

ROSS HARRISON BIO

Ross was born and raised in Shelbyville, Indiana which, in his opinion, has the best sports teams in the nation. Ross grew up in a divorced family and didn't interact with church much until his middle school years, which is where he came to know Jesus. Ross accepted Jesus while in 7th grade after attending summer camp.

Ross grew in his relationship with Jesus under his student pastor, Jason, who was one of Ross's primary mentors. Jason walked alongside Ross helping shape his leadership, along with helping Ross discover his call to ministry as a junior in high school. By the end of high school, Ross was leading in various roles with his peers as well as in middle school ministry both teaching and leading a small group.

Ross attended Liberty University where he studied Bible & Theology. While at Liberty University, Ross served in various leadership roles both on and off campus. Related to church ministry, Ross served with 2 different local church plants where he aided in building and serving within the student ministries.

Most recently, Ross served at a church called The Chapel in the Chicagoland area. The Chapel is a multi-site church with 9 locations reaching thousands in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago and parts of Wisconsin. While at The Chapel, Ross served as a Campus Student Pastor as well as on the greater team of student pastors who, collectively, unified to reach the mission and vision of the student ministry and church. During his time at The Chapel, Ross had an opportunity to lead various all-church events such as summer camps, weekend retreats, and other one-off events throughout the year. Ross gained much of his experience in church strategy, organization, and leadership from The Chapel and is grateful for the time God allowed him to serve there.

Although Ross was thriving and enjoyed his time at The Chapel in Chicagoland, God directed his steps towards Hope Church in Dubuque. Ross had heard of a student ministry position at Hope Church and applied. Through initial conversations, Ross was unsure. However, God had other plans! It wasn't until a further conversation with Pastor Dave Clarke that God began to put the pieces together for Ross. Through much prayer and determination, it was clear to Ross that his next step in ministry would be at Hope Church. This put Ross in a bitter-sweet moment of both feeling the call to Dubuque on his life, but needing to take a step away from a ministry he loved and enjoyed in Chicagoland.

During his time at Liberty University, Ross met his wife Noel and they have been married now for 7 years. They have 2 children, Della (3) and Baker (1). Noel was born and raised in Dubuque and all her family is local to the area. Their family loves Dubuque and enjoys going to places like The Grand River Museum, any park, and any place with friends.

Over the last 17 months, Ross has grown to love Dubuque and the surrounding area - including the people! Ross currently serves as the Student Pastor at Hope Church and it's clear that he loves Hope Church! This is another bitter-sweet moment for Ross as he has always loved student ministry. However, God again had other plans! Through much prayer and many conversations with close mentors, it is clearly time for Ross to take this step to see where God will lead.