

Winnetka Bible Church (WBC) Overview

Winnetka Bible Church (WBC) was founded in 1904 by a group of Swedish housekeepers with a shared heart for global missions. Hundreds of WBC members and friends have since gone out on long-term as well as short-term missions around the world to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. WBC is known for preaching God's inerrant Word, worshiping the risen Christ, and discipling followers of Jesus Christ of all ages.

WBC has a recently remodeled facility which includes a four hundred seat sanctuary, a gymnasium, an office suite, and two classroom buildings. Across the street are two pastoral parsonages with four bedrooms each. For more than half a century, Crowell Hall, an apartment complex on WBC's campus has provided lodging for missionaries on furlough. By the grace of God, WBC's financial balance sheet is debt free.

Located on the shore of Lake Michigan in the north suburban Chicago area, the town of Winnetka was voted the #2 "Best Place to Live in America" in 2020 by 24/7 Wall Street Journal. The North Shore of Chicago is home to many professionals, executives, and growing families. WBC desires to reach Winnetka and the surrounding communities of the North Shore with the life and saving love found only in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

As WBC faces a pastoral transition, we do so with assurance that Jesus Christ is the Chief Shepherd of the Church. We believe the Lord will bring our next Senior Pastor at the right time for his glory. We also believe our next undershepherd will resonate with and share our distinctive priorities as a church. These distinctives are listed below and are reflected in our Mission Statement and Core Values.

Distinctives & Commitments

- Commitment to Jesus Christ as Head of the Church
- Commitment to the reading and expository preaching of God's inerrant Word
- Commitment to gathered prayer of God's people
- Commitment to Spirit-filled worship of the risen Christ in all of life, expressed in our times of gathering through an appropriate variety of musical styles and traditions
- Commitment to believer's baptism by immersion and observance of the Lord's Table
- Commitment to training children in God's Word and leading them to faith in Christ
- Commitment to discipleship for every generation and demographic
- Commitment to growing a heart for world missions within the WBC congregation
- Commitment to grow in our efforts to reach out locally to Winnetka and surrounding communities with an evangelistic desire for others to come to Jesus
- Commitment to thriving as an independent, local church with plural, complementarian elder leadership and congregational governance consistent with a biblically derived model
- Commitment to the doctrinal beliefs as expressed in the WBC Statement of Faith

Mission Statement

We desire to become a prayer-driven spiritual home for all people and all ages, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all nations.