Sermon Notes

The Messenger

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

The Lord's Day, March 22, 2026

Order of Worship

Greeting: Randy Sowder
Scripture Reading: Ashton Hewitt (John 13:1-4)
Worship Leader: George Hewitt
Communion: Dan Strope
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(When Greatness Kneels)
Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

During Sermon

Nursery: Cindie Cottingham (Sub: Megan Johnson)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour:

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 pray you find your time here to be a source of renewal, hope, and belonging.

Recent Prayer Requests

Cindy Davis has completed her immunotherapy treatments. **Kathy Feldmeier** was taken to the hospital with dehydration and stomach issues. **Sharon Lasiter** remains in hospice care at Rosegate in room 510. **Sharon Cesnik** (GayLee's friend) had hip replacement surgery on Thursday. **Joyce** (Eric Trostle's godmother) broke her leg and is in rehab. **Clayton Marriott** continues to struggle with intestinal issues. **Lyle Stanton** (Justin's uncle) has been missing from the Shelbyville area. There has been a silver alert issued by the Police Department.

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), **Jack Brown** (Rachel Hewitt's uncle, fell and broke ribs), **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), **Susan Hembree** (Della's sister-in-law, waiting for tests results to come back from Mayo Clinic), **Angie Hewitt** (looking for employment), Keith Huesman (recovering from auto accident), **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** (ongoing intestinal issues), **Pat Martin** (Amy Wiwczaroski's dad, Parkinson's), **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son, Leukemia), **Bill Pennington**, (Hewitt's cousin, had a toe partially amputated due to bone infections in his feet), **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

27th Randy Sowder

Anniversary

28th John & Barbara Hagan (54yrs)

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 Meetings

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.

The Eagle Valley Church of Christ in Indianapolis will be hosting their Spring Gospel Meeting on April 12-16. Their theme is: Prophets and Kings, with guest speaker, A.J. Cox. There is a brochure on the bulletin board with the times and topics for each night.

Youth Event

Eric and Amy have planned a Spring Fling Event for all our kids on Saturday, April 18th, here at the building. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the youth bulletin board soon. More details to come.

Cleaning Crew – March 12-27 (Team 3)

Finance Record for 2026

Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $2,213.00

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: AM Bible Study (20); Worship (66); PM Bible Study (12)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, March 22	Judges 10-12
Monday, March 23	Judges 13-15
Tuesday, March 24	Judges 16-18
Wednesday, March 25	Judges 19-21
Thursday, March 26	Ruth
Friday, March 27	1Samuel 1-3
Saturday, March 28	1Samuel 4-8

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Longing for the Word

1Peter 2:2-3, (NIV)

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good."

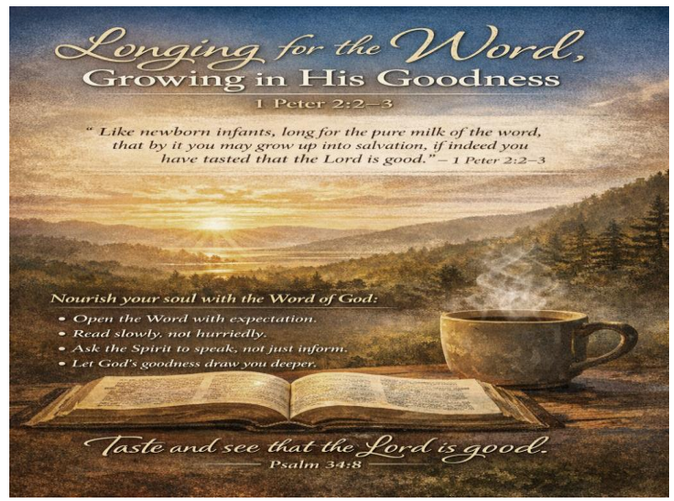
In the above passage, the apostle gives us a simple yet profound picture of spiritual growth. Peter isn't calling believers immature; he's reminding us that growth is impossible without nourishment. Just as a newborn instinctively cries out for milk, the Christian heart is meant to develop a deep, persistent hunger for God's Word. Spiritual strength doesn't come from willpower, personality, or years in the church, it comes from feeding on Scripture until it shapes our desires, our decisions, and our daily walk.

Peter's imagery is tender but challenging. Infants don't nibble. They crave. They depend. They return again and again to the source of life. In the same way, God invites us to approach His Word not as a duty to check off, but as a lifeline, something we cannot thrive without.

And why should we hunger for the Word? Because we have already "*tasted that the Lord is good*." Every believer has experienced the sweetness of His forgiveness, the comfort of His presence, the strength of His grace. Once you've tasted His goodness, nothing else satisfies in the same way. The Word becomes not just information, but nourishment – a truth that restores, corrects, encourages, and anchors us in a world full of noise and distraction.

This passage gently calls us to examine our appetites. What are we feeding our souls? What voices shape our thinking? What habits form our hearts? Growth in Christ is not accidental; it is the result of intentionally returning to the source of life.

This week, I want to encourage you to renew your hunger for the Scriptures.



Those who have tasted His grace always want more; and the Lord delights to fill every heart that longs for Him.

Ronnie Hewitt