

Sermon Notes

Scriptures: 2Corinthians 5:14-21; Galatians 2:20-21; Ephesians 4:22-24; Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:10

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The Messenger

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

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Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Eric Wiwczarowski

Worship Leader: George Hewitt

Communion: Jacob Day

Scripture Reading: Heath Reeves (2Corinthians 5:14-17)

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (A New Creature)

Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

Bible Hour Today: Lavana Tichenor

Bible Hour October 6: Rachel Hewitt

Nursery Today: Rhonda Denzio

Nursery October 6: Cindie Cottingham

Schedule of Services

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

Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Prayer Concerns

Karen Capozzi (Rhonda Denzio's aunt) has been placed on hospice.

Sue Dubree (Barbara Hurst's sister) has been admitted back to the hospital and is on comfort measures.

Tom Gardner (former teacher of Rachel Hewitt) has colon cancer.

Donna Hall is doing in-home therapy after having a stroke.

Rex Hembree (Della's brother) has more cancer in his lungs. They are going to do biopsies and are planning to be aggressive in his treatments.

Greg Kellow (former member of Greenfield CoC) is on a vent and unresponsive due to a sepsis infection.

Diane Martin (Amy Wiwczaroski's mom) has been diagnosed with metastatic cancer. She needs to have more tests to help determine what type of cancer she has so they can determine what treatments she needs.

Karen Raub (Charlie Weaver's sister) had complications after a lithotripsy and is on a vent with a sepsis infection.

Gina Sowder is having a breast biopsy on Monday.

Bob Stewart remains on hospice at Majestic Care Southport.

Charlie Weaver is dealing with A fib with premature ventricular contractions and a kidney infection.

Wanda Weaver has stage 4 kidney disease. She will be having more tests.

Nancy White (John Denzio's aunt) is in hospice.

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.

Praises

Sheila McQuillan (newborn daughter of Maureen, friend of Rachel Hewitt) has pituitary stalk interruption syndrome. She is being treated with steroids and has been able to go home from the hospital.

Nova Pearson (Inez's great-granddaughter) was able to have her colostomy reversed.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, September 29	Haggai 1-2
Monday, September 30	Zechariah 1-3
Tuesday, October 1	Zechariah 4-6
Wednesday, October 2	Zechariah 7-8
Thursday, October 3	Zechariah 9-11
Friday, October 4	Zechariah 12-14
Saturday, October 5	Malachi 1-2



Celebrations This Week

Birthday

Oct 2nd Kathy Hanshaw; Scott Anderson

Anniversary

Oct 4th John & Rhonda Denzio (44yrs)

Encouragement Sunday

October 6th

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.



Morning Glories' Ministry

The next brunch for our ladies will be on Saturday, October 12th at 10am in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to join them for a time of fellowship, food, devotional and ministry planning.



Love Feast Fellowship

October 13th is our family fellowship meal following our worship service. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite dish and dessert to share.

Due to our luncheon, our evening study will be immediately following our fellowship.



The Secret Sisters have a fun night scheduled for October 25th, here at the building, from 6-10pm. All our ladies are invited to join in. For more information, see Cindy Strope.

Meditation of God's Word

Dropped Passes

I recently saw an interview with a professional football player where he was asked about a dropped pass. I was glad they asked him about it. He is paid a lot of money to catch passes. He is a professional. He is not supposed to drop passes. I have seen athletes who blame the passer, the weather, or whatever other excuse they can come up with. I have even heard athletes say it is no big deal to miss one pass – no one catches everything. This athlete said he should have caught it, he was going to work harder in practice, and would concentrate even harder so he would never drop another pass. I imagine he will drop another one at some point in his career, but I sure liked his attitude.

I found myself applying these principles to a Christian who sins. We are not supposed to sin. We are supposed to be different. We claim to be, we ought to be, and we want to be. Yet sometimes we drop the ball spiritually. I am convinced that is when our true credibility is established. Christians are not perfect. We sin and make mistakes. The test of our faith and the authenticity of our belief will be seen in the way we respond to those sins.

Authentic Christians do not make excuses. They are sorry, ashamed, and hurt when they do things not in harmony with their convictions in Christ. They pledge to do better, they take corrective action, and they seek forgiveness. Real Christians are not hypocrites because they sin. They are hypocritical if they fail to deal with it.

If you have been hesitant to "buy into" the idea of Jesus because of what some of his followers have done, I urge you to look a little deeper. We are not perfect, we sometimes make mistakes, and we betray our principles sometimes. But your decision about Jesus is not based on what any Christian has done. It needs to be based on what Jesus has done.

Christians are not perfect, but we follow the One who is.

So, I am asking you to look past our failures. We are not yet what we want to be. But because of Jesus, we are being changed. We are becoming more like him and less like this world.

Let us all follow Paul's admonition as he said, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained. ¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do." (Phil 3:12-17, NIV)

....Ronnie Hewitt