Sermon Notes:

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, February 22, 2026

Order of Worship

Greeting: Randy Sowder
Scripture Reading: Ashton Hewitt (Matthew 23:27-28)
Worship Leader: George Hewitt
Communion: Dan Strope
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(Building Facades)
Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

During Sermon

Nursery: Megan Johnson (Sub: Kathy Hanshaw)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Tammy Burris

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

Juanita Brunnemer & Debby Hood, grieving the death of Roy Hood, Juanita's son-in-law and Debby's husband. **Debbie Collins**, Hewitt's aunt, recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip. **Karen DeFord** will be having hip replacement surgery Thursday morning at 8am. **Ronnie & GayLee Sutton** have both been sick with bronchitis. **Wanda Weaver** is mourning the passing of her uncle, Foy Pate. His funeral will be Saturday in Michigan.

Long Term Concerns

Suzanne Bielski (Lonnie & Sonya's doctor, has cancer and is undergoing chemo), **Gavin Brooks** (son of Keith Huesman's friend, heart issues), **Juanita Brunnemer** (shut-in), **Drew Burton's grandmother**, melanoma and is doing immunotherapy. **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad, chemotherapy for bone cancer), **John Collins** (Hewitt's uncle, stage 4 prostate & stomach cancer), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, cancer), **Missy Downs** (Sonya Hewitt's cousin, stage 3 kidney disease), **Tonya Dowell** (health issues), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Nancy Duncan** (Rodney Dowell's sister, needs kidney transplant), **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** (Rosegate Nursing Center, Rm#120, hospice), **Lynn** (Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law's aunt, breast & spine cancer), **Clayton Marrott** (intestinal issues), **Pat Martin** (Amy Wiwczaroski's dad, Parkinson's), **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son, Leukemia), **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Bruce Roberts** (Lyndsay Trostle's uncle, colon cancer - hospice), **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), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, palliative care), **Barb Surber** (Compass Park, Rm 1304), **GayLee Sutton** (wet macular degeneration), **Blanche Taylor** (shut-in), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **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)

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)

Announcements

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

25th Sharon Cooper

Anniversary

(None to Report)

Men's Prayer Breakfast

All our men, young & old alike, are invited to join us for our next breakfast fellowship on Saturday, February 28th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

Area Wide Singing & Chili Supper

Our annual singing is scheduled for Saturday, February 28th at 5pm. We have invited sister congregations to join us. If you signed up to bring chili, please let George know if you are still able to do so. We also need some volunteers to provide desserts.

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.

Ministry Updates

There are a few updates on the main bulletin board from our missions. Please take the time to stop and read them and pray for our missionaries and their ministries.

Encouragement Sunday

Next Sunday is encouragement day. If you would like to pick up some note cards in the foyer to take home and fill out, you may do so. Bring them back next weekend and they will be mailed for you. Or you can wait and do it next Sunday.

Cleaning Crew – February 22-28 (Team 3)

Finance Record for 2026

Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $1,935.00

Attendance

Sunday: AM Bible Study (21); Worship (70); PM Bible Study (11)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, February 22	Numbers 26-27
Monday, February 23	Numbers 28-30
Tuesday, February 24	Numbers 31-32
Wednesday, February 25	Numbers 33-34
Thursday, February 26	Numbers 35-36
Friday, February 27	Deuteronomy 1-2
Saturday, February 28	Deuteronomy 3-4

RONNIE HEWITT
MINISTER

Living for the Master

Matthew 6:24, KJV

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Jesus speaks a truth in Matthew 6:24 that cuts through every distraction of modern life: "No one can serve two masters." He doesn't say it's difficult. He doesn't say it's unlikely. He says it's impossible. Every one of us is living under the influence of a master—someone or something that shapes our priorities, our decisions, and our direction.

Jesus names the competing master as mammon—not just money, but the mindset that says, "I can run my life on my own terms." Mammon promises freedom but delivers slavery. It divides the heart and pulls us away from the One who gives true life.

Trying to serve both God and the world is like trying to drive a car with two steering wheels. One pulls left, the other right, and the result is confusion and collision. A divided heart always leads to a wrecked life.

But Jesus calls us to something better: exclusive devotion. He invites us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37). That means handing Him the whole key ring of our lives—not just the Sunday key, not just the crisis key, but every room and every corner.

When we choose Christ as our Master, we discover freedom. Through this process, we learn to trust the Shepherd's voice even when we don't see the path ahead. Matthew 6:25-26 says, "*For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor reap, nor gather crops into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more important than they?*" (NASB)

We then begin to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness letting His priorities shape our own. Matthew 6:31-33 reminds us, "*Do not worry then, saying, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided to you.*" (NASB)

A candle shines brightly in a dark room, but when the sun rises, the candle fades. In the same way, when the glory of Christ fills our lives, the lesser lights of this world lose their shine. Career, comfort, possessions, applause—none of them compare to the joy of living for the Master who loves us, leads us, and gave His life for us.

This week, ask yourself: Who is steering my life? May we be people who choose Jesus—not just in word, but in devotion, trust, and daily obedience.