Sermon Notes: The Holy Spirit Resides in Us (John 14:15-17)

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Point 1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

- He is a part of the Godhead (John 16:12-14)
- Two Reasons to believe:
    - 1) He has the attributes of personality – He thinks (Ac 15:28; Rom 8:27), chooses (Ac 16:6-7; 1Cor 12:11, and feels (Romans 15:30; Galatians 5:17; Ephesians 4:20.
    - 2) Secondly, the Holy Spirit is the living God
        - He is _____ _____ (Ac 5:3-4)
        - He is _____ with God (Matt 29:19; Eph 1:3-14; 2Cor 13:14)
        - He has _____ _____ (Heb 9:14)
        - He performs _____ acts (Gen 1:1; Lk 1:34-35; Rom 1:4; 2Pet 1:20-21; Jn 3:5-8)

Point 2: The Holy Spirit is Our _____ Helper / Advocate (Greek: *Parakletōs*) – Rom 8:26-27

- When you feel weak, the Spirit _____
- When you feel confused, the Spirit _____
- When you feel alone, the Spirit _____
- When you feel attacked, the Spirit _____
- Key Truth: The Spirit is not an optional _____. He is God's _____ gift for victorious living.

Point 3: The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of _____ (Jn 14:17; 15:26; 16:13)

Point 4: The Holy Spirit _____ in every believer (Jn 14:17)

Point 5: The Holy Spirit _____ us

- Our _____
- Our _____
- Our _____
- Our _____
- Our _____

Application: Living as People Filled with the Spirit

- _____ in awareness of His presence
- _____ to His leadership
- _____ on His strength
- _____ your heart as His dwelling place

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The Messenger

Weekly Newsletter of Whiteland Church of Christ
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The Lord's Day, April 12, 2026

Order of Worship

Greeting: Eric Wiwczaroski
Scripture Reading: Heath Reeves (John 14:15-17)
Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt
Communion: Jacob Day
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(The Holy Spirit Resides in Us)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon

Nursery: Debbie Smith (Sub: Hanna Redden)
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 pray you find your time here to be a source of renewal, hope, and belonging.

Recent Prayer Requests

Eric Chamberlain, Logan's dad, recent PET scan shows there has been no new cancer growth since starting the more intensive chemo treatments. **Jenny Clancy and family** (former members) in the passing of her mom, Patsy McCluggage. Her services were this past week. She was laid to rest yesterday in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

Long Term Concerns

Rhonda Aliff (Pat Stinson's daughter, lupus and recovering from neck and spine surgery); **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**, receiving immunotherapy for melanoma. **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 treatment for Hodgkin's), **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, cancer in remission), **Susan Hembree** (Della's sister-in-law, will need her abdomen drained periodically, is feeling better), **Angie Hewitt** (looking for employment), **Keith Huesman** (recovering from auto accident), **Brittney Jackson** (Rodney Dowell's niece, stage 4 breast cancer metastasized to her brain and spine), **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), **Alana Lockridge** (14yr old daughter of Nicole, friend of GayLee, residential hospital), **Lynn** (Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law's aunt, breast & spine cancer), **Clayton Marrott** (ongoing intestinal issues), **Pat Martin** (Amy Wiwczaroski's dad, Alzheimer's), **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son, Leukemia), **Norma Nelson** (Della's friend, is struggling with weakening of lungs and heart), **Randy, Jena, Lila Nowak** (Stan & Cindy's daughter, son-in-law, & granddaughter, doing well after dog bites), **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), **Gayle Stephens** (cancer in remission), **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), **Wanda Weaver** (lupus & kidney disease), **John West** (Dawn Elliott's friend, cancer), **Jimmy Wooten** (Lougene's son, Parkinson's), **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Lougene's son & daughter-in-law, Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's)

Cleaning Crew – April 12-18 (Team 4)

Announcements

Celebrations This Week

Birthday

14th Rex DeFord
15th Amy Wiwczaroski
18th Grayson Clark

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 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 is A.J. Cox of the Cloverdale Church of Christ. There is a brochure on the bulletin board with the times and topics for each night.

