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*Worship Service*  
*11 AM Sunday Mornings*

## —Year End Giving—

The year 2015 is almost upon us and I believe that it is going to be the best year in our church's short but rich history. It is for that reason that I can unapologetically ask for you to invest in your church both financially and sacrificially in the weeks and months to come.

We recognize that many people are soliciting your donations at this time of year because this is the time when people are feeling the most generous. There are also tax purposes, but that doesn't affect any of us who have only pure motives, it's just a coincidence.

As Elders, Pastors and staff we ask that you consider giving a gift to your church to conclude the year. The reason I am able to so confidently ask is because I am incredibly optimistic about what God is going to accomplish through The Well, not just in 2015, but in the years and decades to come.

While there are some big picture details, it can all be summed up in this: your generosity will give us the foundation to go out in the Name of Jesus Christ and transform lives and communities.

Only the church of Jesus Christ has the power to transcend immediate circumstances and affect eternities. We have not even yet begun to love our neighborhood as God is calling us to do.

We will be receiving these gifts through December 28th. Feel free to drop the envelopes in the offering plate or in the collection box located in the back of the sanctuary, near the sound booth.

Through the practice of intentional generosity, God helps us to loose our grip on the things of this world and He opens our hearts to the values of His. If you choose to give a year end gift over and above your regular giving, as a leadership team we ask only that you do so prayerfully and obediently. Please do not feel obligated, as the Lord loves a cheerful giver. Give because you have faith that God will work through your gift to bring Glory to His name.

Pastor Josh Kesler





## —Prayer—

Time sure has flown by as we are already half way through our 8 weeks of the prayer initiative. I was a bit concerned when we decided to start it during the holiday season, wondering if everyone would be able to slow down enough each night and spend some quality time with our God and Savior. I've had people tell me that they stopped watching the HU basketball game long enough to pray, small groups are using this during their meetings, and kids are reminding their parents that it was time to pray. I had found myself being too busy at times to be in prayer prior to starting the prayer initiative. When I would pray it sometimes seemed fake and not from the heart. I think I had forgotten the importance of personal prayer time. I have since found a fresh new prayer life come alive in me. I have allowed myself to remain quiet after my prayers to allow God and the Holy Spirit to speak to me instead of rushing through my prayer so I could get back my activity, TV show, or conversation. I would love to hear some of your

experiences since you started praying with the church. Has anything changed in your life or maybe something in your life is becoming easier for you? Maybe God has placed someone in your life that will be there for support and a friend. Send me an email at [jim@thewell.church](mailto:jim@thewell.church) if you would like to share with me.

*"The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me, or 'Help me.'" Author Billy Graham*

**Pastor Jim Hippensteel**



## Christmas Eve Service

We will be having a Christmas Eve service at The Well at 7 PM. This will be a time for the entire family to worship together. **We will not have any children's ministries during the service.**

Following the service, coffee and light beverages will be provided. We also encourage you to bring some of your favorite Christmas cookies to share with others!

# Neighborhood Kids

We are busting at the seams in The Neighborhood. We are excited to share that we have many new families joining us on Sunday mornings! This, however, creates a problem (although a good problem). We have outgrown our current setup. In light of this we are in the process of developing a new plan to meet the needs of all of our kids, giving them a safe and comfortable environment to learn and grow in their faith. Please be patient with us as we work to put this plan into action. We are hoping to begin making changes in January. With so many kids now involved in our ministry, we are in great need for more volunteers. If you are able to serve in this area, contact Tyanne at [tyanne@thewell.church](mailto:tyanne@thewell.church) as soon as possible. These are exciting times for the Neighborhood Kids, and we look forward to getting more of you involved in teaching these kids about the love of Jesus!

# Youth News

For the past few weeks students have interacted with different lessons pertaining to life choices and events. With the upcoming holidays, watch out for upcoming events, especially when it snows and we can go sledding.

Mark your calendars! On December 7<sup>th</sup>, we'll be taking a trip to Wal-Mart to buy presents for children through Love INC. Please donate by bringing money to church or youth group, or feel free to bring toys as donations. We have a tree located in the lobby where toys can be placed under.

Remember, INVITE FRIENDS!!!

Abby Branscomb, Youth Coordinator



## Love, INC Toy and Personal Care Collection



The Well will be supporting the Love INC Christmas Gift Shop. We will be receiving donations of new toys on their behalf. They are also in need of personal health care items. Donation areas are located in the main entrance lobby and common area. Donations can also be made directly to Love INC. For questions or to volunteer call 356-0933.

## Himalayas English Teaching Team

As many of you heard during our worship service on November 30th, Hillary Pulse is heading out on a mission trip to the Himalayas. She is asking that we join in prayer to support the team on this journey.

