



Goodwater Update: September 2025

Our official Goodwater service launch is scheduled for October 5th! We will meet together in the Performing Arts Center located in downtown Whitefish. Two separate teams from partners churches will be joining us that weekend, helping serve at a local trail race on Saturday and the launch service on Sunday. Please join us in praying over all the many logistics as we move toward this milestone, including praying the Lord will provide a worship leader as well as leaders for the kid's ministry.

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Highlights

Ministry: Launch day is October 5th! We will begin meeting weekly for worship services at the Performing Arts Center at 10am.

Partnerships: We need your help! Please purchase an item from our [Amazon Wishlist](#) to help us outfit our children's ministry area!

Financial: We have many expenses related to our launch! Please consider giving to invest in the work in Whitefish.

Prayer: Please pray for us we head into October 5th. There are a million and one details that need to be addressed but more than anything, we need to depend on the Lord in all of it. Please join us in praying for the launch by using the prayer guide included in this letter.

Ministry Updates

That's a wrap on Sunday Services at Stillwater Landing. The past few months worshipping in God's creation was an incredible encouragement as we joined with believers from near and far to worship together and study the Book of John. We are so thankful for this opportunity.



We gathered the interested, curious, and committed on September 21st and will again meet on the 28th as "practice" weeks before our official launch on October 5th. We are gathering people to pray, share the heartbeat, vision, and values of Goodwater, and to practice all the set-up and tear-down to come! Thankfully, the Lord opened the door for us to meet in the Performing Arts Center in Whitefish that is centrally located downtown. It not also has permanent seating, a stage, and sound equipment intact, but comes at an incredibly affordable rate (which is a miracle in Whitefish given real estate prices!).

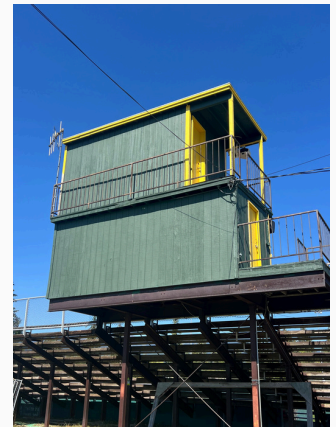
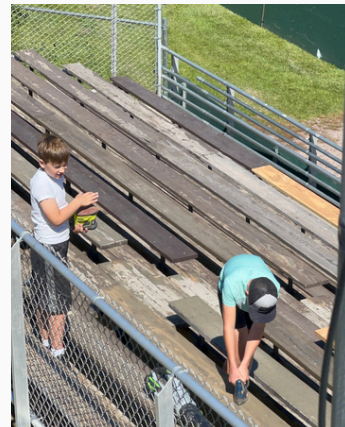
October 5th Launch! Our official Goodwater service launch is scheduled for October 5th! Please pray with us in anticipation of the first weekly services of Goodwater. We want to faithfully steward the Word of God and the individuals the Lord draws to Goodwater and, most importantly, to Himself.

Serving our Community

Each time we take the kids to school, we drive by the Whitefish Football Stadium. It is the center of the community during the Fall each year - the picture of small town every Friday night as the community shows up decked out in Bulldog green and gold to cheer on the football team. There are kids running everywhere, a middle school section monitored by a jovial principal, and seats close to the action on the field.

Each time Curt drove past the football stadium he noticed how badly it needed to be repainted. Early in the summer he reached out to the athletic director and offered to gather people to paint it. A week before school started, Curt received a message that said we could paint the stadium. The catch was that we only had a week to do it before the first home game and a booster event in the middle of the week that required the stands to be completely dry. Upon getting the go-ahead, Curt immediately sent a text to a group of men he's been meeting with all year for bible study. Within a minute, he received a response that said, call me. Curt called the man back only to hear, "Did you know that I am the head of the Booster Club and we have been trying for years to get permission to paint the stadium? How in the world did you get a yes?" Curt's response was simple; God did it. He opened the doors. Just like He has been doing time and time again.

Volunteers from all areas of Whitefish came around to help paint the stadium and it was done in record time. Not without a lot of hard work (and a lot of tedious sanding) but it got done. It not only became a community-wide effort but it established goodwill for Goodwater. Yet another reminder that when the Lord opens doors, we want to be ready and available to say YES!!



Ministry Partners

Through the generosity of Easthaven Baptist Church (our partner church here in the Flathead Valley) and other partners, we were able to purchase a trailer to house all of our equipment. We are praying for joyful hearted people eager to jump in and serve with us - even in the setting up and tearing down each week!

In early September, we were able to return to FBG for the first time and it was a joy to return and see the faces of so many people who have faithfully prayed for our family and invested in the work of Goodwater.

We were also able to spend some incredible time with our partners from the CrossCreek Network which is a church-planting initiative designed to plant disciple-making churches locally, nationally, and globally. We spent three days in training with them in Colleyville, Texas. We had incredible conversations during our time together, soaking up the wisdom and counsel of experienced church planters who spent years ministering in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Their open-handed generosity in time, wisdom, and resources was incredible! It is a joy to partner in this gospel work with them!

In October, we will welcome a team from our sending church, FBG, and another team from CrossCreek Church to help serve our community at a local trail endurance race, prayer walking, and helping with the many logistics of launch Sunday!



How can you help?

Our biggest immediate need is for supplies for the children's ministry area. Each week we will be setting up a complete nursery and play area for children 0-5. We are in need of the supplies and equipment to make it a safe and fun environment so that we can show every child that enters our doors that they are known and deeply loved by God the Father.

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Prayer Support

- Our **October 5th launch service**. The logistics and workload is heavy. Please pray the Lord will continue to raise up individuals to join us in this work so that we may faithfully and joyfully proclaim the goodness of God to all of Whitefish.
- Financial provision for all of the start-up costs associated with launching the weekly services;
- The Lord will raise up a Christ-focused worship leader and joyful and caring kids ministry leaders;
- We have two teams coming for launch weekend (from CrossCreek in Colleville and FBG in Georgetown). Please pray the Lord will use these teams to help build trust for Goodwater in the community.
- For the Palmer family's continued adjustment to Whitefish;
- For spiritual protection as we bring the good news of Jesus into a community that needs the light of Christ!
- Spiritual hunger and community for our kids.

Thank you for your support and love.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support! We love sharing how God is moving in Whitefish and are grateful to have you on this journey with us.

Soli deo gloria,

The Sparkman Family
Church Planters in Whitefish, Montana
Psalm 34:3

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