

Thoughts from Pastor – A Sermon Companion

Praying for lost people is a tricky thing. A thing that most of us get wrong on a regular basis. As I said in my message God's will is that His people would go out into the field and bring in the harvest. That's a rather "Christian-y" statement. What it means is that His people would do the leg work of bringing people to Him.

The thought comes from the story in Luke 10 where Jesus sees the crowd coming toward Him and he says "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Pray that the Lord would send laborers into the fields." Notice that he doesn't say "Pray for them to know me." Or "Pray for me to be revealed to them." Or even "Pray that they would not doubt."

He doesn't say those things because God has already done that work in the hearts of the harvest. Let's think farming for a moment. The harvest happens at the end of the season when the fruit is ripe and ready to be picked. That's it ... go pick it. Praying for those other things is like praying for the corn right now to be ready to come in. It is here already. It isn't going to grow more. It needs to be brought in or else it will die in the field.

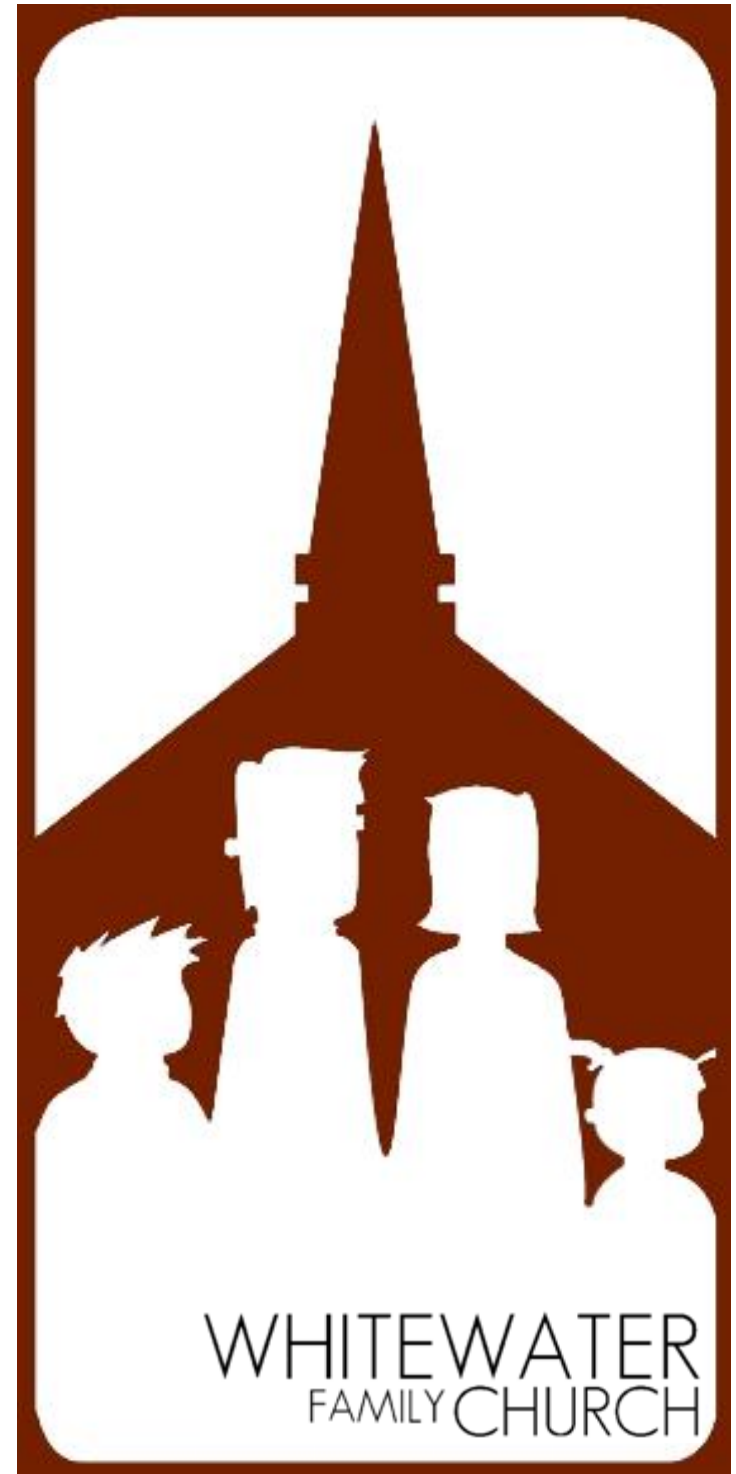
When we don't go out and bring in God's spiritual harvest we are declaring that we would rather let it die in the field than do the work of a harvester. It isn't time to plant. It isn't time to water. It isn't time to watch it grow. It is time for the harvest. It is time for laborers to be in the fields gathering those who are lost into the kingdom of God.

PRAYER WALKS

October 11th - Other churches/ Break up into groups to pray for all the churches in town. 3:30pm

October 18th - Businesses/ Meet at Living Word and break into groups to pray for local businesses. 1:30pm

October 25th – Schools / Break up and pray for the High, Jr. High, and Elementary Schools. 1:30pm



Prayer: How best to pray for those who don't believe like you do

John 6:42-45

The Church has a mission. To follow in the footsteps of Jesus. To go out into all the world and make disciples. To teach them to obey everything Christ commanded us. To seek and save the lost. To spread the Good News. To expand God's Kingdom. To fill Christ's house. Etc ...

All of these things have one core value in common. Helping those who are separated from God be reconciled to him. Letting the lost world of mankind know they can be saved. It is the great commission ... it is the only mission.

- I. When Praying for those who are not yet or are uncommitted believers there are two things to remember.**
 - **God's will is for ALL to be saved**
 - **God's plan is to send YOU**

- II. Pray specifically for the FATHER to draw them toward Christ.**

- III. Pray for believers to be filled with the GIFTS of the Holy Spirit.**

- IV. Pray for believers to be ready to present the Gospel to them with GENTLENESS and conviction.**



At Whitewater Family Church we strive to pursue God with honesty and excellence by building stronger families, engaging in mentor based discipleship, and encouraging personal calling and ministry

Things we do Every Week

Sunday School 9:30am

Youth Group - 7:00 Wednesdays

Tuesday Workdays - At the Church 7:00pm

Pot-Luck November 8th

October Prayer Walk - 4:00

CALLING ALL HEROES! Halloween Outreach

Costume Help Night Sunday October 11th 6:00pm

We still need Characters! Sign Ups in the Back!

Home-Groups

Wednesday 6:30pm & Thursday 7:00pm

Home-Groups are designed to grow your faith, connect to your church family, and share the love of Christ with your community.

Wednesday // 1281 Blackriver Ct, Whitewater, WI, 53190

Thursday // 137 N. Cherry Street, Whitewater, WI 53190

1540 W Walworth Ave. Whitewater, WI 53190

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