Sermon: "I Will Build My Church"
Matthew 16:13-18; Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:25-27; 1Corinthians 3:16; Colossians 1:13-14

The Messenger

Newsletter of Whiteland Church of Christ

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, October 18, 2026

Order of Worship

Call to Worship: Rex DeFord
Scripture Reading: Rodney Dowell (Matthew 16:13-18)
Worship Leader: George Hewitt
Communion: Rick Lowe
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (I Will Build My Church)
Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

Bible Hour During Sermon

Nursery: Hanna Redden (Sub: Rhonda Denzio)
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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Prayer Requests

Rex & Karen DeFord: Rex will have a gallbladder test on Monday. Karen continues to recover from surgery.
Moe Handy is at home and is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Everything is going well.
Ronnie Hewitt will be having a heart cath on Friday in preparation for heart valve surgery.
Clayton Marriott is recovering from stint surgery and is doing well.
Dan & Cindy Strope are in New York seeing his family.
Ed & Lavana Tichenor are traveling and will be back Sunday evening.

Long Term Concerns

Augie (6-year-old son of Seth Tichenor's friend, needs heart transplant), **Jack Brown** (Rachel Hewitt's uncle, rehab recovering from COVID), **Richard Burris** (recovering from neck and discs repair surgery), **Eric Chamberlain** (Logan's dad, bone cancer), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, Hodgkin's Lymphoma), **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, chemo treatments), **Rex & Susan Hembree** (Della's brother, lung issues; sister-in-law, severe abdomen issues), **Kimberly Holtsclaw** (Hewitt's sister, awaiting tests results due to cirrhosis of the liver), **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew, coronary artery bypass), **Martin Julian** (shut-in), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Pat Martin** (Amy's dad, Alzheimer's), **Brett Mason** (Rodney & Tonya Dowell's son, Leukemia), **Norma Nelson** (Della's friend, heart & lungs), **Kenna Orr** (Charli Denzio's mom, mass on ovary); **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), **Joe Way** (DeFord's nephew-in-law, recovering from infection after ankle surgery), **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: 18-24
(Team 4)

Finance Record for 2026
Weekly Budget: $3,474.56 Last Sunday Offering: $2,283.00

Attendance Last Week
Sunday: AM Bible Study (15); Worship (51); PM Bible Study (9)
Wednesday Bible Study (13)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, October 18	Mark 8-9
Monday, October 19	Mark 10-11
Tuesday, October 20	Mark 12-13
Wednesday, October 21	Mark 14
Thursday, October 22	Mark 15-16
Friday, October 23	Luke 1
Saturday, October 24	Luke 2-3

Celebrations This Week
Birthday
None to Report

Anniversary
None to Report

Announcements

Men's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th at 9am in the fellowship hall.

The Annual Boys to Men Campout is scheduled for November 6-7. There is a sign-up sheet on the Involvement Board. Please indicate if you will be here for dinner and breakfast the next morning, so preparations can be made for food.

Spring Mill Bible Camp has some generous donors who have pledged to match dollar for dollar every gift SMBC receives through the end of the year up to $20,000. There is a flyer on the bulletin board with more information.

The Stop 11 Road Church of Christ is hosting their Annual Lectureship (God on Trial) on November 1st -5th. There is a flyer on the bulletin board with the times and their address.

Moving: Lougene Wooten will be moving on the 23rd to an assisted living facility in Lexington, KY to be closer to her family.

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"What God Actually Values"

"Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1:26-27)

The above passage breaks true religion down to two movements of the heart: compassion and purity. It's strikingly simple, yet profoundly demanding. God isn't impressed by ceremony without mercy, nor by doctrine without holiness. He calls His people to step toward the vulnerable (the orphan and widow) and at the same time to step away from the world's corrupting pull.

It's a reminder that faith is never merely believed; it's lived. Real devotion shows up in how we treat those who can't repay us and in how we guard our hearts from the subtle erosion of sin. In a world full of noise, James gives a quiet but piercing definition of what God actually values: love that acts and holiness that endures.

....Ronnie Hewitt

"I felt like you were preaching right at me this morning ... especially after you pointed and said my name the third time."