Sermon Notes

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, March 15, 2026

Order of Worship

Greeting: Eric Wiwczaroski
Scripture Reading: Clinton Nalley (1Corinthians 15:1-4)
Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt
Communion: Rodney Dowell
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(The Gospel)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon

Nursery: Hannah Redden (Sub: Kayla Stanton)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Rachel Hewitt

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

Cindy Davis completed her immunotherapy treatment this past Thursday.
Karen DeFord continues to recover following hip replacement surgery.
Keith Huesman was involved in an auto accident last Sunday. He suffered a fractured neck and rib. He must wear a neck brace for approximately 6 weeks.
Our hearts and sympathy are with **Kathy Feldmeier and family** in the passing of her son, Jimmy Bush.
Sharon Lasiter remains in hospice care at Rosegate in room 510.
Jack Brown, Rachel Hewitt's uncle, fell and broke some ribs and is bruised up.
Susan Hembree, Della's sister-in-law, waiting to hear from Mayo Clinic concerning some tests she had.
Bill Pennington, Hewitt's cousin, had a toe partially amputated due to bone infections in his feet.

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, infusion therapy 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, undergoing chemo for 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 & Gayle Stephens** (Benny – oxygen; Gayle - cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, palliative care), **Barb Surber** (Dementia; Compass Park, Rm 1304), **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), **Eric Wiwczaroski** (looking for employment), **Jimmy Wooten** (Lougene's son, Parkinson's), **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Lougene's son & daughter-in-law, Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's)

Announcements

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

16th Sonya Hewitt
18th Christian Statom
20th Pam Sherrill

Sunday Morning Bible Study Class

We have started a new study in the adult class focused on deepening our spiritual relationship with the Lord and with one another. We encourage you to be a part of this class as we seek to know our Lord better and what it is He wants for us.

VBS Meeting

There will be a short organizational meeting today after worship. We are looking to plan VBS for a week in July. Eric and Amy are looking for volunteers to help teach, design and decorate classrooms and the auditorium, serve, and help with administrative needs. If you are willing to help in any way, please plan to stay for the meeting or reach out to them.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next prayer breakfast will be Saturday, March 28th at 9am in the fellowship hall. All men are encouraged to join us for a time of devotion, a meal, prayer, and fellowship.

Schults-Lewis Commodity Drive

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

Gospel Meeting

The Morgan Street Church of Christ in Martinsville (540 Morgan St.) will be hosting their Spring Meeting on April 10-12th, with Brother Bill Boyd of the Rockliff Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN. Their theme is "Sermons from the Book of Romans." There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board listing the times.

Cleaning Crew – March 15-21 (Team 1)

Finance Record for 2026

Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $2,893.00

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: AM Bible Study (18); Worship (65); PM Bible Study (11)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, March 15	Joshua 16-18
Monday, March 16	Joshua 19-21
Tuesday, March 17	Joshua 22-24
Wednesday, March 18	Judges 1-2
Thursday, March 19	Judges 3-5
Friday, March 20	Judges 6-7
Saturday, March 21	Judges 8-9

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Grace that Trains Us

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and in a godly manner in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, eager for good deeds." Titus 2:11-14, (NASB)

There are often moments in life when someone steps into a room and everything changes. A teacher walks in and the noise settles. A parent walks in and the atmosphere shifts. A doctor walks in and hope rises. In the above passage, Paul tells Titus about a moment like that – grace stepped into the world, not an idea, not a doctrine, not a feeling, but a person. The grace of God appeared – visible, tangible, undeniable – bringing salvation and transformation. Verses 11–12 is Paul's way of saying: "Grace doesn't just save you. Grace schools you."

In stating that "The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all people," Paul uses a word that means "to shine forth," like the sun breaking over the horizon. Grace didn't whisper into the world, it burst into it. Grace Appeared in a Person. Grace is not abstract, it has a face and a name. Grace walked among us, healed among us, taught among us, died for us, rose for us. When Jesus appeared, grace appeared.

Grace appeared with a purpose. Paul says grace came bringing salvation. Grace is God's rescue mission – His initiative, His movement toward us, His love in action. Now Paul says, "Grace appeared for all. "All people" does not mean all will be saved, but that all are invited. Grace is not a private club. It's not a gated community, or merely for the elite, educated, or morally impressive. Grace is for the broken, the weary, the guilty, the ashamed, the overlooked, the ordinary. Grace is for people like us.

Another purpose of grace is to train us. In verse 12, Paul shifts metaphors from a Savior to a teacher, when he says that grace teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age. The Greek word means "to train a child," to shape, correct, discipline, and develop. Thus, grace serves as a trainer, a coach, a mentor. What is it teaching us? Again, Paul says that "grace trains us to deny, to refuse, to reject certain things." Truth is, there are cravings inside us that are shaped by culture instead of Christ. However, grace teaches us to say: "My desires don't get the final word—Jesus does."

Not only does grace teach us to say, "NO;" but it also teaches us to say, "YES." Christian growth is not only about what we refuse, but about what we pursue. Grace teaches us to walk with God in the ordinary rhythms of life – A life that is oriented toward God's presence, God's will, and for God's glory. Grace doesn't just change our Sundays, it changes our Mondays. Grace doesn't just prepare us for heaven, it transforms our lives while here on earth. Grace trains us right here, in the middle of the noise, the pressure, the responsibilities, and the struggles. In other words, grace trains us where we are, as we are, to become who God calls us to be. Because, when grace becomes your teacher, Christ becomes your character.

Ronnie Hewitt