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# Annual Report

WHITEWATER CROSSING  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

# FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

## Dear Whitewater Family,

It's hard to believe that my family and I joined this incredible community just a few months ago. From the moment we arrived, we've been overwhelmed by your warmth, generosity, and love. You embraced us as family, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

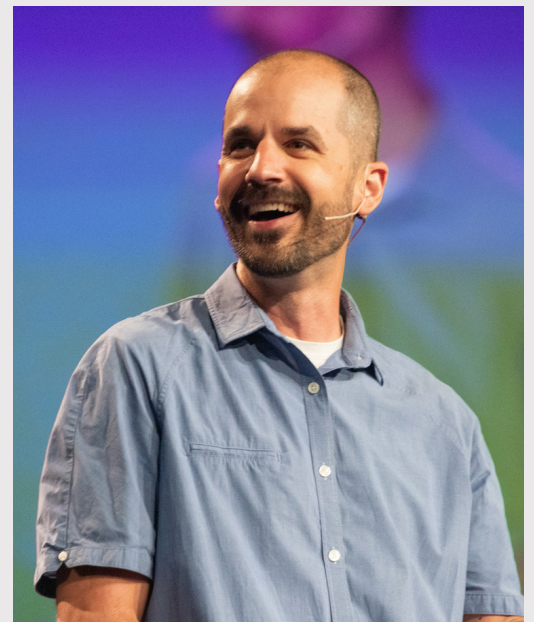
I am thrilled to share our annual financial and ministry report with you today. This report is more than just numbers on a page—it's a testament to God's faithfulness and your unwavering commitment to His Kingdom. **We celebrate that our financial outlook has turned the corner.** This is a huge milestone, and it's only possible because of the staff and congregation's continued generosity, frugality, and trust in God's provision. You've shown up, given sacrificially, and believed in the vision of Whitewater, even in challenging times. Thank you for your faithfulness!

But this report is about more than financial health. It's about the impact we're making together for the Kingdom of God within our church and the wider community. **Inside our church, we've seen lives transformed,** addictions broken, students and kids growing in their relationship with Jesus, families restored, and faith rekindled. Our ministries are thriving, with new opportunities for growth and connection emerging daily. Outside our walls, and primarily through the Life Center and the Community Pantry, we're making a tangible difference—feeding and clothing the under-resourced, comforting the hurting and lonely, and offering hope to those who need it most. This is what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

As we look to the future, I can't wait to see what God will continue to do through His church. **The future is bright,** and I believe He has great things in store for us. Let's keep praying, serving, discipling, and giving as we walk this path together, trusting that God will lead us every step.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. My family and I are blessed to be here with you, and we are excited to see how God will use us all for His glory in the days ahead.

*Josh Brown*



# NEXT GEN



*"God is at work in a mighty way!"*

Looking back over the last few months, I am in awe of how I see God moving through the next generation. It reminds me of Ephesians 3:20, **"Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think."** God is at work in a mighty way, and we've seen this play out in many decisions of baptism, the number of kids and students serving on various ministry teams, and the generosity of our students as they use their time, talents, and treasures to help others.

Three of our students recently shared their stories to challenge their peers to take the next steps in their faith. Liv found the courage to share her struggles with her faith and motivated others to reflect on their faith practices. Abby shared her story of how inviting one person can impact both people's lives. **After Abby's invitation to a One Life event, her friend Tucker embraced his faith and took on new leadership roles.** He is now loving Jesus and sharing that with others. He's even leading his own small group of seventh graders! Abby now feels closer to God and wants others to experience the same goodness of God.

We can't wait to see how God will continue to move through our kids and students. **Please pray** that God will strengthen the students' faith and that they'll be open to all He has for them!



*Megan Begley*  
**Next Gen Director**

Want to get involved in Next Gen Ministry?  
Contact Megan: [mbegley@whitewatercrossing.org](mailto:mbegley@whitewatercrossing.org)

# Growing With God

Why do we work hard to cultivate opportunities and environments for everyday people to **encounter Jesus**? Because we believe that meeting Jesus face-to-face results in worship, trust, and rest in Jesus - and an increasing hunger for God. We speak, sing, and rehearse stories of redemption and healing that inspire; we equip, train, and send disciples; we intentionally support one another in a broadening network of spiritual and relational interconnectedness. **We internalize and externalize Christ 24/7.**

Kurt Knochel, a volunteer and elder in our church family, took part in a Disciple-Making training opportunity last year (many people did this!) and, in his own words (right), **grew in his life with God and in his spiritual confidence toward the people he encounters every day.**

*"I am not an outgoing person, and I have never considered myself 'an evangelizer.' However, **since participating in the disciple-making training course, I have started mentoring others.** One of these friendships began as just a professional thing, but now it's become more of a life thing. This person ultimately told me he needed to reestablish his relationship with Jesus and asked if I could help! It kind of fell into my lap, but **I was prepared to hear that - and to act on it.** I remember thinking, 'I didn't do anything', but I did. That was part of what the training prepared me to do: listening for the Holy Spirit and having my eyes and ears open. And so, when this came up, I jumped on it, whereas in the past, I maybe would have thought about talking to him about it sometime in the next month instead of being **ready to respond right away.** It was simple; I started with, 'Here are some things in life that I've learned recently.', and just went from there."*

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**DISCOVERS**

If, like Kurt, you want to grow and learn to share Christ naturally and easily, **join us for Whitewater Discovers on Sundays at 9AM in the Great Room** (right across from our Harbortown check-in counter).

