

### Sermon Notes

Scriptures: 1Peter 5:8-10; Jeremiah 29:11; 1Corinthians 2:9-10; Joel 2:12-13; Jeremiah 18:4; Luke 18:13; Isaiah 61:1-3; Psalm 34:18; Matthew 11:28-30

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# The Messenger

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

625 W 600 North / Whiteland, IN 46184

September 8, 2024

### Order of Worship

**Greeting / Prayer:** Randy Sowder

**Worship Leader:** George Hewitt

**Communion:** Mickey McDaniel

**Scripture Reading:** Keith Huesman (1Peter 5:8-10)

**Sermon:** Ronnie Hewitt (Broken Vessels)

**Announcements / Prayer:** Stan Davis

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**Bible Hour Today:** Angie McDaniel

**Bible Hour September 15:** Renie Nalley

**Nursery Today:** Cindy Davis

**Nursery September 15:** Debbie Smith

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### Schedule of Services

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

Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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### Leadership

#### Elders

Stan Davis (317) 507-1936 / Ed Tichenor (317) 412-2416

#### Minister

Ronnie Hewitt (317) 966-2029



## Prayer Concerns

**Richard Burris and Family**, in the passing of his mom (Carolyn Hughel) on Tuesday.

**Gene Doan** (Rhonda Denzio's dad) recovering from stint surgery.

**Trae Gladney**, Barbara Hurst's grandson, serious condition from a motorcycle accident.

**Donna Hall** had a stroke and is in Community Hospital South.

**Lonnie Hewitt** possibly has another blood clot in lung. He will be having further tests.

**Emily and Ember Lett**, Della Turnbull's granddaughter and 2yr old great-granddaughter are both starting to feel better.

**Sheila McQuillan**, newborn daughter of Maureen (friend of Rachel), is in Vanderbilt Hospital with severe breathing issues and has had multiple seizures.

**Kelsey and Rynn Senft**, Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law & 6½ month old grandson, have COVID.

**Virginia Short** had a heart cath on the 28<sup>th</sup>. She is waiting on results.

**Gina Sowder** is dealing with low blood sugar and also had a reaction to an antibiotic she was on.

**Bob Stewart**, Angie Hewitt's dad, has been placed on hospice care.

**Ronnie Sutton** is dealing with COVID.

**Tiffany Wann** (Tana Kay's friend) has a lumbar hernia and is in quite-a-bit of pain.

**Charlie Weaver** is experiencing A fib symptoms and is wearing a monitor.

**Wanda Weaver** has some upcoming tests concerning her kidneys.

## Shut-In's / Long Term Prayers

**Juanita Brunner** (shut-in); **Polly Burchfield** (shut-in); **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie's Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Moe Handy** (arthritic & sciatic pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer), **Marilyn Hiser** (radiation), **Ted Houchin** (leukemia); **Martin Julian** (shut-in); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (shut-in); **Terry Morgan** (Huesman's brother-in-law, radiation - bladder cancer), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Juanita Rodman** (dementia); **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Bob Stewart** (Angie Hewitt's dad, in Majestic Care Southport, health is deteriorating), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, chemo - colon cancer), **Barb Surber** (shut-in); **Nancy Vermillion** (Burris' friend, breast cancer), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Don & Mary Walton** (Compass Park Masonic Home), **Joel Westberry** (severe neck issues).

### Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, September 8	Ezekiel 42-44
Monday, September 9	Ezekiel 45-48
Tuesday, September 10	Daniel 1-3
Wednesday, September 11	Daniel 4-6
Thursday, September 12	Daniel 7-9
Friday, September 13	Daniel 10-12
Saturday, September 14	Hosea 1-3



### Celebrations This Week

#### Birthdays

11<sup>th</sup> Clayton Marriott

14<sup>th</sup> Kayla Stanton

#### Anniversary

None to Report



### Love Feast Fellowship

Today is our family fellowship meal following our worship service. Everyone is encouraged to stick around and join us.

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



### Morning Glories Ministry

The next brunch for our ladies will be on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to join them for a time of fellowship, food, devotional and ministry planning.



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.

## Meditation of God's Word

### Poor In Spirit

In Jesus' discourse in the sermon on the mount (Matt 5:3-12), He gives a picture of the characteristics that should embody each child of God. We call these "the beatitudes."

Each of the "Beatitudes" begin with the word "blessed." The basic meaning of "blessed" is happy. However, blessed in a Biblical sense, has a much deeper meaning than what we tend to give the word in our English language. You see, "happiness" comes from the Old English word "hap" which means "chance or luck." Therefore, happiness happens when happen-stances happen to be happy. In other words, happiness as we know it, only exists when the circumstances surrounding our lives are in our favor. But when we use the word "blessed" as the Bible speaks of it, we are speaking of a spiritual joy and a satisfaction that lasts regardless of conditions, which carries one through pain, sorrow, loss, and grief. The word "blessed" is the source of the word "beatitude," and it means "a privileged recipient of divine favor and spiritual prosperity."

Jesus starts with "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*" (Matt 5:3). The thought that genuine joy and satisfaction comes from being poor in anything is absolutely opposed to the conventional wisdom of today's culture. Unfortunately, the conventional wisdom held by our society at large is often at odds with Biblical wisdom. Being poor in spirit is certainly not something that comes naturally to us, and it is not a quality that is celebrated much. But it is a quality that is absolutely essential in order for us to be right with God and righteous in His eyes.

Now, it should not surprise us that this is the first of the Beatitudes, because I believe it is definitely a key to all the ones that follow and a key to embracing everything Jesus was teaching here. So, what was Jesus saying?

First of all, Jesus was not speaking of one's financial poverty, or biblical illiteracy, or even one thinking poorly of themselves. To be poor in spirit means to realize that we are spiritually bankrupt, and that there is absolutely nothing we can do to save ourselves. One of the best biblical illustrations we have of poverty of spirit is found in the story Jesus told about the Pharisee and the Publican from Luke 18:9-14. In the story, Jesus mentioned how the Pharisee was so full of self, that he truly believed he was God's gift and that it was God who was privileged to have him. In contrast to the self-righteous attitude of the Pharisee, Jesus showed us the publican (tax collector), who stood at a distance and wouldn't even look to heaven. He stood there beating his breast and said, "*God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*" (Luke 18:13).

The poor in spirit have a broken and contrite heart. They know that they are a sinner who is spiritually bankrupt. They know that they are not righteous and cannot be righteous without God's grace and power. They know that they are saved not by works, but by God's grace. Knowing their failure to live up to God's standards brings them great remorse as they look to God for mercy.

Realizing just how spiritually bankrupt we are, we need to learn to look to God for our spiritual needs. We can't fill up on what is needed just once a week, or once a quarter, we need what God offers every day, and for that matter, every moment of the day. The poor in spirit learn to walk with God expressing continual dependence, as they recognize their ongoing need for God.

....Ronnie Hewitt