Sermon Notes
Scriptures: Matthew 14:35-36; Mark 6:53-56; Matthew 14:21; Hebrews 13:8

# The Messenger

**Newsletter of Whiteland Church of Christ**

**Loving God / Loving People**

**The Lord's Day, Sunday, May 31, 2026**

## Order of Worship

Call to Worship: Rick Lowe
Scripture Reading: Clinton Nalley (Mark 6:53-56)
Worship Leader: George Hewitt
Communion: Erick Wiwczaroski
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (When a Simple Touch Changes Everything)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

## Bible Hour During Sermon

Nursery: Debbie Smith (Sub: Megan Johnson)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade: Renie Nalley

## Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm
Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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## Recent Prayer Requests

Our heartfelt condolences are with **Rodney Dowell and his family**. Rodney's niece, Brittney Jackson, passed away. Her service was held this past Friday.

**Nancy Havens** (former member) is continuing to improve and has been transferred to Aspen Trace Rehab Center over on SR. 135.

## Long Term Concerns

**Rhonda Aliff** (Pat Stinson's daughter, lupus, recovering from neck & spine surgery); **Suzanne Bielski** (Lonnie & Sonya's doctor, chemo treatments for cancer), **Gavin Brooks** (son of Keith Huesman's friend, heart issues), **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad, infusion therapy for bone cancer), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, treatment for Hodgkin's), **Gene Doan** (Rhonda Denzio's dad, heart & lung issues), **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 & Susan Hembree** (Della's brother, lung issues; sister-in-law, severe abdomen issues), **Lonnie Hewitt** (recovering from neck surgery), **Shirley Hewitt** (former step-mom of the Hewitt's, recovering from strokes), **Keith Huesman** (recovering from broken neck), **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew, coronary artery bypass), **Martin Julian** (shut-in), **Lillian Kelley** (mother of George's friend, Chelsea, hospice), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Lynn** (Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law's aunt, breast & spine cancer), **Amanda Magner** (Marsha Lowes' granddaughter & former member, bone cancer), **Pat Martin** (Amy's dad, Alzheimer's), **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son, Leukemia), **Don Meyer** (Ronnie Sutton's stepson, recovering from massive stroke), **Norma Nelson** (Della's friend, heart & lungs), **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), **Elise Short** (Edie's mom, gall-bladder issues), **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), **Ayden** (Wanda Weaver's 14yr old neighbor, chemo treatments for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma)

**Cleaning Crew – May 31-June 6**
**(Team 4)**

**Finance Record for 2026**

Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $3,240.00

**Attendance Last Week**

Sunday: AM Bible Study (22); Worship (65); PM Bible Study (9)
Wednesday Bible Study (12)

### Daily Bible Reading Plan

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| Sunday, May 31 | Esther 6-10 |
| Monday, June 1 | Job 1-4 |
| Tuesday, June 2 | Job 5-7 |
| Wednesday, June 3 | Job 8-10 |
| Thursday, June 4 | Job 11-13 |
| Friday, June 5 | Job 14-16 |
| Saturday, June 6 | Job 17-20 |

**Celebrations This Week**

**Birthday**

June 5th Richard Burris

**Anniversary**

June 3rd Ronnie & Angie Hewitt (32yrs)
June 4th Phil & Cindie Cottingham (43yrs)

## Announcements

**Encouragement Sunday**

Next Sunday is our next opportunity to encourage our brothers and sisters who might be struggling or just need an encouraging word and know that someone is thinking of and praying for them. There are note cards in the foyer you can fill out and drop in the box to be mailed.

**Senior Recognition Day**

We will be honoring our 2026 High School graduates (Isaiah Boner & Ashton Hewitt) on Sunday, June 14th. We want to encourage everyone to stay for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following our morning worship service.

**Gospel Singing & Ice Cream Social**

The Franklin Road Church of Christ is hosting a singing on Saturday, June 6, starting at 5pm. There will be an ice cream social following. There is a flyer on the bulletin board.

**Gospel Meeting**

The Stop 11 Road Church of Christ is hosting a meeting with Neal Pollard on June 7-10th. There is a flyer on the bulletin board with the times and their address.

**Morning Glories' Ministry Brunch**

Attention Ladies: Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 13th as that is the next opportunity for you to gather for brunch and ministry considerations. You will meet at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

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### "Listening to the Warnings"

There are moments in life when the evidence is so overwhelming that you would think no one could miss the message. A house catches fire because someone ignored the warning about faulty wiring. A marriage collapses because the signs of neglect were plain for years. A person's health breaks down after a lifetime of ignoring every red flag. And when the smoke finally rises, you would think the lesson would be learned.

In Jeremiah 44, Judah had already experienced the consequences of her idolatry – Jerusalem had been destroyed, the temple was burned, and the people were scattered. Yet even after all of that, the remnant who fled to Egypt continued the very practices that had brought judgment in the first place. And so God speaks again – not because He enjoys giving warnings, but because He desires repentance, restoration, and life for His people.

GOD REMINDS THEM OF WHAT THEY HAVE SEEN (vv. 2–3) "*You have seen all the disaster I brought on Jerusalem and on all the towns of Judah…*" The Lord begins with a simple truth: "*You saw what happened*." They didn't need a prophet to explain it. They didn't need a historian to interpret it. They had lived it. So, why does God remind them? Because memory is a moral teacher. They saw the temple burn. They saw the land emptied. They saw the consequences of idolatry. Yet they still said, "*We will do what we want*."

APPLICATION FOR US: We, too, have "seen" enough to know that sin destroys. We've seen families torn apart by unfaithfulness. We've seen lives ruined by addiction. We've seen churches wounded by pride, gossip, and division. We've seen what happens when people drift from God. And yet, like Judah, we sometimes walk right back into the very patterns that broke us. God's warnings are not to shame us, but they are to save us. Truth is: Most of our spiritual struggles are not due to lack of information. They are due to lack of surrender. God's warning really becomes an invitation for us. You see, Jeremiah 44 is not just a historical record, but it serves to ask us: What warnings have I ignored? What idols have I protected? What patterns am I repeating? What sin am I excusing? What voice of God have I silenced?

But it also offers hope: If God was willing to warn Judah after everything they had done, He is certainly willing to restore us today. And if we respond – not with stubbornness, but with surrender – we will find that the God who warns is the God who heals.

…Ronnie Hewitt