Youth Event

A Spring Fling Event for all our kids has been planned for Saturday, April 18th, 1-4pm, here at the building. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the youth bulletin board soon. More details see Eric or Amy Wiwczaroski.

VBS Meeting

Eric and Amy would like to have an update meeting on Sunday, April 19th after worship. VBS is scheduled for July 12-16th.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The next men's fellowship is Saturday, April 25th, at 9am, in the fellowship hall. For more information, please see Lonnie Hewitt or Clinton Nalley.

Sister's Spring Tea (May 2nd, 1:30-3:30)

All the ladies are invited to join the fellowship and fun. If you don't have a hat to wear, you can make a fascinator at the event. Please sign up by Sunday, April 26th. For more info, please see Kathy Hanshaw or Cindy Strope.

Finance Record for 2026

Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $4,006.00

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: AM Bible Study (22); Worship (73); PM Bible Study (13)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, April 12	1Kings 1-2
Monday, April 13	1Kings 3-5
Tuesday, April 14	1Kings 6-7
Wednesday, April 15	1Kings 8-9
Thursday, April 16	1Kings 10-11
Friday, April 17	1Kings 12-14
Saturday, April 18	1Kings 15-17

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Delighting in God's Love

In the final words of His prayer before going to the cross, Jesus reveals something very astonishing: He wants us to experience the same love the Father has for Him. John 17 shows us that Jesus didn't just come to teach or heal, but to make the Father's heart known so we could live in His love every day. In this prayer, He prays for His disciples and then shifts His thoughts toward all who will believe in Him.

Jesus says He has made the Father known, and He will continue to make Him known. That means God's love isn't a past event; it's a present reality. Through Scripture, the Spirit, prayer, and the church, Jesus keeps drawing us deeper and deeper into the Father's embrace.

Jesus' prayer reminds us that this love is not earned or achieved, but freely given. It's a love that reaches beyond our failures and doubts, inviting us into a relationship that is secure and unwavering. When we grasp even a glimpse of how deeply we are loved, it changes the way we see ourselves and others.

In vs. 26, Jesus' request was that "*the love You have for Me may be in them*." Think about that. This isn't a small request. This is the crescendo of Jesus' prayer. He wants us to know and experience the same love the Father has for His Son. I want us to realize that God doesn't love us reluctantly or conditionally. He loves us with the same eternal, joyful, and perfect love He has for His Son. That truth becomes the anchor of our identity and the source of our joy.

It's breathtaking to realize that He desires for us to be enveloped in the same love that has existed between the Father and the Son since before time began. This isn't just an abstract theological concept, but an invitation to participate in the divine relationship, to be drawn into an intimacy that transforms every aspect of our lives. Embracing this truth means understanding that God's love is not diluted or distant; it is as vibrant and profound toward us as it is toward His own beloved Son.

To truly embrace this love means letting it seep into every corner of our lives – into how we think, how we respond to challenges, and how we relate to others. This love is not just a comforting feeling but a transformative force that empowers us to forgive, to show compassion, and to pursue reconciliation. When we allow ourselves to be shaped by the Father's perfect love, we begin to reflect that love in our daily actions and attitudes, becoming instruments of grace in a world hungry for genuine connection.

Also, living in the reality of God's love reshapes our understanding of worth and purpose. We no longer strive for approval or validation from fleeting sources; instead, we rest in the assurance that we are treasured by the One who knows us completely. This freedom invites us to live boldly and joyfully, knowing that nothing can separate us from the love that has been poured into our hearts through Jesus. It's an invitation to walk each day with hope, confidence, and gratitude, surrendered to the beauty of a love that has no limits and no end.

May we take time this week to let this soak in, knowing that we are fully known, fully welcomed, and fully loved by our Father.

Ronnie Hewitt