Got Questions? Reach out to:  
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## FAITH & HOPE

Over the last 12 months, I've clung to hope in my faith journey as a wife and a busy mom of 5 kids. I've clung to hope as I've watched people I love suffer from sickness and devastating life events. I've clung to hope as a Whitewater Team Member while navigating a season of financial uncertainty. I am pleased to report that, thanks to your generosity, we were able to meet our budget goals for the year, and **through your donations, we were once again able to make a positive difference in both local and global communities.**

As the fiscal year comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express **our deepest gratitude** for your incredible financial support over the past year. Your contributions have profoundly impacted the lives of many individuals in need of Hope, and we are truly grateful.

## 2024 Financial Update

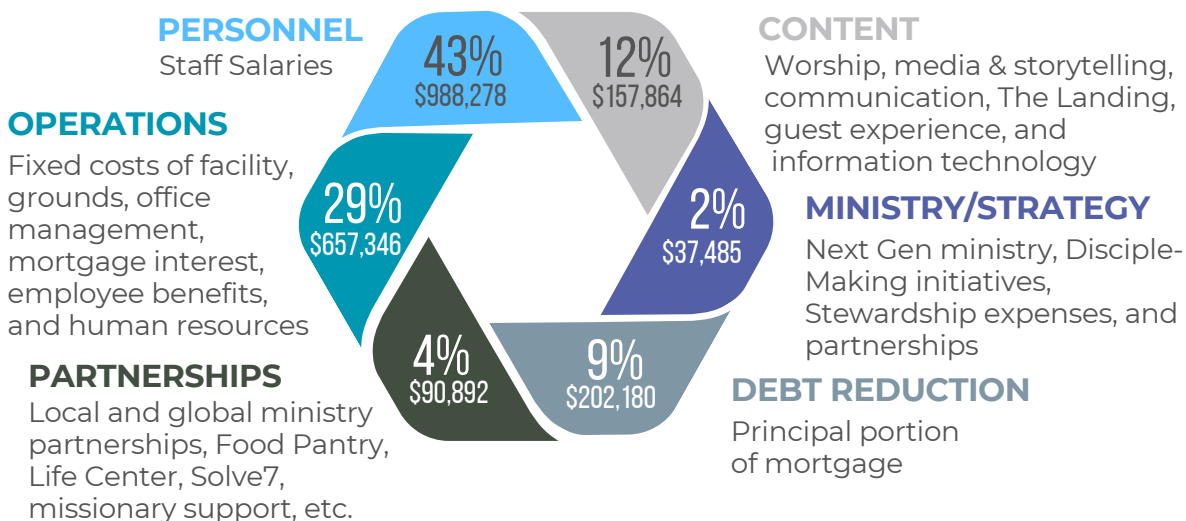
Your continued support means the world to me, and I am grateful for your ongoing commitment to our mission. **We could not have succeeded without your unwavering support**, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the coming year.

**As followers of Jesus, Hope is a critical element of our faith.** It propels us forward when things don't go as they should. It keeps us grounded when the world threatens to steal our joy with constant noise and chaos. We so desperately want it for those who do not yet know the peace that comes from knowing Jesus.

*Elizabeth Graybeal*

**Operations Director**

## FINANCES AT-A-GLANCE



# THANK YOU For Your Generosity

God's grace and your generosity create the stories we've shared!  
You are GENEROUS in multiple ways!

Volunteering your **TIME**

Using your **TALENTS**

Sharing your **TREASURE**

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*This QR Code will automatically send you to the giving portal on our website!*



**Josh Brown**

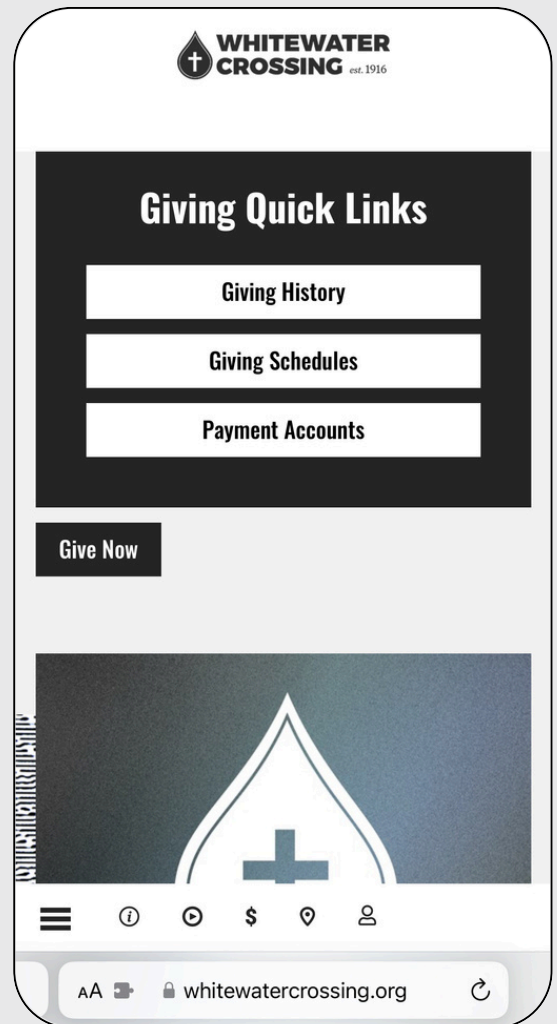
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