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Youth

I have been having a great time working with our Youth Team in developing a Vision for Student Ministries at The Well. The Vision is simple:

Student Ministries Vision: *To make disciples who know Christ, are led by His Spirit, proclaim the Gospel in both word and action, and live lives that bring glory and honor to God.*

In order to serve the students better, we have changed the structure of the leadership. As opposed to a central leader, we have broken up the duties of leadership among 3 individuals. We still have HU Junior Abby Branscomb, but have also given leadership responsibilities to Megan Soltow, an HU Senior and Nick Balsiger an HU Freshman. I have been personally meeting with the three of them weekly and will continue to do so in the months to come. The focus of our time together has been to develop a strategy and action plan related to our vision that will carry us through the remainder of the semester.

In order to accomplish the stated vision, we are focusing on spiritual development and are currently in the process of familiarizing our students with Bible topics like the order of the books of the Bible, how the Bible is put together, what the themes are of each book, what the difference is between the Old and New Testaments, what the big and little numbers mean, etc. It has been a lot of fun watching the students enjoy learning with actual Bibles in hand. When we are more familiar with Scripture, our focus will turn to topics including the Gospel message, learning more about Jesus, and incorporating Spiritual disciplines like prayer, solitude, service, and generosity on into our lives.

I know that the time demands for our youth are significant. As parents and leaders, we need to make Student Ministries a priority in our church and our children's lives. We are nurturing the next generation of disciples! When Sunday evening rolls around, our kids come up with a million and one reasons to stay home. But as a parent, we need to gently guide their spiritual development even if it means asking them politely to attend while we are driving them to the church. I have a 7th grader who offers weekly protests about "having" to go to youth group. She is the same 7th grader that returns each week glad that she went.

Some dates to keep in mind as we move forward are:

- *March 8* — The youth group will re-launch to get a boost for the remainder of the school year. This will be a party where we will play fun games and get to know each other better. It's a great opportunity to invite some new friends! T-shirts will be given out to the students and we will share our excitement about helping students grow in relationship to the Lord. This re-launch party is open to all students in grades 6-8. We currently have a couple of 5th graders attending and they are still very welcome.
- *March 15th & 22nd* — These will be normal Youth Group meetings!
- *March 29th* — Trip to Sky-zone for anyone not out of town for Spring Break.
- *April 5th* — Easter, so there will be no youth programming

Currently we do not have programming for High School age students but as we continue to grow in age and numbers, we will add vision-related programming as needed. This letter to you is my commitment to offer quality disciple-making programs for your teen or pre-teen.

As a final warning for all teens and pre-teens, The Well Student Ministries has recently become a CELL FREE ZONE. Students are encouraged to put down their phones and pick up God's word. So far so good!

Josh Kesler, Senior Pastor



Frontline Ministry

No matter whether you're a parent, married, single, or still in school there is always someone looking to you as a role model. Sometimes we don't even realize that others are watching and learning from us. This alone should keep us on our toes, but what a great reminder that we should be leading by example in everything we do.



While living in Northern Kentucky, I had the privilege of coordinating the greeters and hospitality team in a new church plant. And now at The Well, I continue to love this ministry and find joy in serving with others each Sunday. Through the service of each team member, I see it rubbing off on younger generations. Many, if not all of you, know my 6-year old son, Jack.

He truly has a heart to serve! Whether at school working with other students, helping his 3-year old sister Molly with a game (okay, well sometimes - kids will be kids), or greeting at church doors, I'm humbled by his servant-like nature. But it wasn't until a few months ago that I really saw his desire to make a

difference when he kept asking me "Mom, when are you having communion at church?" Thanks to Jackie Woodmansee, Cathy Reich, Christy Hoffman and others who allow him to help, Jack is excited and takes great responsibility in setting up communion each month.

Can they get communion set-up quicker by themselves? Yes, without a doubt. When I asked Jack why he likes to help with communion his response was a simple 6-year old response, "because it's fun, Mom." He may look at this as a fun way to help at church, but in that specific moment, they're teaching him the importance of service. To these wonderful women, thank you for leading by example and allowing him to serve with you.

It's not always easy; we all have bad days and bad attitudes. As a parent, I've experienced those frustrating days and even perhaps those "epic fail" moments. But as Christians it is important to step back and reflect on Jesus as our ultimate role model and think how He would react in certain situations. As we remember His incredible grace and forgiveness, shake off those bad days and start over with a renewed spirit. Someone is watching you. How will your life and daily decisions impact those around you?



