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### WHERE WE MEET

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*Worship Service*  
*11 AM Sunday Mornings*

## Worship Through Singing

One of the most common ways people worship is through singing, especially together in worship on a Sunday morning. Much planning and practice goes into each weekly service in order for us to all lift our voices together in worship. As you have probably noticed, there is a high priority given to singing together during our services. Of course we know that worship is much bigger than just singing, and we all have unique ways that we connect with God, but there is still a great value to singing our worship to God. Whether we are "singers" or not, there is a specific call to use our voices in worship.

### Why do we sing?

The answer to "why do we sing" is simple. We want to be like God, and we want to mirror the character of God.

Zephaniah 3:17 says, "*The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save. He will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*" As you see here, our God is a God who sings, and we are created in His image.

Singing is also a mark of obedience. There are around 400 references to singing in scripture, and over 50 of those are commands to sing.

Zephaniah 3:14 - "*Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!*"

Rejoice with ALL your heart. What matters most in singing is not whether we are good singers, but the heart behind our singing. When we praise joyfully with our voices, with humility and honesty, God is honored.

### What does singing do?

Singing glorifies God. Singing encourages. Singing humbles.

*"Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord."* (Ephesians 5:19)

1 Chronicles 16:9, "*Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of his wondrous works!*"

We want to mirror God's character, so we sing. We want to be obedient to His word, so we sing. We want to glorify God, so we sing. We want to teach one another in truth, so we sing. We want to encourage one another in the Spirit, so we sing. We want to humble our hearts before God, so we sing.



Marvin McNew  
Worship and Communications Pastor

## Confessing Your Sins: Part 2

This month we are continuing Pastor Jim's article on confession. If you missed part one, you can download last month's article at <http://www.thewellhuntington.org/news/july-newsletter1>.

**Why should you confess your sins?** The Greek work we use for confess is *homologeō*, which means "to agree with." God is telling us throughout the Bible to confess our sins, and when we do so it shows God that we agree with his laws. By confessing our sin we avoid the negative effects of the unconfessed sins.

Sin is like a chronic disease and if it goes unattended it will manifest itself into our daily lives and change the way we live. For example, lying is a sin and if we continue to lie on a regular basis, we will soon lose our ability to distinguish between what is truth and what is a lie. God forgives us of our **confessed** sins, and if we are not willing to confess, God will not help us deal with the sin in our lives. Refusing to confess also shows God that we, in fact, do not agree with his laws.

Unconfessed sins distance us from God and place a barrier between God and ourselves. The unconfessed sins can kill any chance of having a close, abiding relationship with God. Biblical confession is a one on one conversation with God in which we confess to God everything that we have done, even though God already knows what we have done wrong. By confessing our sins it enables us to enjoy the benefits and grace that God gives us. Through confession we are forgiven and when we are forgiven it allows us to forgive others. Confession helps us to overcome arrogance when we have to admit that we are just as much a sinner as everyone else around us, and confession brings us closer to God.

1 John 1:9 says "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." When a Christian repents and believes the Gospel of Jesus Christ, all our sins - past, present, and future - are forgiven. Confession is just one component of the sanctification process which

aids Christians in dealing with and healing from sin.

### **Why confess your sin if God already knows what they are?**

Confessing our sins is a way for Christians to practice humility and fess up to our short comings. It takes a humble person to admit their mistakes! 1 Peter 5:6 says "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."

True confession is done in humility with a repentant attitude! I know for myself, admitting that I am wrong or that I am doing wrong is a struggle. I am sure most of us have heard our parents say "tell us the truth and the consequences will be less severe." With our parents we may have been grounded for a week or so; when we refuse to confess and tell the truth to God we stand to lose far more than just a week of freedom. The next time you're feeling anxious about something, or your stress level is elevated and you're not sure why; it could be the fact that you're holding something back and not being truthful with the Lord.

Author Erwin Lutzer said this about confession: "Forgiveness is always free. But that doesn't mean that confession is always easy. Sometimes it is hard, incredibly hard. It is painful to admit our sins and entrust ourselves to God's care."

Thank you and God bless,  
Pastor Jim Hippensteel



## Frontline Ministries

Why should you get involved in Frontline Ministries? Here are just a few reasons from some Frontline volunteers...

*"To welcome people, meet new people and serve our Lord." -Tammy Branscomb*

*"To be obedient and contribute to the ministry of The Well...to show God's love to others." -Kris Chafin*

*"To help make every person who comes to The Well feel welcome and at home." -Ed Hippensteel*

Frontline Ministries is a group of amazing volunteers serving as greeters, ushers, hospitality, and parking lot attendants every Sunday. Frontline volunteers not only have fun, but have the privilege of showing Christ's love through service.

Are you looking to take that next step? Please contact Marcy at [marcy@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:marcy@thewellathuntington.org) or call/text at [\(260\) 388-6080](tel:2603886080) to get involved or with any questions.

## Youth

I'm very pleased with the hard work the students have made this summer. All the students seem to be interested in the topic and respect one another when someone speaks. Every week students email me or ask at church if youth group can go back to every Sunday night. On Sundays when we have The Middle in the morning, students typically come up with ideas for events to do that evening. So far we've had game night at church, and we've gone hiking. Hiking was so much fun, especially when we went to Hanging Rock afterwards. It was amazing to see all the students' work together, helping each other climb up and down the rock making sure everyone was careful and safe.

I'm excited to say that starting August 17<sup>th</sup>, youth group will be every Sunday night! I love looking forward to Sunday evenings and enjoy the fellowship we're blessed to have and offer for the youth. We've got new curriculum for the school year, and a lot of exciting opportunities for the students to participate in.

