Sermon Notes

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, March 1, 2026

Order of Worship

Greeting: Rick Lowe
Scripture Reading: Chase Tichenor (Psalm 73:24-26)
Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt
Communion: Eric Wiwczaroski
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(Acknowledging Our Need)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon

Nursery: Debbie Smith (Sub: Megan Johnson)
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

Karen DeFord is recovering from hip replacement surgery. **Susan Hembree**, Della's sister-in-law, may need a liver transplant. **Sharon Lasiter** remains in hospice care at Rosegate in room 510.

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 & Debbie Collins** (Hewitt's uncle & aunt, John has stage 4 prostate & stomach cancer; Debbie is recovering from a broken tibia at the hip), **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#510, 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)

Cindy Strope has a friend, we had prayed for before, that was trying to adopt a child. Praise the Lord, that adoption went through. However, the mother recently had another child, and now they are seeking to adopt that child as well.

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

4th Logan Chamberlain
5th Lauren Clark
6th Juanita Brunnemer, George Hewitt
7th Wyatt Stanton

Anniversary

(None to Report)

Encouragement Sunday

Today is encouragement day. There are some note cards in the foyer that can be filled out and placed in the container, and they will be mailed for you.

Daylight Savings Time

Time changes next weekend. If you have clocks that need reset, don't forget to advance them 1 hour Saturday night before going to bed. See you for Bible study at 9:30am.

Morning Glories Ministry Brunch

Our next brunch for the women will be Saturday, March14 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

VBS Meeting

On Sunday, March 15th, following morning worship, Eric would like to have a meeting concerning VBS for this year. He will be looking for volunteers to help organize everything.

Schults-Lewis Commodity Drive

This year we will be collecting the following items: Club Crackers, Oyster Crackers, and Cheez-it Crackers, Twin Bed sheet sets and Wash Cloth & Towel sets, along with your change cans. Pick-up will be during the week of May 3rd.

Cleaning Crew – March 1-7 (Team 3)

Finance Record for 2026

Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $2,361.00

Attendance

Sunday: AM Bible Study (22); Worship (62); PM Bible Study (13)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, March 1	Deuteronomy 5-7
Monday, March 2	Deuteronomy 8-10
Tuesday, March 3	Deuteronomy 11-13
Wednesday, March 4	Deuteronomy 14-16
Thursday, March 5	Deuteronomy 17-20
Friday, March 6	Deuteronomy 21-23
Saturday, March 7	Deuteronomy 24-27

RONNIE HEWITT
MINISTER

Living Faithfully in a Field of Wheat and Weeds

Every believer knows the tension: We long for a world that reflects God's goodness, yet we live in a world where evil grows right beside it. We want purity, but we see corruption. We want righteousness, but we witness rebellion. We want the Kingdom fully revealed, but we still walk through a world that resists it.

Jesus understands this tension, and He gives us a parable that explains why the world looks the way it does, and how His people should live in the mdist of it. He says, "*The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and left.*" (Matt 13:24–25)

Jesus' parable of the wheat and the weeds is one of the most honest pictures of the world we live in. The Lord tells of a farmer who sowed good seed in his field, only for an enemy to come at night and scatter weeds among the wheat. When the plants began to grow, the servants were shocked to see both side by side. Their instinct was immediate: "*Shall we pull up the weeds*?" But the Master said, "*No… let both grow together until the harvest.*"

This simple story carries deep truth. First, God's seed is always good. He plants with purpose, and His people are placed exactly where He intends. Nothing about your life in His field is accidental.

Second, the enemy works subtly. The weeds looked like wheat at first. In the same way, not every influence, teaching, or opportunity is from God. Discernment matters because the devil often imitates what is true.

Third, God's patience is not weakness, it is mercy. We often want God to fix everything now, to uproot evil immediately. But the Master knows that pulling up the weeds too soon would damage the wheat. His timing protects His people and allows His purposes to mature.

Finally, the harvest will come. God will separate what is true from what is false, what is fruitful from what is destructive. Justice may seem delayed, but it is never denied. The Lord Himself will take care of the harvest and have His wheat gathered into His barn.

Until that day, our calling is simple: Grow. Root yourself deeply in His Word. Bear the fruit that proves your identity. Trust the Master of the field. The presence of weeds does not cancel the goodness of the wheat. And the patience of God does not diminish the certainty of His justice. The harvest is coming; so stay faithful in the field.

As we consider Jesus' parable of the wheat and the weeds, we see one of the clearest explanations of why the world feels so spiritually mixed. We see goodness and evil growing side by side. We see faithfulness and rebellion in the same neighborhood, the same workplace, and sometimes even the same family. And if we're honest, we sometimes see both in our own hearts. Yet Jesus tells us this is not a sign that God has lost control. It is a sign that God is patiently working out His purpose.

Grow where God has planted you. Stand firm in His truth. Bear fruit that glorifies Him. Trust His timing. And remember, the presence of weeds does not diminish the goodness of the wheat, and the patience of God does not weaken the certainty of His justice. The harvest is coming. Stay faithful in the field.