

Thoughts from Pastor – A Sermon Companion

Christmas. What an interesting time of the year for us as Americans. We spend an entire month celebrating everything from our rich blessings to our oddball families. We plaster decorations around our cities proclaiming things like “Peace” and “Hope”. It is the season of giving and the season of miracles. It is in many ways so typically human.

And maybe that is the furthest thing from what it should be.

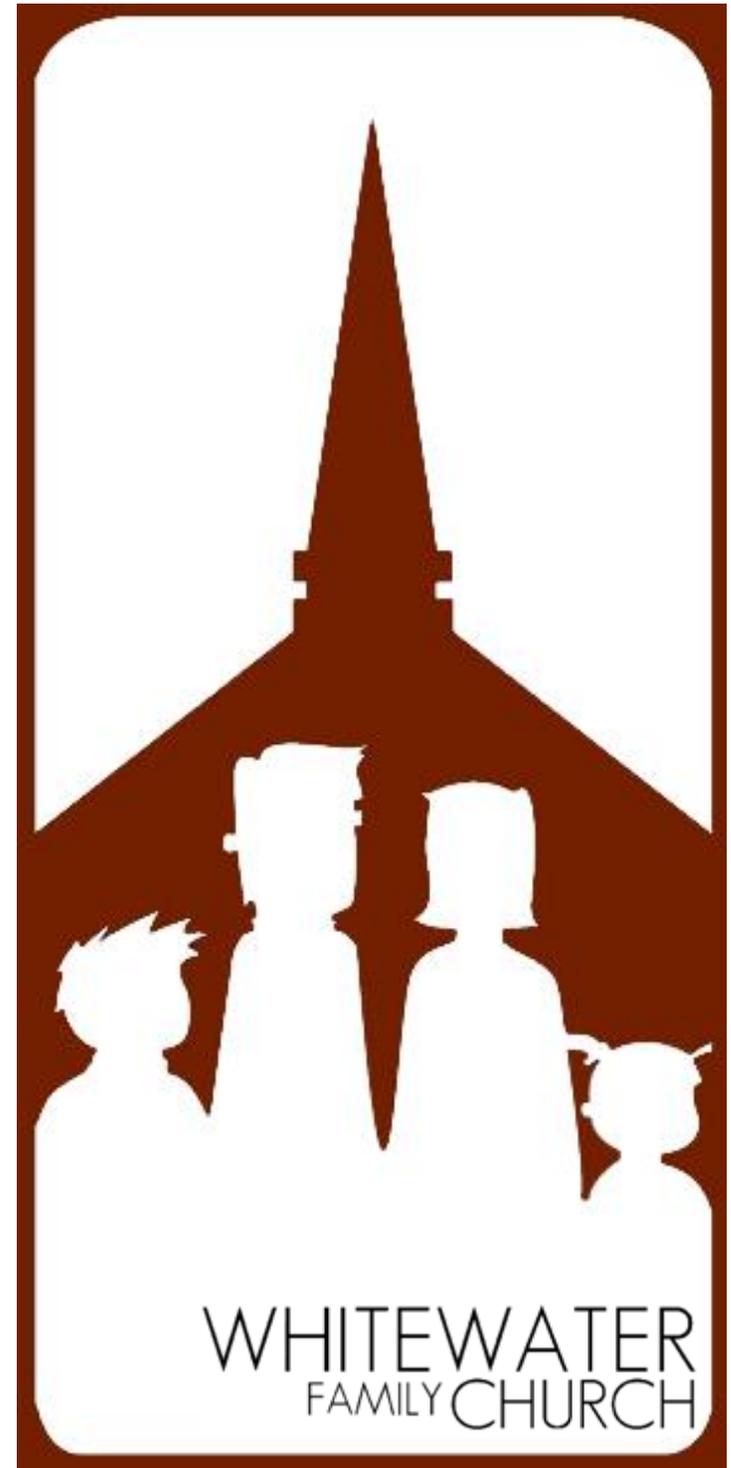
We talk about hope and peace like they aren’t commonly available to us. We have this “spirit” of giving that we don’t engage with at any other time of the year. It is as if they are some form of mysterious natural phenomena that only happens as we approach the end of the calendar year. When in fact they are the type of thing that we have the potential to experience every day, we simply choose not to.

Choice. The center of the human condition. The core of the human problem. Choice is what sent us from Eden and choice is what determines our eternity. We have always chosen that which is opposite to God’s desires for mankind. Christmas doesn’t change that. In fact it magnifies it.

Often I think we live such kind and wonderful lives toward our fellow man at Christmas because we have no idea how to live that way the rest of the year. We force ourselves into kind and in many way abnormally generous behaviors telling ourselves that we are doing good. I’ve come to believe that all we’re doing is putting a spotlight on how poorly we live the rest of the year.

Now, I’m not saying don’t celebrate. I’m not saying don’t give gifts. I’m not saying don’t treat your fellows with kindness. Please by all means do those things and in abundance. What I am driving at is that as a true follower of Christ Hope, Peace, Kindness, and Generosity ... the true Spirit of Christmas.

Is how you need to live daily, not just celebrate once a year.



Pastor Mike: Why a Savior?

- I. For most people, there is a lot about Christianity that just doesn't make SENSE.**

- II. Messianic Prophecy – there are over 400 different passages that describe the coming of CHRIST.**

- III. We need a Savior because mankind is BROKEN.**

- IV. It helps to frame the story in what MANKIND needs, not what God needs.**

NOTES



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 (Resuming after the New Year)

Youth Group - 7:00 Wednesdays

Tuesday Workdays - At the Church 7:00pm

Cookie & Chili Cook-Off Day - Dec. 13th

However, we do already have Cookie/Chili Cook-off Day planned. Dec 13th we will have a Chili Pot-Luck and our yearly celebration of decorating cookies!

Caroling - Dec. 15th

We will be caroling the evening of December 15th. Meet at the Sweet Spot at 6:00. See Debbie for more details.

Christmas Eve Service

We will be doing an Open House / Fellowship get together from 5:00-6:00 with a Devotional Service at 6:00-6:30. Appetizers and Treats will be provided.

Sunday School

Sunday school is on hold until the New Year.

Home-Group Wednesday 6:30pm

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

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