle** is dealing with elevated liver enzymes, cholesterol, and high sugar levels. **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son) recently had a bone marrow biopsy. He is waiting for results. **Tammy Bartels** (Amy's sister) had a biopsy this past Friday.

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), **Karen DeFord** (hip deterioration, will have surgery on February 26th), **Tonya Dowell** (health issues), **Nancy Duncan** (Rodney Dowell's sister, needs kidney transplant), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Gloria** (friend of Hagan's, kidney & heart issues), **Moe Handy** (shut-in), **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), **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Heather Schmidt** (Amy Wiwczaroski's cousin, chemo), **Tim Scott** (Cindy Strope's brother, palsy), **Charles Speer** (friend of Ronnie & Angie, blood cancer and is receiving infusion treatments), **Benny Stephens** (oxygen), **Gayle Stephens** (cancer, tumor is shrinking with treatment), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, palliative care), **Barb Surber** (shut-in), **GayLee Sutton** (wet macular degeneration), **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), **Wanda Weaver** (kidney disease & lupus), **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**

How do I become a Christian?

Hear the Word (Romans 10:17) / Believe the Word (John 20:31, Acts 16:31) / Repent of your sins (Luke 13:5, 15:7) / Confess Jesus to others (Matthew 10:32-33) / Be Baptized in the name of Jesus for salvation (1Peter 3:21, Romans 6:4-5, Acts 2:37-38)

Upcoming Events

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

18th Angie Parrott
24th John Hagan

Financial Peace University

The next Financial Peace class will begin Monday, January 19th and will run for 9 weeks. For more information, please contact Eric or Amy Wiwczaroski.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next prayer breakfast for the men is planned for Saturday, January 24th at 9am in the fellowship hall. For more information, please see Clinton Nalley or Lonnie Hewitt.

Area Wide Singing & Chili Supper

Our annual singing is planned for Saturday, January 31st at 5pm. We are inviting sister congregations to join us. We need some help making chili and desserts, as well as bringing condiments for the chili. If you can assist with any of these items, please let George Hewitt know.

Assistance Needed

We are looking for a couple more people to assist in the sound booth during worship services. If you are willing to help with this, please see George.

Read Through the Bible

There are daily Bible reading schedules on the table at the back of the auditorium.

Faith Applied

Ronnie has a new Facebook page dedicated to articles and videos to help in your spiritual walk entitled: Faith Applied. The URL for this page is (www.facebook.com/faithappliedddaily). The email to correspond through this page is (faithappliedddaily@gmail.com).

Cleaning Crew - January 18-24 (Team 1)

Finance Record for 2026

Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Week's Offering: $2,679.00

Attendance

Sunday: AM Bible Study (26); Worship (72); PM Bible Study (13)
Wednesday Bible Study (12)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, January 18	Exodus 1-3
Monday, January 19	Exodus 4-6
Tuesday, January 20	Exodus 7-9
Wednesday, January 21	Exodus 10-12
Thursday, January 22	Exodus 13-15
Friday, January 23	Exodus 16-18
Saturday, January 24	Exodus 19-21

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MINISTER

The Importance of Meeting Together

Stirring One Another

There's a quiet battle happening in the hearts of believers today—a battle between connection and isolation, between community and convenience, between showing up and drifting away. And into that tension, Hebrews 10:23–25 speaks with clarity, urgency, and deep pastoral care. It reads, "*Let's hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; [24] and let's consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds, [25] not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*" (NASB)

These verses aren't just instructions; they're an invitation. They call us into a way of life that strengthens our faith, deepens our love, and keeps us anchored as the Day of Christ draws near. Let's walk through this passage slowly and let it shape us.

Verse 24 begins with a phrase that's easy to read quickly but impossible to live casually: "*Let us consider one another…*" To consider means to study, to pay attention, to look closely with purpose. It's the opposite of rushing past people. It's the opposite of assuming everyone is fine. It's the opposite of treating church like a weekly event. This is a call to spiritual attentiveness.

There is something beautiful that happens when believers draw near and come together. Your presence shapes someone else's direction. Your faith strengthens someone else's resolve. Your love awakens someone else's courage. We gather not just to receive—but to provoke something holy in one another.

The ESV says, "*Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works*." This phrase "stir up" is strong. It means to spark, to ignite, and to awaken. Love doesn't grow in isolation. Good works don't flourish in solitude. Spiritual fire doesn't burn brightest alone. God designed His people to be catalysts for each other. When you show up, you stir up. When you're present, you're powerful. And when you gather, you help others to keep going.

The writer then gives a gentle but serious warning:"*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some…*" Some had drifted. Some had grown weary. Some had isolated themselves because of pressure, fear, or discouragement. And the same temptations exist today.

I want to discuss why gathering matters. Gathering to worship the Lord realigns our hearts. Gathering for teaching renews our minds. Gathering for fellowship strengthens our souls. Gathering helps bring accountability which protects our walk. Gathering together fuels our perseverance in our daily lives.

Consider this illustration: Take a glowing coal out of the fire and set it aside. It doesn't go out immediately, but it does cool off quickly. Put it back with the others, and it reignites. The church is God's fire pit. Stay in the flame.

In this passage, we also have a clear call to mutual strengthening – "*…but encouraging one another…*" I want us to understand "encouragement" is not optional, it's essential. The Greek word used here is "parakaleo," which means "to come alongside, to strength, to comfort, to urge forward." Everyone you see on a Sunday is fighting a battle you may never know. Everyone needs a word of hope. Everyone needs a reminder that they are not alone. When we gather, faith is strengthened, hope is renewed, love is stirred, and our mission moves forward.