Marcy Hawkins, Frontline Ministry Coordinator

Youth Information

The youth group is experiencing many changes for the upcoming spring, and we're excited to announce a kick-off party on March 8 to spring forward and re-launch our program. T-shirts have been ordered and as volunteers, we've taken it upon ourselves to create our own lessons to provide a more in-depth discussion for the students. If you've grown up in church, you may remember doing Bible drills. Currently, the students are focusing on learning the books of the Bible in order, along with authors and important themes each book represents. We ask parents to work with their children on memorization as each week we add five new note cards to their pile. The Bible drills evaluate the student's ability and understanding of verses within the books we've discussed, along with interacting more with their Bible. We've got a lot of fun and interactive events coming up, so we highly encourage you to bring your children on Sunday nights. We promise they will learn and engage with the word of God and enjoy time spent with friends.

Remember, Sunday nights 6-7:30.
March 8th we'll run 6-8pm that night only!

Meet our Volunteers

Phil Bailey



Phil and his family have been attending The Well since early 2012. He likes being involved in Frontline Ministries because it is a great way to serve, meet new people and hopefully make people feel welcome. When asked about why others should get involved in Frontline Ministries, Phil said "the people and connections you will make can help go a long way to encourage you to be more Christ like in your day to day actions."

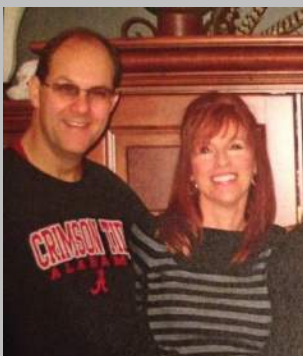
Fun facts about Phil...

Favorite food - a good steak

Things he enjoys - his time with family and friends, and going to the lake

Favorite sports - he likes playing and watching sports including all IU teams, the Dodgers, and especially watching the Bears beat the Packers

John and Becky Fisher



There is so much more about a Sunday service than just showing up and listening to the pastor speak and teaching God's Word. There are so many behind-the-scenes activities that need to take place to bring a Sunday service full circle. One example is the need for volunteers to watch over and teach the kids during worship time. This month I (Jim Hippensteel) wanted to recognize John and Becky Fisher. The Fishers have been with The Well from the beginning.

John and Becky have been married for 27 years and they both work for the Huntington county school system teaching kids. They also have two amazing grown children Kevin and Suzanne and one grandson, Benjamin, who is a year and a half old. I had the privilege of leading the Fishers in my small group for a couple years and I was amazed with their heart of love and compassion that they brought to the group each week. John and Becky are both in the Discipleship class lead by Pastor Josh. John and Becky can be found on some Sundays standing at the entrance to the church shaking hands and welcoming people with a warm smile as they arrive, and both are currently serving in the nursery together. John also helps out with the offering. New attendees with infants and small children can rest comfortably during the service knowing that their kids are being taken care of by loving men and women just like John and Becky each Sunday.

1 Peter 4:10 "each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms"

Meet Our Volunteers

Jackie Woodmansee, Cleaning Crew and Communion Prep

How long have you been attending The Well and what brought you here?

John and I have attended The Well since the beginning. We starting attending Good Shepherd when John finally proposed (I work in ColCity and John worked in Marion) since Huntington is right in the middle of both. Now John works in ColCity – but we love The Well and our church family too much to move.

What do you enjoy about serving at The Well?

It makes me feel needed and appreciated. Since I can't sing – I clean! I love the closeness of communion with God and my church family.

Tell us about your family.

Of course there is my Handsome Husband John, the big guy playing guitar. We've been married going on 8 yrs. I have 2 step-children (Joel, who has now been married a little over a year to a lovely girl (Sarah) and they are expecting their first child —(I'm going to be a Grand Ma)! And of course the Beautiful Sharaya, who is just ready to enter Grad School (pray that she makes it)! My Dad went to meet the Lord in 2001 (ask me about him sometime, his passing was awesome). My Mom lives in ColCity and I get to have lunch with her everyday. My sister and brother-in-law and their 3 kids live in Grand Rapids – they're a hoot! Then there are my furry family, Toby my Cat, and Sadi, John's dog.



What do you do for fun?

I watch a lot of TV (love comedy!) Big Bang, Seinfeld, Project Runway, Face-Off, and now John has me watching the Star Trek Series and Fringe (I hated Lost!!!). My Bible Study group is awesome—the cops even stopped by Mary Beth's (house of study) to see what the commotion was all about. Life is too short to not have fun...

What are some of your favorites (food, music, books, etc.)?

My favorite food is my Mom's gravy and biscuits – Yum! I'm not a big music listener (I only have 2 songs on my iPhone—Revelation Song & Sweet Child of mine. I gave John the guitar music to Sweet Child of mine and asked him to play it for me on my 60th birthday, and he still hasn't practiced! I like to read Christian non-fiction. I also enjoy Christian Talk radio (love: Chuck Swindoll / Chip Ingram / James MacDonald and the list goes on...).

What would you say to encourage someone thinking about serving in the church to go ahead and take the leap?

