Sermon Notes: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (John 10:27-30)

Introduction: _____

Point 1: He Holds the World Because He Created It (Gen 1:1; Psa. 24:1; Col 1:16-17)

Point 2: He Holds His Sheep Because He Knows Them (Jn 10:27-28; Psa. 139:1-10; Isa 43:1)

Point 3: He Holds Your Salvation Because He Secured It (Jn 3:16-17; 10:28-30; Jn 5:24; Rom 8:38-39; Phil 1:6)

Point 4: HE HOLDS YOU SECURE BECAUSE NO ONE CAN BREAK HIS GRIP (Jn 10:28-29; Eph 1:13-14)

Point 5: Jesus Holds the Future Because He Is One with the Father (Jn 10:30)

The Messenger

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The Lord's Day, May 3, 2026

Order of Worship

Greeting: Rex DeFord
Scripture Reading: Ashton Hewitt (John 10:27-30)
Worship Leader: George Hewitt
Communion: Jacob Day
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(He's Got the Whole World in His Hands)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon

Nursery: Cindie Cottingham (Sub: Debbie Smith)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Lavana Tichenor

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

Lonnie Hewitt had neck surgery to replace the disk between C3 & C4. Everything went well.
Cindy Strope received good news from her biopsy. Everything is normal.
Jared Carlos, Ronnie & Angie's grandson, was in an auto accident while taking Driver's Ed. He is sore but is doing okay.
Lillian Kelley, mother of George's friend, Chelsea. Hospice care.
Kathy Kidd, Ronnie Sutton's stepdaughter, is in the hospital with a severe infection and on a feeding tube.
Elise Short, Edie's mom, was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia.
Wilma Tinkle, Lyndsay Trostle's aunt, has stopped chemo treatments and has been placed on hospice.

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), **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad, bone cancer - infusion therapy), **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 – has stopped treatments), **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), **Angie Hewitt** (looking for employment), **Keith Huesman** (has been able to remove the neck brace), **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), **Amanda Magner & daughter, Alina King** (Amanda, Marsha Lowes' granddaughter & former member, bone cancer, doing iron infusion treatments), **Pat Martin** (Amy Wiwczaroski's dad, Alzheimer's), **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son, Leukemia), **Don Meyer** (Ronnie Sutton's stepson, has returned home after a massive stroke), **Norma Nelson** (Della's friend, is struggling with weakening of lungs and heart), **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), **Barb Surber** (Dementia; Compass Park, Rm 1304), **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), **Tim, Megan, & Ayden** (Wanda Weaver's neighbors: Ayden, 14yr-old, has non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and is receiving chemo treatments)

Announcements

Celebrations This Week

Birthday
3rd Kara Littleton
6th Justin Clark, Clinton Nalley

Today is Encouragement Sunday

There are note cards in the foyer that can be filled out and placed in the container on the table and they will be mailed for you. A kind word, a sincere prayer, and a simple "I'm glad you are here" can strengthen a weary heart more than you know. Let's be intentional about building one another up.

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 this Thursday, May 7th. Therefore, you have through Wednesday to bring your items in.

Morning Glories Ministry Brunch

The next brunch is scheduled for this Saturday, May 9th, at 10am, in the fellowship hall. For more information, please see Inez Dailey.

Family Love Feast Fellowship

Our next opportunity for fellowship will be Sunday, May 17th, following our morning worship service. We hope you will make plans to attend. Please consider bringing a dish to share, and don't forget those desserts. This is also an excellent opportunity to invite someone to join you.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars: VBS is scheduled for July 12-16th. At this time, we are collecting your empty cardboard paper towel and toilet paper roles that will be used for craft projects. If you would like to help in any way with VBS, see Eric or Amy.

Cleaning Crew – May 3-9 (Team 4)

Finance Record for 2026

Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $2,214.00

Attendance Last Week

Sunday: AM Bible Study (21); Worship (58); PM Bible Study (14)
Wednesday Bible Study (13)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, May 3	1Chronicles 7-8
Monday, May 4	1Chronicles 9-11
Tuesday, May 5	1Chronicles 12-14
Wednesday, May 6	1Chronicles 15-17
Thursday, May 7	1Chronicles 18-21
Friday, May 8	1Chronicles 22-24
Saturday, May 9	1Chronicles 25-27

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I Stand and Knock

In Revelation 3:14-20, we find one of the most sobering, and one of the most hopeful, messages as Jesus addresses the church in Laodicea. He exposes a spiritual condition that is easy to fall into: a lukewarm faith that is comfortable, self-sufficient, and unaware of its true need. Laodicea thought it was rich, strong, and secure. Jesus lovingly tells them the truth: they were spiritually poor, blind, and naked.

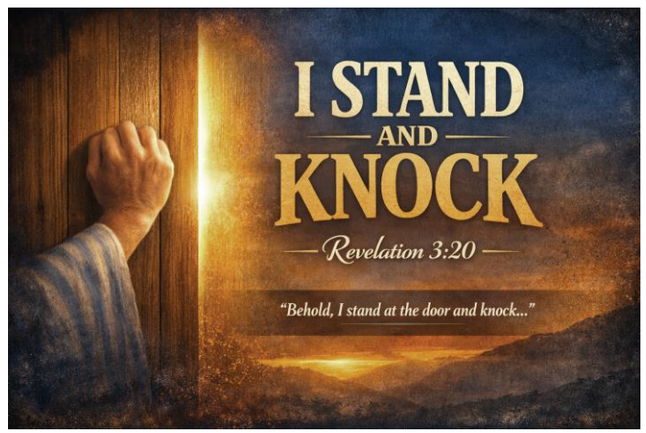
Yet even in His rebuke, Christ's heart shines with compassion. He does not walk away from lukewarm believers. He pursues them. He disciplines because He loves. And then He offers one of the most personal invitations in all of Scripture:

"***Behold, I stand at the door and knock***."

We need to see that Jesus is not distant. He is not silent. He is not indifferent. He stands – present, patient, and persistent. And He knocks – calling us back to fellowship, renewal, and wholehearted devotion.

So many times we misuse this passage as if it only applies to those outside of the church. However, Jesus wasn't addressing the lost of the world, He was addressing those with whom He had covenant relationship. This was a call to once again open the door. A call to let Christ reign where we have grown comfortable. A call to return to the warmth of a living, daily relationship with Him.

"If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in..."
This is the promise: restored fellowship, renewed joy, and the presence of Christ at the center of our lives. He does not force His way in. He waits for our response. May our hearts stay open, our faith stay warm, and our lives stay attentive to the Savior who still stands and still knocks.



Ronnie Hewitt