

**Sermon Notes**

Scriptures: James 4:4-7; Matthew 5:3; Luke 18:9-14; Isaiah 66:2; 2Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 51:15-17; & 1Peter 1:16

Lined area for sermon notes.

*The Messenger*

Weekly Newsletter of Whiteland Church of Christ  
Loving God / Loving People

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**Order of Worship**

**Greeting / Prayer:** Rex DeFord

**Worship Leader:** George Hewitt

**Communion:** Eric Wiwczaroski

**Scripture Reading:** Scott Anderson (James 4:4-7)

**Sermon:** Ronnie Hewitt (Poor in Spirit)

**Announcements / Prayer:** Ed Tichenor

**Bible Hour Today:** Renie Nalley

**Bible Hour September 22:** Kara Littleton

**Nursery Today:** Debbie Smith

**Nursery September 22:** Kathy Hanshaw

**Schedule of Services**

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

Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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## Prayer Concerns

**Sarah Day** had to have gall bladder surgery Wednesday. Everything went really well.

**Donna Hall** was able to return home after suffering a stroke. She will be having in-home therapy.

**Rex Hembree** (Della's brother) suffered a stroke, which affected the use of his arm. He has returned home and will be doing in-home therapy.

**Emily & Ember Lett**, Della's granddaughter and great-granddaughter, are both doing much better.

**Diane Martin**, Amy Wiwczaroski's mom, is in Mercy South Hospital in St. Louis. She is undergoing several tests, due to finding spots on her brain, lungs, and liver. It will be a few days for the results to come back.

**Sheila McQuillan**, newborn daughter of Maureen, co-worker of Rachel Hewitt, had some severe breathing issues and multiple seizures. She is in Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, TN. She has been diagnosed with pituitary stalk interruption syndrome. She is being treated with steroids and seems to be responding well.

**Kelsey and Rynn Senft**, Lonnie & Sonya Hewitt's daughter-in-law and 6½ month old grandson both are doing better after having COVID.

**Virginia Short** received the results from her heart cath. Everything was good.

**Gina Sowder** is feeling better. The doctor changed the antibiotic she was on, and her sugar levels have come back up.

**Bob Stewart**, Angie Hewitt's dad, continues to decline. He has been placed on hospice.

**Tiffany Wann**, friend of Tana Kay, is dealing with a lumbar hernia and is in severe pain.

**Charlie Weaver** continues to suffer with back pain. He is also experiencing A fib symptoms and is wearing a monitor. He will be having upcoming tests.

**Wanda Weaver** has been diagnosed with stage 4 kidney disease. She will be having more tests.

## Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Juanita Brunner, Polly Burchfield, Pam Dowty, Robert Ewing, Moe Handy, Rex Hembree, Marilyn Hiser, Ted Houchin, Martin Julian, Sharon Lasiter, Noah & Gay Logsdon, Andy Mytides, Juanita Rodman, Anthony Ross, Bob Stewart, Vonnie Stonebraker, Barb Surber, Nancy Vermillion, Delbert Vibbert, Don & Mary Walton, and Joel Westberry.

## Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, September 15	Hosea 4-6
Monday, September 16	Hosea 7-10
Tuesday, September 17	Hosea 11-14
Wednesday, September 18	Joel 1-3
Thursday, September 19	Amos 1-3
Friday, September 20	Amos 5-7
Saturday, September 21	Amos 8-9



## Celebrations This Week

### Birthdays

16<sup>th</sup> Barb Surber

20<sup>th</sup> Regina Anderson, Neil Buttram, Amanda Trostle

### Anniversary

19<sup>th</sup> Jacob & Sarah Day (2yrs)



Harding St. Church of Christ is hosting their annual ladies' day on September 28<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9am. There is an advertisement on the bulletin board in the foyer.



All men are invited to join us on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am for a meal, fellowship, devotional, and prayer time.

## Encouragement Sunday

October 6<sup>th</sup>

There will be cards on the table in the foyer you can fill out to send an encouraging message to someone who might need it. Then place the card in the container and it will be mailed for you. Please be sure to put their name on the card. If they are not a member here, please include mailing address.



There are updated mission reports on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please take some time to stop and read them and say a special prayer for the ministries and missionaries we are supporting.

## Meditation of God's Word

### Fully Known

*For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. (Luke 8:17, NIV)*

To try to live in secrecy before God, man, and yourself is to live in darkness. That is not how God made us. We were made to be fully known. We were made to be open and vulnerable. It's only in the place of living fully known that we can truly receive the depths of God's love for us. It's only in being fully known that we discover who we really are and the extent of our need for God.

Our culture values perception above reality. We work tirelessly to create an image of perfection in the minds of others that requires a constant covering-up of who we truly are. We work to build up a facade, in an attempt to keep in darkness that which we fear will cause rejection. But the greater our facade the less we are truly loved. When someone loves an image we've created, that we know isn't truly us, we can't receive that love. When someone compliments the image of perfection we've worked to create, we are all the time thinking, "If you only knew who I really was, you wouldn't be saying those things." To be fully loved is to be fully known.

The sobering truth of Scripture is that God already knows the secrets of our hearts and will one day bring them out into the light whether we desire it or not. Hebrews 4:13 says, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account" (NIV). Again, Luke 8:17 tells us, "For nothing is concealed that will not become evident, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light" (NASB). God knows the importance of everything being brought to the light. His chief desire is to have full relationship with us, and He knows full relationship only occurs without secrets.

While God knows the secrets of our hearts already, we will not receive the fullness of His love here on earth until we willingly open them up to Him. To know that we are fully known and still fully loved allows us to stop hiding. It allows us to stop being defensive or making excuses for our behavior. God patiently waits for us to make ourselves fully known to Him, all the while beckoning us with His loving-kindness. He declares His good nature to us through Scripture, circumstances, and His Spirit, as He knocks on the door of our hearts that we might let Him in to love us, heal us, and set us free.

Take time today to open your life to God, and with His help, begin tearing down whatever facade you've built up. Engage in the process of offering up the parts of your heart you've never wanted to bring to the light. Tell Him of your secrets. Make some space to reflect on your life. What do you work so tirelessly to keep in the dark? What thoughts, motives, or wounds do you constantly try and hide? Trust that your God is good. He already knows the secrets of your life. He will not reject you. He is not disgusted with you or ashamed of you. He simply wants to fully love you. May you experience the love of your heavenly Father to greater measure as you seek to be fully known.

....Ronnie Hewitt