You become closer to The Well people – some of the ladies I share duties with are now my closest friends. One of my newest friends is Jack Hawkins – Jack is 6 years old. He helps me with communion and He is very dependable! He marks communion Sundays on his bedroom calendar.

Meet our Volunteers

Chris Schell, Worship Team - Tech

How long have you been attending The Well and what brought you here?

We started going to The Well when it was at Flint Springs school. We were looking for a church that was closer to Huntington since our last church was moving to Fort Wayne.

What do you enjoy about serving on the worship team?

What I enjoy about serving on the worship team is that with my job it's hard to commit to something every week, but I have been blessed to still be able to help out when I'm able to. Also I get to enjoy hearing all the morning worship songs more than one time on Sunday.



Tell us about your family.

I'm married to Kendra and we have four kids—Xavier, Blake, Brooklyn, and Tessa. We also have two dogs and a rabbit.

What do you do for fun?

Most of the time my time is short at home, but I do enjoy being outside, playing a round of golf, traveling, and since I have been helping to do the media my music collection has grown.

What are some of your favorites?

Black coffee, wedding cake, music, and corvettes.

What would you say to encourage someone thinking about serving in the church to go ahead and take the leap?

I have to say to anyone that is thinking about it is to at least try it. I know for myself that I have met so many people that I might not have been able to if I wasn't doing the media. If you have any doubts that you can't do it, believe me there are so many people that are willing to help you succeed. If anyone decides to help with the media just remember the congregation probably won't throw you out for missing a slide.

The Neighborhood Kids - Meet Our Volunteers

One of the great things about serving in The Neighborhood is the opportunity to meet new people, develop lasting friendships, impact kiddos for Christ, and serve with those you know and love dearly! I would like to encourage each and every one of you to find something that you are passionate about, or even a little bit interested in, and volunteer to serve in that capacity at The Well. Not sure what area that is? Look or ask around! A little nervous to take that first step? Grab a friend or a family member and do it together! You will be surprised at how much you will be encouraged, while encouraging others in their walk with Christ!

Let me introduce you to two of my favorite people at The Well! These two young ladies have been such an inspiration to me personally through their spiritual walk, their relationships with others and the community, their enthusiasm for kids in our Neighborhood classrooms, their great sense of humor, their willingness to fill-in when needed, and their relationship with each other as mother & daughter. Beth Shortridge and Kylie Frederick both serve in The Neighborhood kids' area on Sunday mornings. They both arrive with smiles and still leave with smiles...cannot get any better than that, right? Haha! When asked a few questions about themselves, this is what they said:

What is your favorite thing to do in your spare time?

Kylie: Well, I do a ridiculous amount of things in my spare time: writing, volunteer work, student government, babysitting... But my favorites are anytime I can play tennis with some energetic people, perform in theatre, Campus Life, or just playing games, watching movies, or being outrageously silly with friends and family.

Beth: Well, I'm basically a boring person - seriously! I do love scrapbooking because it is such a cool way to preserve memories! And I really like to read and watch TV with my family. Oh, and I love watching Kylie play tennis or perform in theater!

What is something unique about you?

Kylie: I can hold a handstand for a solid minute while doing tricks.

Beth: Something unique about me is that I was in the top 25 of my high school class, because my graduating class had 25 students! Haha!

What is your favorite verse?

Kylie: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Beth: My favorite verse is "We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit." 2 Corinthians 4:8. This verse was what helped me through some pretty tough times.



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We Want You to Have a Bible

If you are in need of a Bible, The Well has one for you. Bibles are located in the Common Area and Main Entrance area.

Men's Prayer Group

Men's prayer group meets on Thursdays, 7 PM. Contact Pastor Jim at jim@thewell.church if you are interested in joining us or if you have a prayer request you would like the men to be praying for.

Good Friday Service

We will be joining other area United Brethren Churches for our Good Friday Service on April 3rd. The service will take place at Huntington University's Merillat Center for the Arts Zurcher Auditorium at 7 PM.

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.

Online Giving

We will soon be making our online giving option more user friendly! Be on the lookout for further announcements later this month.

New Mailing Address

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

The Well News and Weather Announcements

Want to stay up on what is happening or what the needs are of The Well? Check the "News" section on our website.
www.thewell.church/news

Weather related announcements will be first communicated through the website. Also check Facebook, Twitter, Star 88.3, and local television stations.

Send Us Your Pictures

We are looking for new pictures of the life of The Well as we prepare to update our website. Take some pictures and send them our way!
office@thewell.church

Snack Donations

If you'd like to make any snack donations to The Well Youth, please bring in any chips, cookies, or other snack-type foods to the kitchen and label it "Youth." The Youth meets on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30. They pack this hour and a half with biblical study and reflection, and fellowship with fun and food.

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. He is also available for prayer, before and after our worship service.

