

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.

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What denomination are you affiliated with?

**A**: We're part of the Assemblies of God Fellowship. You can find our statement of truths here. www.ag.org under the "Beliefs" tab.

Q: Are you a Bible based Christian Church?

**A**: Absolutely. We take the Word of God very seriously and our Pastors have dedicated their lives to proper understanding and teaching of the Scripture.

Q: What do you mean by Family Church? What is a Family Church?

A: We're a church of Christian Believers who are dedicated to the development and values of the traditional family, but who also understand that the contemporary family is often just as important, if not more important, to the people in them. As a "Family Church" we're committed to bringing both the traditional and the contemporary family together as a Spiritual Family.

Q: What kind of programs do you run for kids and families?

**A**: We tend to stay away from "programs" in the traditional sense, instead focusing more on what meets the needs of the individuals attending our church. To accomplish that we spend more time focusing on the kids in the services than the average church does. That said, we do have a Jr/Sr High Youth Ministry and a bi-weekly Children's Ministry.

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{Q}}\!\!:$  Are the pastor's available for questions and counseling?

A: Absolutely! Connecting with people is our calling. The Leadership here believes in Bi-Vocational ministry, which means they all have other jobs, but we will happily make every effort to connect with someone who wants some of our time.

#### Pastoral Staff

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At Whitewater Family Church we take an honest approach to connecting individuals to something greater than themselves

## Things we do Every Week

#### Sunday: As Most Church's do, we have several things happening Sundays

- First, we have coffee and fellowship from about 9:00-On
- Sunday School begins at 9:30 and lasts until 10:15
- Morning Worship starts at 10:30 and typically wraps up about 11:30
- Sunday evenings usually have nothing planned but things do pop up.

#### Monday: Is the church's Administration day.

- You will typically find the majority of the staff and their spouses in the building from 5:00pm—8:30pm. Our team of pastors has dinner together then talk about the business of the church. The Actual "staff" meeting begins around 6:30. We always close our evening with a prayer time. These meetings, the dinner, and Prayer are open to anyone from the church, but we do ask you let us know ahead of time, when possible, so we can plan for you.
- The first Monday of every month is Staff/Deacon Meeting.
- One Monday a quarter is our All Church Leadership/Vision Meeting.

## Tuesday: Are typically Church work days.

- There is almost always something going on Tuesday nights at the Church. From complex remodel work to simple cleanups. Tuesday is a great time to volunteer a little elbow grease and help out.

## Wednesday: Like most churches, there always things going on Wednesdays.

- Wednesday's main event is our Jr/Sr High Youth Group "Go" which meets starting at 6:30 and goes till 8:30ish. Youth ministry always seems to have that little variation in its ending time depending on the week.
- We also currently have one of our HomeGroups meeting at this time.
- On the Last Wednesday of every month we do a free dinner (Usually pasta) open to the community. From 5:00-6:30.

## Thursday: Is an evening for meeting and ministry.

- Our youth Discipleship group meets Thursday nights.
- Pastor Mike and Lynn keep this evening open as often as possible to meet with people from the Church family, whether it is a more formal meeting or just dinner.

## Friday and Saturday: Are typically reserved for special events.

## HomeGroup Wednesday 6:30pm (on Hold)

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

Wednesday // 1310 Tower Hill Pass, Whitewater WI, 53190

## Current Reminders & Announcements

## The Maze "The World of Pixar"

The nuts of and bolts of the Maze are coming together. Now the decoration and costuming starts. Start thinking about costuming. Some of you have already communicated who you would like to be and what you would like to do. Then in two weeks the serious decoration will begin.

## Tuesday Work Nights

If you would like to help decorate the maze please see Pastor Mike after church, so he has an idea of how many will show up. We want to make sure we have enough job for everyone.

## HomeGroup at the Lema's

Still up in the air. At least another few weeks.

## Warm Coats

If you still have any coats or winter clothing (gloves, scarves, ect...) please drop them off at one the staff's homes or bring it to the church Monday night during staff. They will be picking up our donations soon.



## 52 Club - Schedule an Event!!! Talk to Dawn Boley or Jess Long.

The 52 Club is a \$1 a week investment by our Adults and Teens. The money given is later earned back when our students volunteer their time in a 52 Club service project. This is the perfect way for students to raise money for events like camp. And a perfect way for Adults to get to know our students!

#### Game Night

The youth group has their monthly game night coming up! Students remember to invite your friends out.



Sermon Companion / Devotional

Every once and a while I'm wrong. (Ok, Ok, that happens often.) And being wrong hurts. It hurts your pride and cuts the legs out from under your confidence. It often wounds those close to you and causes you to pause and fear leading to further mistakes. But there is something about being wrong as a leader that is extra painful.

When I, as your Pastor, make a choice or a string of choices to lead a certain way or to do certain things it has far reaching effects. If I'm wrong it has consequences, often harsh ones. And those consequences hurt people. Those choices leave wounded people on the battle field of life. So lets talk about this last year. Lets talk about the elephant in our ministry. Lets talk about Elkhorn.

I do not believe we were wrong about God's calling to save a struggling church. I do not believe we were wrong in sending Pastor Chris off to his first Lead Pastoral assignment at that church. I also do not believe any longer that I made good decisions regarding either of our churches during this past year.

There was an arrogance about my approach to it that I thought was confidence in the Lord, but really was confidence in myself and what God had done here. It was misplaced, and when it became extraordinarily apparent that things there were not working the way things here did/do instead of admitting to a faulty course I sailed on, and ran the ship right into the rocks. That choice has ramifications. That choice hurt people I love, and it hurt a church that was already suffering.

I've been angry lately. Angrier than I have been in a long time, but you already know that don't you. You've been here and watched it unfold. I had thought this emotional boil-over was because I was stressed with a house and a job that demanded too much of me ... no ... No, I was angry because in my heart I chose to run a sinking ship aground instead of rescuing the passengers. And that is a hurt and a failure that has left many good people's faith shipwrecked maybe even drowned ...

So in my unaddressed guilt and pain I've ranted and raved that people weren't doing their jobs as believers. I prayed for changed hearts and increased passions ... but I was missing out on the thing God wanted. Honesty and healing. He didn't want confrontation. He wanted a confession. So this is it ... and I'm so unbelievably sorry that I hurt you, that I hurt them, that in my own arrogance I killed a church God asked me to save. I did that. I did it to Chris and Kathryn, and I did it to Elkhorn and I did it to you. And I an so unbelievably sorry. And I know that isn't enough, but its all I got.



Pastor Mike 9/25/2016

# Christian Living: Healing the Inside Psalm 30

- I. Everyone on the planet has been WOUNDED in their soul. The Believer is called to rise above those hurts.
- II. We often focus on Christ's promise of healing for the BODY. But we need to think more often of the SPIRIT and the SOUL. After all, your BODY isn't heaven bound.
- III. How do you get HEALING in your spirit and soul?
- Understand that only Christ can truly set you free of emotional imprisonment.
  - Believe that His principals are the path to healing and freedom.
  - You must be Honest with yourself. Much of our pain is self inflicted
    - You must let go of the hurt it has caused you.
    - You must forgive those who have hurt you.
    - Especially when they don't deserve forgiveness.
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Next Week - Rethinking the World