I'm in the middle of planning a small back to school party, and as soon as I have everything in order, information will go out to students and parents.

Currently we're in the middle of a fundraiser called Pringles for Pennies! We're selling large cans of Pringles for \$1 and small cans for \$5. We're asking those who want to participate and help out the youth to please eat all your Pringles and take the empty can and fill it with loose pocket change! For those that still want to buy Pringles, I have a few left and can purchase

a can of Pringles up until August 3. If interested, please email me with your name and how many cans you want, including the size. All cans, full or not full, are due back by August 17<sup>th</sup>.

At youth group on Sunday evening (Aug. 3 and Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>) I will have general permission slips that include information on releasing pictures of students, that need to be signed by all parents and returned by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Permission slips will remain on file for one year.

### Here's a small itinerary of what's to be expected the next few weeks at Youth Group:

New curriculum called "The Heat". Beginning August 3.

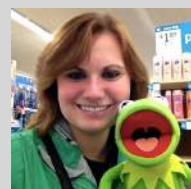
Last day to purchase Pringles August 3.

Youth Group returns to Every Sunday night August 17.

Back to school party - Date to be determined and information will be sent out ASAP

August 17 - All Pringles cans will be collected.

August 31 - Permission slips due.



Any questions, contact me at [abby@thewellhuntington.org](mailto:abby@thewellhuntington.org).



## Stories

This past weekend, members from the church body gathered the courage to stand before the church and share how God is currently working in their life; some through pain, others through a calling that God is placing on their lives. These stories have an incredible way of binding us together. When we share our hurts, our victories, our insecurities, we give people permission to not feel alone.

When we are discouraged, we can often convince ourselves that we are alone. When others open up their lives to us, we see that we have more in common with others than we think. I believe that this past weekend displayed how healthy vulnerability can encourage others.

Even stories of success are helpful when they are shared with the intention of bringing glory and honor to God! The comments of the people of The Well have encouraged me to begin collecting stories from the people of this community. These stories give us a great opportunity to grow together. Because of this, we are opening up a new email account at The Well called [mystory@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:mystory@thewellathuntington.org).

We would love to hear how God is working in your life. Who knows, your

disappointments or victories may be the catalyst that helps another person grow closer to Christ. If you choose to share, it does not automatically mean that you have to speak up front, so you can relax. Everything will be held in confidence unless you instruct us otherwise or we ask your permission. While we may ask you to share publicly, we may just ask if we can share it in the monthly newsletter. I may also ask to share excerpts from it to illustrate a point in a weekly message. The important thing is that we are able to develop a sense of safe and healthy community where the people are free to know and be known by the other people of the church.



Josh Kesler  
Senior Pastor

# Service Change

**On August 24th we will be having our worship service at Huntington University as part of their Welcome Weekend. The service will be at 11 AM in the Merrillat Centre for the Arts Zurcher Auditorium.**

To the Women at The Well,

There are 8 slots reserved just for you at \$99 each which includes 2 nights lodging and 3 meals and the complete conference package ...

Dates: September 19–21, 2014

Place: Sawmill Resort, Huron, Ohio

Complete details can be found at <http://ub.org/women/womens-conference>. To register, contact Cathy Reich at 388–9638 or [cathy@ub.org](mailto:cathy@ub.org). More slots are available at the higher rates, but these are the early bird rates that expired earlier this year. Held JUST FOR YOU, First come, First served.

Speakers include: Kathy Bruce, Annette Sites, Penny Cole and Vicki Heckman from our denominational Women's Team. Also, it has not been publicly announced yet, pending a written contract, but Attaboy will be providing the worship segments. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know more women from The Well, and fellowship together under some great teaching ... How Sweet It Is to Teach, Lead and Serve.



## Neighborhood Kids

Starting this month we are making some changes in The Neighborhood, some students will change classes, new curriculum will be implemented & a new check in system will be put in place to ensure a secure environment for your child. We are extremely excited about our new curriculum and know that it will provide us the opportunity to help your children learn about and grow closer to Christ.

We expect that things won't always go as smoothly as we like, but we are doing our best to be the best we can be when serving your family. Our prayer is that God will show us many new and exciting things throughout this next year:

Also, if you have any questions about The Neighborhood in anyway, please contact Tyanne at [tyanne@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:tyanne@thewellathuntington.org)!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Be Informed

Be sure to like our Facebook page:  
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 Check out our website:  
[www.thewellhuntington.org](http://www.thewellhuntington.org)  
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 @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.

### Parking and Seating on Sunday Mornings

If you are able, please park in the lower, south lot to allow closer parking for those who need it. Also, please take advantage of the open seating in the front of the sanctuary so others can easily find seating as they arrive.

### Men's Prayer Group

Meets on Mondays at the church, 7 PM

### 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@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:office@thewellathuntington.org).

### Frontline Ministry

If you would like to serve as a greeter, usher, or in any other area of hospitality on Sunday mornings, contact Marcy Hawkins at [marcy@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:marcy@thewellathuntington.org).

### Cleaning Ministry

If you are available to help serve by taking an hour a week and cleaning our building, please contact Pastor Marvin at [marvin@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:marvin@thewellathuntington.org)

### Prayer Available

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

### New Mailing Address

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### Mark Your Calendars!

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### Financial Peace University

Here's a great way learn how to fully honor God with your finances. The class materials cost \$100, paid directly to The Well. If you have questions, contact Mary Beth Crider at [financialpeace@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:financialpeace@thewellathuntington.org). Weekly classes begin on August 18th.



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more info  
 Weekly classes begin August 18th and will run through October 20th. 6:30-8PM at The Well.  
 Contact Mary Beth Crider at [financialpeace@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:financialpeace@thewellathuntington.org).  
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