Sermon: Repentance & Forgiveness
Ephesians 1:7-8; Luke 24:46-47; Romans 3:22-26

The Messenger

Newsletter of Whiteland Church of Christ

Loving God / Loving People

The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 6, 2026

Order of Worship

Call to Worship: Rex DeFord
Scripture Reading: Chase Tichenor (Ephesians 1:7-8)
Worship Leader: George Hewitt
Communion: Dan Strope
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (Repentance & Forgiveness)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

Bible Hour During Sermon

Nursery: Kathy Hanshaw (Sub: Megan Johnson)
Toddler: Lavana Tichenor
4yr old-Pre-K: Edie Short
K-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

Richard Burris is recovering at home from C4 through T1 repair surgery.
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.
Eric & Amy Wiwczaroski's family as they mourn the passing of Eric's dad (Kevin) and adjust to the care needs of Amy's dad (Pat Martin) due to Alzheimer's.
Eric Chamberlain (Logan's dad) had skin graft surgery due to cancer this past Wednesday.
Rex Hembree (Della's brother) has one lung which is operating at 40% and is causing his oxygen level to be extremely low.
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), **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), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Mary Leachman** (sun poisoning), **Flora Littleton** (seizures), **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), **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 – 6th—12th
(Team 3)

Finance Record for 2026
Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $2,625.00

Attendance Last Week
Sunday: AM Bible Study (13); Worship (57); PM Bible Study (7)
Wednesday Bible Study (10)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, September 6	Ezekiel 23-24
Monday, September 7	Ezekiel 25-27
Tuesday, September 8	Ezekiel 28-30
Wednesday, September 9	Ezekiel 31-33
Thursday, September 10	Ezekiel 34-36
Friday, September 11	Ezekiel 37-39
Saturday, September 12	Ezekiel 40-42

Celebrations This Week
Birthday
None to Report

Anniversary
7th Ronnie & GayLee Sutton (7yrs)

Announcements

Encouragement Sunday is today. Is there someone on your mind that could use a special note. There are cards in the foyer that can be filled out and mailed for you.

Church Potluck today following worship. Everyone is encouraged to stay and join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and a meal.

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 have transitioned into the main building at Compass Park. Their new address is 690 S. State Street; Apt. 237; Franklin, IN 46131.

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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"Jude's Wisdom for a Faithful Church"

The short letter of Jude often hides in the shadows of larger New Testament books, yet it carries a voice that is bold, urgent, and deeply pastoral as it contains a powerful message for today's church. Its author, Jude, the half-brother of Jesus, offers the church timeless lessons drawn from his unique journey of faith and his fierce commitment to the truth. He opens his letter not by highlighting his family connection to Jesus, but by calling himself "*a servant of Jesus Christ*" (Jude 1). He could have claimed status. He could have appealed to his bloodline. Instead, he chose servanthood. The reality is: True spiritual authority flows from humility, not heritage. Jude teaches us that the greatest title a Christian can hold is that of a servant.

Jude urges believers to "*contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints*" (Jude 3). He writes to everyday Christians—not scholars, not apostles—reminding them that every believer shares responsibility for guarding the gospel. Faith is not something we merely receive; it is something we protect. In a world of shifting morals and diluted doctrine, Jude calls us to be courageous defenders of truth. In doing this, he warns about false teachers who quietly slip into the church. They are subtle, persuasive, and destructive. Jude's imagery is vivid: hidden reefs, waterless clouds, fruitless trees, and wandering stars. These metaphors reveal the danger of spiritual leaders who promise much but deliver nothing. Discernment is not optional. Jude reminds us that spiritual drift often begins quietly through compromise, complacency, or charismatic voices that lack godly character.

Jude reaches back into Israel's history to show that God takes sin seriously. Yet, he also highlights God's ability to keep His people from falling (Jude 24). The Christian life is lived between two realities: God's holiness that confronts sin and God's mercy that sustains His people. Jude teaches us to hold both truths without losing balance. And he does that by giving us practical steps for spiritual strength: *Build yourselves up in the most holy faith. Pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God. Wait for the mercy of Jesus Christ* (Jude 20–21). These are not passive instructions. They are active disciplines that shape a resilient, enduring faith. Understand, spiritual maturity doesn't happen accidentally. Therefore, Jude calls us to intentional habits that anchor us in God's love.

Jude's closing exhortation is surprisingly tender: "*Have mercy on those who doubt*." He urges believers to rescue the wavering, the confused, and the deceived. Contending for the faith never means crushing the weak, so he teaches us to hold conviction in one hand and compassion in the other.

He ends with worship as a final word as he gives us one of Scripture's most beautiful doxologies—a reminder that God alone keeps us, guards us, and presents us blameless with great joy. The Christian life begins in grace, continues in grace, and ends in glory. Jude's final word is worship, and ours should be too.

....Ronnie Hewitt