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Why Membership?

I am currently meeting with a group of people on Tuesday evenings for a discipleship/membership class, and it dawned on me that I rarely ask the question of *why* we have membership. I am afraid that the true meaning of membership gets lost in the myriad of other things that we are members of. I'm a member of the Y. I pay my monthly rate and I have the right to complain or make suggestions as a contributing member. However, if I stop paying my monthly membership, I lose my Y privileges, even though I frequent the Y, have served on the board and volunteer when needed. For the most part, I joined the Y for me. I became a member so that the facilities and the staff can serve me and my fitness needs. I have a little tag that I scan in with upon arrival and that tag entitles me to certain services.

The key word here is *entitled*. I think membership in church has been viewed in a similar fashion. We come to church for what it can do for us. In our culture, if the church no longer serves our needs or the style changes, we move on. I fear that we have lost the concept that "(God)... places us in churches to serve, care for others, pray for leaders, to learn, to teach, to give and in some cases to die for the sake of the gospel." - Thom S. Rainer

Personally, I take a very broad view of membership at The Well. While there are many individuals who have signed a covenant of commitment to The Well, regardless of whether you are an official member, it is your calling as a follower of Christ to exercise your gifts as a contributing member of local body of believers. Whether you have signed a covenant or not, it is still your duty to love, serve and give at your local church for Christ's sake. It is often only in service to others that our incessant need to place our needs above everything else will naturally get lost in the shuffle. As I regularly meet with other pastors and we share concerns or observations, there is a consistent view that more people come to church to have their own needs met than to meet the needs of others. Complaints get back to us and we notice that the most critical people are the people who serve and attend the least. People love to point out the hypocrisy of others rather than accept the reality of it in their own lives. This is a trend that we must seek to reverse.

The question is, "Will you join your church?" Whether it is through a covenant commitment or through a personal decision to give up your sense of entitlement and love, give and serve the community of believers that God has placed you in, you must internally decide to make a commitment.



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Do you want to know more about Frontline Ministries? Here's your chance!

Save-the-date for Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at The Well for a great time of food, activities, and overview of what it truly means to be a part of the Frontline Ministry Team. We'll share what's working well and get feedback on how we can make these services even better.

Who's invited?

Anyone who may want to join the team *AND* all current Frontline Ministry volunteers.

RSVP:

Please let Marcy Hawkins know if you plan to attend no later than Tuesday, Feb. 17 at marcy@thewell.church or call/text at (260) 388-6080.

"In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing

kindness to others, do it gladly." - Romans 12:6-8

Frontline Ministries is a great opportunity to use the gifts God has given you. It's an opportunity to serve, encourage, and show kindness to others. Frontline Ministry volunteers help each Sunday by opening doors, greeting each other with a smile, passing out bulletins, collecting offering, and assisting people to their seats.

For those who are active volunteers, thank you for your dedication! If you are not currently a volunteer at The Well, I encourage you to step out in faith and join us February 19th to learn more about how you can use your gifts for the Lord.

Marcy Hawkins, Frontline Ministry Coordinator



"Why Membership" Continued...

Are we perfect? No. Will we always sing songs you want to sing? No. Do we offer all the programs that you want or need? Highly unlikely. But with committed members and attendees, we can get there. It doesn't just happen without effort on the part of many. As a church, we are just over 5 years old. That means that we are still developing a culture and finding out what ministry programs we need to help us make strong disciples of Jesus Christ. It takes time and it takes *you*.

I leave you with this challenge: Commit to being a healthy, happy, holy, loving, giving, serving, and contributing member of your church community, whether that's here at The Well or somewhere else. Be the kind of person who can make the Body of Christ strong—at The Well, in our community, and in the greater church that encompasses all believers.

Pastor Josh Kesler

Meet our Volunteers



Richard Spath, prayer warrior.

(pictured in blue shirt on left)

“Prayer warrior” is a term used to describe an individual who is devoted to spending time in prayer with God on behalf of others. They understand the importance of prayer and listen intently to the person requesting prayer, allowing the person to rest assured that they will be lifted up in prayer.

We read about individuals who believe in God as well as His ability to answer prayers throughout the Bible. I feel one of the best known prayer warriors is the Apostle Paul in the New Testament. He repeatedly prayed for others, especially the individual churches for whom he was working in. Ephesians 3:14-21 says, (as we find Paul in prison, praying for others): *“...for this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”*

I would like to share with you a prayer warrior who is part of our Well family. Richard Spath has been with The Well from day one. He has donated numerous hours in remodeling the building into what it is today. Pastor Josh and I have held a men’s prayer group one night a week for quite some time and Richard has been by our side praying for the staff and the whole church body. You can find Richard and his lovely wife Carol greeting people on Sunday mornings. Richard is an avid NASCAR fan who followed the late Dale Earnhardt and now follows Dale Jr, as well as an IU fan. You will probably never find Richard standing on a stage speaking to others, however you will find him down in the trenches helping others walk through heartache and trials that this broken world has placed us in. I praise God for Richard’s kindness of heart and I am very grateful for Richard’s dedication. - Pastor Jim Hippensteel



Meet Carol Eckert

Carol loves The Well and her church family. She has been a part of Frontline Ministries for more than 6 months now. She likes to greet on Sunday mornings because it is her opportunity to serve others. With her warm smile, handshakes and hugs, she wants people to feel at ease and comfortable at The Well, and most importantly to want to come back.

