Sermon: Forgiving Self: The Blessing of Freedom
Romans 8:1-2; 1John 1:9; Psalm 103:12; 2Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 3:13-14; Micah 7:18-19; Psalm 32:5

The Messenger

Newsletter of Whiteland Church of Christ

Loving God / Loving People

The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 30, 2026

Order of Worship

Call to Worship: Rick Lowe
Scripture Reading: Dan Strope (Romans 8:1-2)
Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt
Communion: Rex DeFord
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (Forgiving Yourself)
Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

Bible Hour During Sermon

Nursery: Kayla Stanton (Sub: Rhonda Denzio)
Toddler: Lavana Tichenor
4yr old-Pre-K: Edie Short
K-3rd Grade: Angie McDaniel

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 had surgery to repair his C4 through T1 on Thursday. Everything went very well.
Karen DeFord is dealing with a lingering cough
Ronnie Hewitt was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma. The doctor believes she got it all removed.
Shirley Hewitt, Hewitt's stepmom, passed away Friday.
Ronnie Sutton had a heart cath, with 4 new stints and then a pacemaker put in place.
Wanda Weaver has a new battery for her back stimulator.
Amy Wiwczaroski's family as they cope with her dad's care due to Alzheimer's.
Kevin Wiwczaroski, Eric's dad, has been diagnosed with Leukemia and has been placed on hospice.
Isaiah Echols will be having another biopsy on September 23rd. His latest MRI showed an additional lesion that they want to evaluate.

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), **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), **Jim Yager** (Hewitt's uncle, neck fusion)

Cleaning Crew – 30th – Sept 5th
(Team 1)

Finance Record for 2026
Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $5,952.00

Attendance Last Week
Sunday: AM Bible Study (21); Worship (72); PM Bible Study (12)
Wednesday Bible Study (10)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, August 30	Ezekiel 1-4
Monday, August 31	Ezekiel 5-8
Tuesday, September 1	Ezekiel 9-12
Wednesday, September 2	Ezekiel 13-15
Thursday, September 3	Ezekiel 16-17
Friday, September 4	Ezekiel 18-20
Saturday, September 5	Ezekiel 21-22

Celebrations This Week
Birthday
30th Cindy Davis, Derrick Littleton

Anniversary
None to Report

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 the main building at Compass Park on September 1st. They are in the process of downsizing and have several items you might be interested in. Please contact GayLee (317-474-9021) for more details.

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

Morgan Street Church of Christ (Martinsville, IN) is hosting a Gospel Meeting on Sept 11-13th. There is a flyer on the bulletin board with their theme and times.

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"Living in God's Will"

Living in God's will is not a mystery reserved for a select few. It is the daily, steady, Spirit-shaped life of any believer who chooses to trust God more than their own understanding. Scripture never treats God's will as a riddle to solve but as a relationship to walk in.

God's will begins with who you are, not where you go. Paul writes, "*This is the will of God, your sanctification*" (1Thess. 4:3). Before God directs our steps, He shapes our hearts. Living in His will means allowing Him to form Christlike character, such as patience, purity, humility, compassion, so that wherever we go, we may reflect Him. God's will is less about geography and more about godliness.

God's will is revealed through His Word. Many believers long for signs, but God has already given us Scripture as the lamp for our feet. When we saturate our minds with His Word, our decisions begin to align with His heart. The more familiar we are with God's voice in Scripture, the easier it becomes to recognize His voice in our choices.

God's will is walked one step at a time. Psalm 37:23 says, "*The steps of a man are established by the Lord*." Notice it says, "steps," not leaps. God rarely shows us the entire path. Instead, He invites us to obey in the next faithful step, whether it's a prayer spoken, a temptation resisted, a kindness offered, or a burden surrendered. Living in God's will is not dramatic; it is deliberate.

God's will is confirmed through peace and wisdom. When we walk with God, His peace becomes our compass. This doesn't mean the absence of difficulty, but the settled assurance that we are not walking alone. God also uses wise counsel, such as other faithful Christians, shepherds, and Scripture to-shape us, to help us discern the right direction. His will is never discovered in isolation.

God's will always leads us closer to Jesus. Whatever draws you nearer to Jesus, strengthens your faith, and deepens your love for God and neighbor—that is His will. Even in seasons of uncertainty, God's will is at work shaping you, steadying you, and preparing you for what He already sees ahead.

Let me give you a final encouragement: Living in God's will is not about perfection; it is about surrender. It is the quiet, daily choice to say, "Lord, lead me," and the courageous trust to follow where He guides. When you walk with Him, you can rest in this promise: He will never lead you anywhere His grace cannot sustain you.

....Ronnie Hewitt