

Sermon Notes

Scriptures: Romans 12:1-2; Psalm 119:10-11; Luke 11:4; and Philippians 4:8

Lined area for sermon notes.

The Messenger

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

625 W 600 North / Whiteland, IN 46184 December 8, 2024

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Eric Wiwczarowski

Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt

Communion: Randy Lowe

Scripture Reading: Scott Anderson (Romans 12:1-2)

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (Don't Conform, Be Transformed)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

Bible Hour Today: Tammy Burris

Bible Hour December 15: Angie McDaniel

Nursery Today: Kayla Stanton

Nursery December 15: Cindy Davis

Schedule of Services

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

Worship: Sunday 10:30am

Connect with Us

Church Office: (317) 535-1627
Church Text: (317) 953-5095
Website: www.whitelandchurchofchrist.com
Email: info@whitelandchurchofchrist.com
Prayer: PrayerRequest@whitelandchurchofchrist.com
Social Media: www.Facebook.com/WhitelandCOC
www.Instagram.com/WhitelandCOC
www.Instagram.com/WhitelandCOC_Youth
www.X.com/@Whiteland_COC
Online Worship: www.YouTube.com/@WhitelandCOC

Mail In Contributions

Whiteland Church of Christ / PO Box 85 / Whiteland, IN 46184

Leadership

Elders

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

Minister

Ronnie Hewitt (317) 966-2029



Prayer Concerns

Angie Hewitt is recovering from a procedure she had on Thursday. Everything went well.

Rachel Hewitt has a 6yr old she is working with who recently lost her mom (25yrs old), who had been on life support. Please pray for this family. No names can be mentioned.

Gina Sowder had another cataract surgery this past Thursday. Everything went well.

Della Turnbull is still recovering from the effects of covid. She is starting to feel better.

Charlie Weaver saw the pulmonologist on Friday concerning the pulmonary nodules they found.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Juanita Brunner (Shut-in), **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, parkinsons), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Tom Gardner** (Rachel's former teacher, colon cancer), **Moe Handy** (shoulder & back pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer, radiation treatments), **Lonnie Hewitt** (breathing issues); **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (Shut-in), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Leah Ranker** (David & Janice Kent's 4yr old great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments), **Barb Surber** (Dementia), **Nancy Vermillion** (Burris's friend, cancer treatments), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Charlie Weaver** (A fib w/premature ventricular contractions), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), and **Nancy White** (John Denzio's aunt, hospice).

Missions

Fiji Bible Institute (Jason & Devin Pierce family); **India** (Jerris & Juanita Bullard, Steve & Renee Gaudreau); **Shults/Lewis Child & Family Services** (Staff & Residents); **Caleb Pierce** (Bear Valley Bible Institute)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, December 8	2Thessalonians 1-3
Monday, December 9	1Timothy 1-4
Tuesday, December 10	2Timothy 1-2
Wednesday, December 11	2Timothy 3-4
Thursday, December 12	Titus 1-3
Friday, December 13	Philemon 1
Saturday, December 14	Hebrews 1-3



Celebrations This Week

Birthday

12th Grace Anderson, Moe Handy



Love Feast Fellowship

Today is our Family Fellowship Meal following our worship service. Everyone is invited to stay and fellowship with us.



Due to our fellowship today, our evening Bible study will be immediately following our fellowship time.

Sister's Saturday Holiday Brunch

(Dec 14th / 10am-1pm)

All our ladies are encouraged to be a part of this fellowship. You are asked to bring a dish to share and 2 dozen cookies and the recipe to exchange. If you don't bake anymore, store bought is fine. Maybe you can still bring a favorite cookie recipe to share. The idea is to put together a recipe book for those attending. There is a sign-up sheet on the Involvement Board by the front door. Please sign up today.

White Elephant Christmas Party

Dec 20th @ 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Each person wishing to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift (up to a \$10 value). This gift can be something funny or something serious or even something recycled. Dinner will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the Involvement Board.

Ministry Donations for the Homeless

Do you have blankets, shoes, socks, gloves, hats, sweaters, pants, or jackets that are taking up space? Please consider giving to the homeless. Lisa Robling, former member and sister-in-Christ, works with a group who provides a weekly hot meal and clothing to the homeless population. They are also accepting shelf staple food with pop-open lids, such as tuna snacks, pop tarts, or any item that is single serve that can be opened and eaten without having to be cooked. These items are placed in a sack and given to them for next day use. If you have any of these items, please bring them to the building, and our Morning Glories group will deliver them to Lisa.

Meditation of God's Word

Dressed for Action

Luke 12:35-37, *Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.* (ESV)

As a child, I loved to play sports, especially baseball and basketball. If I knew I had a game on Saturday, I'd spend the entire week in eager anticipation, throwing a ball in the yard with my dad or working on my shooting form by taking practice shots. Yet one of the primary ways I prepared was ensuring the night before a game that I had every part of my uniform pressed and ready to go. In fact, to ensure that I would be ready, I would often sleep in my uniform the night before a game, just to ensure I would wake up ready for action!

These moments of childlike innocence come to mind when I read the words of today's passage, especially verse 37: "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes." Anticipation is an essential component of spiritual maturity. Anticipation is also closely linked to the deepest loves of our hearts. I loved playing sports, and it was from that love that my actions flowed. If I'd been forced to play a sport and didn't enjoy it, chances are I would have left the uniform crumpled up under a pile of dirty clothes, and my mom and dad would have had to drag me out of bed in time to make the game. Similarly, if our hearts are not filled with love for Jesus and a passion for his kingdom, we will not joyfully spring into service in his name. Yet if we love our master and our greatest desire is to honor him with thankful hearts, we will "stay dressed for action," anticipating and eagerly looking for ways to honor him through our words and deeds.

Our lives are filled with countless opportunities to serve the Lord Jesus. What's required of us is an alert attentiveness to these opportunities. It is far too easy to be so consumed with our own wants and desires, or the cares and concerns of life that press in upon us, that these opportunities pass right in front of our faces, and we never see them. And so, for us to live dressed and ready for action, we must learn to empty ourselves of an unhealthy concern with self, and instead discover the freedom and joy that is found in a life of active, alert, and attentive service of others in the name of Christ.

Tripp Prince

Wisdom Hunter Devotionals,
Saturday, November 23, 2024