Sermon: A Life that Magnifies Christ
Phil 1:20-21, Col 3:17, 2Cor 12:9, Matt 5:16, 2Cor 3:18, Phil 1:12, 2Tim 1:7, Ps 116:15

The Messenger

Newsletter of Whiteland Church of Christ

Loving God / Loving People

The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 23, 2026

Order of Worship

Call to Worship: Rodney Dowell
Scripture Reading: Keith Huesman (Philippians 1:20-21)
Worship Leader: George Hewitt
Communion: Lonnie Hewitt
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (A Life that Magnifies Christ)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

Bible Hour During Sermon

Nursery: Cindie Cottingham (Sub: Megan Johnson)
Toddler: Lavana Tichenor
4yr old-Pre-K: Edie Short
K-3rd Grade: Tammy Burris

Schedule of Services

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

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Recent Prayer Requests

Richard Burris will have surgery to repair his C4 through T1 on Thursday.
Kathy Feldmeier is recovering from falling last weekend.
Moe Handy will have knee replacement surgery on Sept. 28th.
Ronnie Hewitt sees a dermatologist tomorrow for possible skin cancer.
Ronnie Sutton will have a heart catheterization procedure on Tuesday.
Wanda Weaver will have a scope procedure and new battery installed for her back stimulator.
Amy Wiwczaroski's family as they cope with her dad's care due to Alzheimer's.
Isaiah Echols will be having another biopsy on September 23rd. His latest MRI showed an additional lesion that they want to evaluate for prostate cancer.
Leah Raker (Kent's great-granddaughter) has two fractured legs.

Long Term Concerns

Rhonda Aliff (Pat Stinson's daughter, lupus), **Suzanne Bielski** (Lonnie & Sonya's doctor, chemo treatments for cancer), **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad, infusion therapy for bone cancer, recovering from surgery), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, Hodgkin's Lymphoma), **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** (Hagan's friend, kidney & heart issues), **Angie Hammitt** (Wiwczaroski's friend, colon & liver cancer, aggressive chemo treatments), **Moe Handy** (shut-in), **Rex & Susan Hembree** (Della's brother, lung issues; sister-in-law, severe abdomen issues), **Shirley Hewitt** (Hewitt's stepmom, hospice), **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew, coronary artery bypass), **Martin Julian** (shut-in), **Lillian Kelley** (mother of Chelsea, George Hewitt's friend, hospice), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Mary Leachman** (sun poisoning), **Flora Littleton** (seizures), **Amanda Magner** (former member, recovering from bone cancer), **Clayton Marriott** (lost his way spiritually), **Pat Martin** (Amy's dad, Alzheimer's), **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son, Leukemia), **Norma Nelson** (Della's friend, heart & lungs), **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Heather Schmidt** (Amy Wiwczaroski's cousin, radiation treatments), **Belle Magill-Shirley** (Wanda's mom, recovering from a mini-stroke), **Elise Short** (Edie's mom, recovering from gallbladder surgery), **Barb Surber** (Dementia; Compass Park, Rm 1304), **Tiffany Waskom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (lupus & kidney disease), **John West** (Dawn Elliott's friend, cancer), **Ayden** (Wanda Weaver's 14yr old neighbor, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma)

Cleaning Crew – 23rd – 29th
(Team 4)

Finance Record for 2026
Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $1,838.00

Attendance Last Week
Sunday: AM Bible Study (17); Worship (49); PM Bible Study (15)
Wednesday Bible Study (15)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, August 23	Jeremiah 38-41
Monday, August 24	Jeremiah 42-45
Tuesday, August 25	Jeremiah 46-48
Wednesday, August 26	Jeremiah 49-50
Thursday, August 27	Jeremiah 51-52
Friday, August 28	Lamentations 1-3:36
Saturday, August 29	Lamentation 3:37-5:22

Celebrations This Week

Birthday
28th Briar Day

Anniversary
25th Eric & Lyndsay Trostle (8yrs)

Announcements

Church Potluck will be Sunday, September 6th. Everyone is encouraged to join us and invite someone to be your guests for a wonderful time of fellowship and a meal. We are asked to bring a main dish and/or a dessert to share.

Morning Glories Ministry Brunch will be Saturday, September 12th at 10am in the fellowship hall. For more information, please see Inez Dailey.

Moving: Ronnie & GayLee will be transitioning into a smaller apartment at Compass Park. They need to downsize in the process. They have several items you might be interested in. Please contact GayLee (317-474-9021) for more details.

Our Daily Bread Quarterly Devotional: There are new devotionals for September – November on the shelf in the foyer.

Shults Lewis Annual Day is September 19th from 8am-4pm. There will be music/food/crafts/rummage sale/auction/and family fun for all.

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"Salvation through Christ"

There are verses in Scripture that seem to gather the entire gospel into a single breath. Romans 6:23 is one of them. It is a verse that begins with the bleak reality of sin but ends with the blazing hope of salvation. It is a verse that tells the truth about us and the truth about God. "*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*." Let's walk through this verse slowly, reverently, and gratefully. Let's all this verse to speak to us about our need, God's grace, and Christ's saving work. Through this process, we will see how this gift is received and lived out in the life of the believer.

Paul begins with a word we all understand: "wages." Wages are earned. They are the result of what we do. And Paul says that sin pays a wage, which is death. Scripture does not treat sin lightly but tells us that sin is rebellion against God. Isaiah 59:2 shows us the gravity of our rebellion against God. "*Your iniquities have separated you from your God.*" Sin is not merely a mistake; it is spiritual rebellion. It is choosing our way over God's way.

The result of our rebellion is death. Death in Scripture is revealed as being threefold: Physical death (Genesis 3:19), Spiritual separation from God (Ephesians 2:1), and Eternal loss apart from His presence (2Thessalonians 1:8–9). Sin pays a salary no one wants to receive. And every person, on their own, is spiritually bankrupt.

However, we read from the second half of our verse: "*...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus*" (Rom 6:23). Paul shifts from wages to gift. Wages are earned; gifts are given. Salvation is not a paycheck but a present. Our salvation is rooted in God's grace. Eph 2:8-9 tells us, "*For by grace you have been saved through faith... it is the gift of God*." We read in Titus 3:5, "*He saved us... according to His mercy*." And Romans 5:8 shows us how this salvation was accomplished: "*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us*." God does not wait for us to become worthy. He gives salvation because He is gracious.

We also need to realize that eternal life is more than an endless existence. Jesus said: "*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly*" (John 10:10). Eternal life begins now – when we enter a relationship with Jesus – and continues into eternity.

Paul does not leave us guessing about where salvation is found. It is found only in Christ. Jesus is the only way. He said, "*I am the way, the truth, and the life...*" (John 14:6). "*Nor is there salvation in any other...*" (Acts 4:12). "*In Him we have redemption through His blood*" (Ephesians 1:7). Therefore, Jesus is not one option among many; He is the only Savior. Through His death, Jesus paid the penalty of sin. Through His resurrection, He conquered death.

I hope you can see and understand: God's gift of salvation is free, but it must be received by us. The gift of God is eternal life, but only in Christ Jesus our Lord. Today, that gift is offered to you. Not because you deserve it. Not because you earned it. But because God loves you.

....Ronnie Hewitt