



13 Good Reads for 2013

Over the years, I have come to learn that certain practices have become essential in my life as I grow as a follower of Jesus Christ. One of those practices is becoming an avid reader. I am typically involved in a yearly Bible reading plan as well as reading works by trusted Christian authors. If I could challenge you to grow in your faith in one way in 2013, I would challenge you to grow in wisdom through reading. Therefore, I have compiled a list of several books that I have loved over the years that have helped to shape my theology, practice and outlook on what it means to be a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ. The list of books is in no particular order. However, I have coded the books for your convenience based on what I believe to be the reading difficulty level. Some of the books are great for all people and a relatively easy read. Some of these books will take some mental wading though and a lot of extra thinking. (It took me a year to read *Renovation of the Heart* and another several months of trying

to figure out what it said.) A book coded "1" is great for everyone and I would strongly suggest you read it. A book coded "2" is for those who want to dig a little deeper and think a little more. A book coded "3" is pretty tough but well worth the time.

1. Not a Fan- Becoming a completely Devoted Follower of Jesus- Kyle Idleman (1)
2. The Barbarian Way: Unleashed the Untamed Faith Within- Erwin Raphael McManus (1)
3. Integrity: The Courage to Meet the Demands of Reality- Dr. Henry Cloud (2)
4. Crazy Love- Francis Chan (1)
5. The Cost of Discipleship- Dietrich Bonhoeffer (3)
6. Knowing God- J.I. Packer (3)
7. Spiritual Leadership- J.Oswald Sanders (3)
8. Renovation of the Heart- Dallas Willard (3)
9. The Jesus I Never Knew- Phillip Yancey (2)
10. If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat- John Ortberg (1)
11. After You Believe: Why Christians Character Matters - N.T. Wright (3)
12. Mere Christianity- C.S. Lewis (2)
13. The Pursuit of God- A.W. Tozer (1)

If you like these books, keep in mind that these authors have each written several books on relevant theological and practical Christians issues. I would also love to know what books are shaping your life as a disciple so feel free to email me any time. God Bless and Happy New Year.

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Current Meeting Place:
Huntington YMCA
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11 AM Worship Service

Children's Ministry

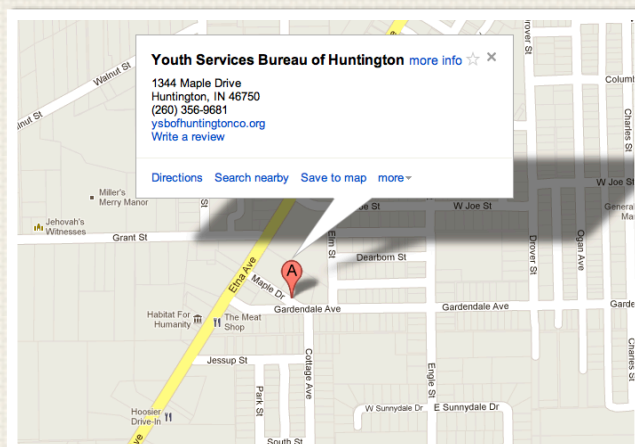
Our children's area is growing! We serve over 35 kids each week now! We also have a few that have or are about to earn their own Bible. We took a break from our study in the Jesus Storybook Bible on Dec 23rd to have a birthday party for Jesus! Thank you to all the volunteers that made the party a success! If you would like to be a part of the fun, just email Kelli to begin serving our amazing kids!



Youth Ministry

The Youth of The Well are excited to start a New Year! We are hoping for many opportunities to get to know each other as well as grow closer to Christ. Please remember the youth group and its students in prayer as they begin a new year in school and activities. We are excited to see what 2013 will bring!

Join us on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8PM at Youth Services Bureau in Huntington. The Well Youth is open to all Middle and High School students of the community, so, invite a friend!



If there are any question about The Well Youth, contact Abby Mitchell at abby@thewellathuntington.org.

New in Worship

With a new year, comes new opportunities and experiences. As we look forward, the worship team is excited to be bringing you new music! We are going to be using new songs from artists you know and love already, as well as original songs written by worship team members. Keep checking out twitter and Facebook for links to some of these songs!

If you would like to serve with the worship team, contact Marvin at marvin@thewellathuntington.org

SHOUT FOR JOY TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH.
WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS; COME
BEFORE HIM WITH JOYFUL SONGS. KNOW THAT
THE LORD IS GOD. IT IS HE WHO MADE US, AND
WE ARE HIS; WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF
HIS PASTURE. PSALM 100:1-3

Compassion and Care Ministry

I can't believe that 2012 has come to an end, and 2013 is here. I, like many others, tend to look back and see what has changed in my life over the past year and to find ways that I can make the New Year better. I pray that if you haven't fully accepted Christ yet that you start out the New Year by doing so and begin to experience God's love. I am extremely excited and looking forward to our first service in our new building.

I want to take this time to thank you for allowing me to be your prayer warrior, and to encourage you to continue to seek God in prayer. James 5:13-14; "is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."

I will continue to make myself available for prayer after Sunday service, and I look forward to having a room away from the sanctuary and lounge area in the new building to allow for a more personal and quiet atmosphere. I pray that God will continue to bless you and that you find the courage to follow God's will for your life.

Jim Hippensteel

Coordinator of Compassion and Care



Construction continues on our new building. Please remember to keep the entire process in prayer!