### Prior to the trip:

- Mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual preparation for each of our team members.
- Sufficient funding for the trip.
- Preparation for the translators that we will be working with.

### During the trip:

- Health and safety as we travel and during our stay.
- That our team members may have empathy and cultural understanding as we encounter new ideas and ways of living.
- That our teaching may be effective, and beneficial to the translators.
- That we may establish positive relationships with the translators and other people we encounter on the trip.
- Flexibility as we deal with the confusion and occasional chaos that tends to come up while traveling in a different culture :)

If you are interested in supporting Hillary and the team financially, the easiest way to do this is to visit [www.wycliffeassociates.org](http://www.wycliffeassociates.org), click on “Donate” in the upper right corner, type her name in the search box, and follow the instructions for donating once you find the information. Donating through Hillary’s Wycliffe account will ensure that your gift is tax deductible. The majority of her funds need to be raised by December 7th.

If you would like to read more about Wycliffe, their website is [www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org). If you would like to hear more about the trip from Hillary, please don’t hesitate to send her an email at [hillary.pulse@hotmail.com](mailto:hillary.pulse@hotmail.com).

You can find more information about the trip at [www.himalayas2015.com](http://www.himalayas2015.com).



## Never Be Too Busy To Serve

A few weeks ago, running about 10 minutes late, I pulled into a parking lot for an eye appointment when I noticed commotion coming from a car oddly parked on a curb. Come to find out, a 55-year old man had suffered a massive stroke. Another Good Samaritan was already there, but several cars in front of me drove right past even though he was flagging people down anxiously. Quickly parking my car, I asked how I could help. Calling 911 and staying calm enough to do what the dispatcher said was truly the work of the Holy Spirit, because my heart was beating in my throat and my hands were a shaky mess. While we waited, we tried to reassure the non-verbal man saying 'you'll be okay, help is on the way.'

Once the ambulance came and took him away, I wondered if he really would be okay and figured I'd never know (he was a complete stranger after all). All I could do was pray.

Needless to say, I was *really* late for my appointment, but at that moment it didn't matter. I was reminded that God puts us in places every day where there is opportunity to serve. The question is, will we be obedient or too busy?

Six days later my phone rings. It was the mother of the man who suffered the stroke. She had been searching for me to thank me and let me know how her son was doing. Praise the Lord, he's regaining movement and is able to speak and eat! With a grateful heart, I thanked her for calling and told her God was answering our prayers.

Serving can be anything from opening a door for someone, being there for a friend, or even calling 911. Will you serve or will you be too busy?

**- Marcy Hawkins, Frontline Ministry Coordinator**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Be Informed

Be sure to like our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/thewellathuntington](http://www.facebook.com/thewellathuntington)  
 Check out our website:  
[www.thewell.church](http://www.thewell.church)

Follow us on Twitter:  
[@the\\_wellchurch](https://twitter.com/the_wellchurch)

### We Want You to Have a Bible

If you are in need of a Bible, The Well has one for you. See Pastor Josh on Sunday morning.

### Men's Prayer Group

We are going to relaunch the Men's prayer group on Thursday nights. Contact Pastor Jim at [jim@thewell.church](mailto:jim@thewell.church) if you are interested in joining us.

### Serving Opportunities

Some of you may be wondering how you can serve at The Well. We currently have opportunities in our Children's Ministry, Worship Ministry, Frontline Ministry, with more opportunities coming! If you want to get plugged into The Well, contact any of the pastors and they will help you get connected.

### Getting the Newsletter?

If you know someone who isn't getting the newsletter, for whatever reason, let us know. Send us an email at [office@thewell.church](mailto:office@thewell.church).

### Prayer Available

If you have any prayer requests or would like to pray with one of our pastors contact Pastor Jim Hippensteel at [jim@thewell.church](mailto:jim@thewell.church). He is also available for prayer, before and after our worship service.

### New Mailing Address

We are no longer using the PO Box. Please send any mail to 1883 Old US Highway 24, Huntington, IN 46750.

### A Letter of Thanks

Dear Josh and Well Family,

Thank you so much for your financial gift in supporting my summer internship. Due to your generous giving and the generosity of others like you, I was able to spend seven intense weeks of sports ministry training in Europe.

I cannot tell you in words the effect those few weeks have had on my life. I was challenged in countless ways throughout the summer. Whether it was spiritually, emotionally, mentally, or physically, I was constantly being tested and stretched.

I would love to share more about my experience with you. In our final week, we created a newsletter that summarizes parts of the internship and explains some of the activities and lectures. If you are interested in viewing the newsletter, please email me at [isaacdbeal@gmail.com](mailto:isaacdbeal@gmail.com). Thank you for your constant prayers and support.

God bless,  
 Isaac Beal

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