

WHITING COMMUNITY CHURCH BAPTIST LIGHT

From the Pastor

God so loved the world that he gave...

Why give? Give because you desire to see sinners saved, the guilty forgiven, the shackled freed. Give because you want to help people lift their eyes from the temporary to the eternal. Give because you want to see God's kingdom here on earth. Give because you want others to hear about the God of second chances. Give because you want others to see God's order in places of disorder. Give because you want to see those who made a mess out of life now live a disciplined life to the glory of God.

Give because you desire to see people come to faith and grow in faith. Give because you want to fulfill the Lord's command in Matthew 28:18-20 to make disciples. Give because you believe our mission statement is God's call for us. "We are disciples who treasure Christ, and seek to make disciples for Christ."

Give because it is the fitting response to God's giving us his son. On the cross God extends forgiveness and love to sinners. Because of God's giving, sinners can experience a new birth into a new identity. God calls us out of darkness into light to be stewards of God's great generosity with the totality of our lives. As John 3:16 starts off, "*For God so loved the world that he **gave**...*"

As Christians, God calls us to surrender all that we have, and all that we are to Him. Give God your heart. From here we can give with the right attitude, with the right frame of mind, with no strings attached. That money in the offering plate is not yours. It is God's. That money is to go to spreading God's name and fame, not to push pet projects or personal preferences. Therefore, when we give, let us release it fully. We release it in part by praying the leaders of the church be wise stewards of the Lord's money.



This November, many in this country gather around a table of Thanksgiving, with food on the table and a roof over head. With gratitude as our state of mind, let us not become fat from hoarding our blessings on November 26th and into 2016. God has blessed us to be a blessing.

Sit down with your spouse, hold hands, pray and consider together how you can reflect

Financials

Our 2015 General Fund Approved Budget is \$80,710. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$6,725.83 per month in order to meet this budget. As of the end of September, we are \$51.19 over budget.

Gen fund income:
\$60,583.69

Gen fund expense:
\$50,065.84

Phone Numbers

Church: 920-722-4312
Pastor Nick's cell:
920-252-1290

Church Rummage Sale.

A church rummage sale will be held on November 5-7 from 9-5 each day. Rummage safe preparation will be on November November 1-4. If you want to help contact Cathy Strohmeyer.

Who's Who in the Pews

Jim Romnek has been a member for 35 years. He has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Jim retired from the Navy after 22 years. His favorite things are fishing and rooting for the Badgers.

Jane Tenant has been attending for 15 years. She is retired and has 2 sons, 2 stepchildren, 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She loves golf and baking.

God's generous nature in your giving. Sit down with your kids, and explain to them that living disciplined financial lives is pleasing to God. Consider how to make your 2016 pledge to WCBC in a way that reflects the worth of our God, acknowledging there is yet work to be done.

May the gospel penetrate hearts near and far,
Pastor Nick

Ladies Bible Study

November 18, 2015 6:30-7:45 PM

We will be studying James 5 : 1 - 20.

Word of warning: We never know which Bible character might show up next! Hopefully, this time, our guest will be an "invited" one!

Velte Benevolent Fund Requests

Velte Benevolent Fund requests are due by November 23. You can give your fund request to Barb Moravec or put in the Velte mail slot.

Operation Christmas Child

Children who receive Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes have the opportunity to enroll in a 12 lesson discipleship program, the Greatest Journey. Led by trained local teachers, children become grounded in their faith and learn how to share the Gospel with others.

If you want to donate a shoe box, you can use any shoe box or you can get one in the back of church. The boxes need to be at the collection site November 16-23.

Last year over 10 million boxes were collected

Pastoral Relations Committee

As the search committee was finishing up their work our consultants advised us to form a small committee, no more than four plus the moderator, to meet with the pastor quarterly.

The purpose of this committee is to meet with the pastor to discuss any needs and areas that he is having difficulty with and be a support for him. We also bring to the table any concerns or praises from the congregation.

It is not the purpose of this committee to interfere with one-on-one meetings or counseling. The primary purpose of this committee is to act as a sounding board for the pastor and use this information to try and assist him in his workload. We look for areas that will improve his efficiency as the Pastor without adding more to his plate. We try to help Pastor Nick keep his work hours to about 40 hours/week.

The published office hours is a time for you to meet with pastor, during this time he is also taking care of communications, and preparing Sunday handouts. The rest of his time is spent with visitation, study, and preparing his sermons.

The committee members are Henry Rose, Donna Mentink, Mike Kesselhon, Tom Schroder (Chair), and Barb Moravec (Moderator).

A Free Way to Raise Funds for Our Church

We are part of a free program that can help raise substantial funds for our church. Over 200 area businesses including Festival Foods, Pizza Hut, Panda Express, Moto Mart, Express, Applebee's, Solea Mexican Grill, Papa Murphy's, HuHot, Copper Rock, Culver's of Neenah and Gordman's, just to name a few, currently participate in this program.

You would register your VISA credit card or debit card, and every time you make a purchase with the card(s) that are registered, a portion of the purchase will be applied to this program.

Register now to help raise funds for our church.

It is free to register:

1. Visit www.ucmission.com/join and click "Join Now".
2. Choose to support "Whiting Community Baptist Church" when registering.
3. Our church will receive 0.5-10% cash back on the purchases you make.

Thanks in advance for your support!

I will have full listing of businesses available at Church If you are unable to view on-line. New businesses are continually added so you will want to check the website. Also by including your email on the registration, you will get notification of new businesses that are coming to your area.

Kim Rose
Congregational Finance Coordinator