Fun facts about Carol...

- Favorite food - Sloppy Joes
- Favorite movies – Marley and Me; Heaven’s for Real
- Favorite music – Country and gospel

Meet Our Volunteers

Sarah Christman, Youth Volunteer

Within the youth program, we've seen volunteers come and go, but one volunteer this month whom I would like to recognize has been a member of The Well since the beginning and continues to come and serve during her free time while home from college.

Age: 19

School: Grace College, studying counseling and sociology

Hobbies: Basketball in free time, Pep Band, Crafts

Attendance at The Well: I have attended The Well with my family since a few months before Good Shepherd became The Well.

Why I got involved: I love kids, I enjoy being a mentor and helping/seeing the kids grow closer to The Lord.

Where I want to see the youth going: I would love to see the kids in the youth group thrive on their journey in Christ, learn to know Him deeper, and see how the Holy Spirit guides each of their lives.

Working with Sarah has been a blessing and seeing her interact with the students is wonderful. She doesn't help out every week due to college, but when she does she pours her heart and soul into the lessons, helping the students understand things, and entertains us with her crazy laugh!



Anthony Wilson, Worship Team

My name is Anthony Wilson. I have been married for almost 6 years to my wonderful, and very patient wife, Audra. We have two children. Riley is 6 and Sam is nearly 2. We started attending the well in 2010 after our friends Bart and Abby Mitchell invited us.

I enjoy serving on the worship team for a number of different reasons. First off, we have fun. The worship team is made up of a great group of people. We are able to share our talents together and also lead a group of believers in worship. It's a really cool opportunity.

In my down time I like to watch sports and eat Mexican food. I also enjoy chasing my kids and irritating my wife. My dislikes include flying, long distance running, and the Chicago Bears.

Surprisingly enough, I don't listen to a ton of music. However my favorite song of all time is Where the Streets Have No Name by U2. I dig a lot of the music we play at church. Unless it's hard to play on the drums, then I don't like those songs. I like Jeremy Riddle and Needtobreathe a lot. David Crowder is overrated (that's a shot at our pastors).

If I had advice for others who are considering serving at the church I would tell them to pray about it. I'll bet God will tell them to get busy. I know that the hardest part is the initial leap. Once you get involved it's a lot of fun. I think God has a plan for each of us. And I think part of that plan is impacting lives through service. But it takes us being willing to be used.



Youth Information

Youth Group for the past month has revolved around growth and curiosity with the students. The past few weeks, asking biblical questions, and together searching throughout the Bible and discussing answers intrigued students. We've been able to look at different versions of the Bible so students are able to understand the different types of texts and relate to which translation fits them best. Over the next few weeks, we hope to re-launch the program, with hopes of attracting more students. Our goal is to achieve a sense of knowledge and understanding that the students can take and apply in everyday life.

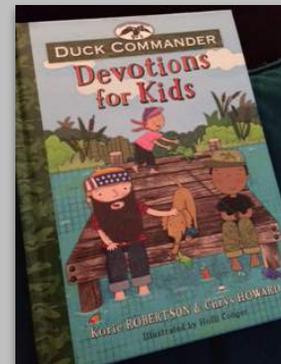
On February 1st, Youth will meet right after church until 2 PM.

Lunch will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Youth resume regular meetings on February 8th, 6-7:30 PM.

The Neighborhood Kids

Looking for a great way to get the kids in your life into God's word and understanding more about His love? I know as a parent it can be difficult to be the voice that kids want to listen to. Whether it is the end of a long day, kids are distracted and cannot sit still long enough for deep conversation, or they just want to play with their toys...What you say could be the best advice ever, but sometimes the same info coming from someone else can be a little more effective. Sound familiar?



My family recently stumbled across a devotional book for kids written by the women of Duck Commander. It has been an excellent addition to our already crazy evening schedule. Despite our hectic evenings, I think it is safe to say that we all look forward to reading and discussing the devotion for the day. The best part? Real life situations that are easy for our girls to relate to and apply to their daily lives, while keeping God as their center! Check it out (The Bailey clan is loving it)! Finding time is not always easy, however, I really encourage you to set aside a time to spend sharing Jesus' love with the little ones in your life on a regular basis. No matter how you decide to do this, book or no book, you won't regret it!

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 Check out our website:
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

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.

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.

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.

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.



February 6&7

WE EXIST TO GATHER, EQUIP AND UNLEASH THE NEXT GENERATION OF WOMEN TO LIVE OUT THEIR PURPOSE.

IF GOD IS REAL...
 THEN WE WANT MORE
 THAN ANYTHING TO
 LIVE LIKE IT.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
SESSION 1: 4:00-7:00pm - BREAK FOR DINNER -	SESSION 3: 10:00-1:00pm - BREAK FOR LUNCH -
SESSION 2: 8:00-11:00	SESSION 4: 3:00-6:00pm

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Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith... Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works... All the more as you see the Day drawing near... (Hebrews 10:22-25)

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