



I can't believe that it is November already. This means that the Christmas season is very soon upon us. On the church calendar Christmas is a very important season. It is during Christmas and Easter that people are open to speaking and learning about Jesus Christ. It is why we will likely see new faces here at The Well in the next 6-8 weeks.

I believe that in preparation for these new faces, all of our familiar faces need to take a look in the mirror as to who we are as a church. In my position, I am aware of much of what happens at the church. From relationships, to generosity, to serving, to caring for those in need, I see a lot.

This is why I am naming this final series prior to Advent "From Where I Stand." Each week, as I teach in front of the church, from where I stand I see many people and circumstances. From where I stand I see faces of people that I know have recently made the decision to become a follower of Jesus Christ. From where I stand, I see people whom I know

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are hurting from the loss of a loved one. I see a lot.

I see great things, but I also see where we need to improve as a church. From where I stand I see people who are not using their God-given talents to serve God's church. From where I stand I see people who are way too busy to make God the most important part of their life. From where I stand I occasionally see pettiness, bitterness and selfishness. Basically what I am saying is that I see people. But even as I see all of these things, it occurs to me that we are no different than any other church. But what if we were?

What if some of the frictions, jealousies and pettiness that separate so many other people and churches didn't exist here? It's a simple answer. We would simply be the church that God is calling - no - demanding us to be.

But in order for us to be the kind of church filled with the kind of people that God wants us to be, we need to take an honest assessment of who we truly are and make corrections as needed. If there is one thing that I have learned in my time as a Pastor it's that God honors those things that honor him. If there is even a single part of us that is not honoring God, we need to address the problem and fix it. This series is simply designed to address potential hazards that could inhibit our ability to honor God in all that we do.

Are there great big problems that exist in our church? No, but that doesn't mean that the potential does not exist. The potential for conflict is always present when people are gathered in Jesus' name and Satan is opposed to His mission.

From where I stand I also see tremendous potential. I see a church placed wisely by God in a town that needs the hope of a Savior. If there are barriers to reaching people for Jesus Christ, then I want to team up with you to remove them.

In the early half of the last century The British newspaper The Times invited several eminent authors including writer, critic, poet, and theologian, G.K. Chesterton to write essays on the theme "What's Wrong with the World?" His contribution took the form of the following letter:

"Dear Sir, regarding your article 'What's wrong with the world?' I am." Sincerely yours, G. K. Chesterton

When I look at my life and some of the messes that have been associated with it, people I've hurt, hearts I have mistreated, rights I have not wronged- it is easy for me to play the blame game. But an honest self-assessment leads me to believe that an honest self-assessment is where we all need to start. Both individually and followers, and corporately as the Body of Christ, the Church.

God's Blessings,

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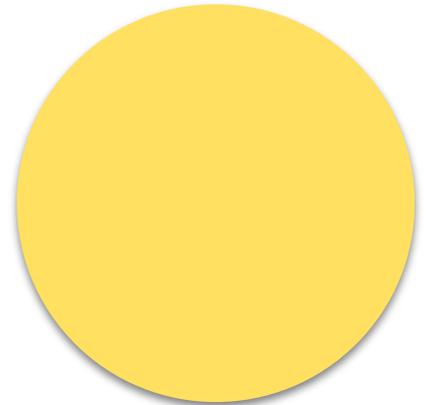
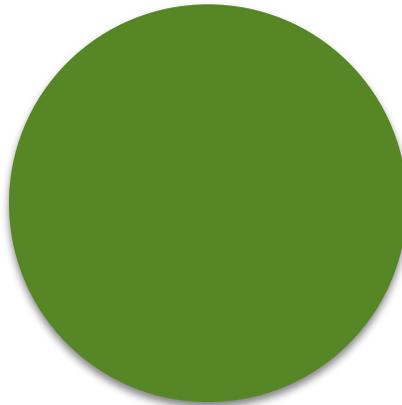
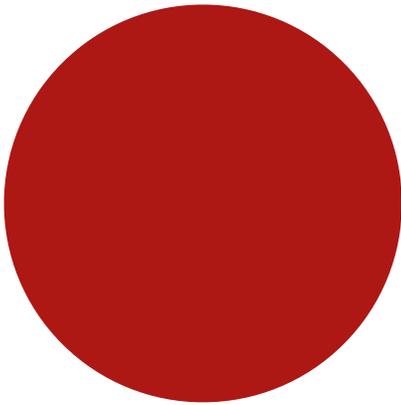


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Huntington, IN 46750
11 AM Worship Service

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Love Kids? Want to Volunteer? We Need You!

We are excited to announce that the Children's Ministry at The Well is growing continuously and so is the need for your help! We are all looking forward to having 2 services each Sunday morning, however, with that excitement also brings great responsibility and opportunities to provide for the many children of our Well families! There are going to be a lot of opportunities for volunteers for both services (9am or 11am). If you are interested in helping out by teaching, assisting, donating healthy snacks, etc. we would love to get you connected! Please contact Tyanne Bailey at tyanne@thewellathuntington.org for more information on how you can serve! All volunteers must fill out NEW paperwork, including a criminal history check. This includes volunteers that are currently helping and/or have helped in the past.



The Well Youth: Having Fun in Fellowship

The middle school youth have spent the month of October learning about making good decisions at school and with friends along with playing A LOT of Gaga. If you have no idea what Gaga is, check out the octagonal pit outside in the west parking lot, and ask one of the kids to explain this crazy game! November will be focused on learning about the Church and what

Communion and Baptism mean to those who are part of it. We also have to come up with a new game that will keep us indoors where it is warmer!

For questions about The Well Youth contact Abby Mitchell at abby@thewellathuntington.org.

FOUR IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF WORSHIP: PART 1

Over the next few newsletters I am going to reintroduce the message on worship that I shared during the summer. There are four important aspects of our worship as it is related to discipleship. This month, I am sharing part one:

1. Worship is – Focusing and Responding to GOD

In Revelation chapter four and verse eight we are told that four creatures around the throne of God worship day and night saying:

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.”
Revelation 4:8 (NIV)

God is always to be the center of our worship. To worship Him is to magnify His holiness, His worthiness. He is worthy of all the glory and honor we can give Him and infinitely more. The more we focus on God, the more we understand and appreciate how worthy He is.

But something else happens in worship that is rarely talked about. The closer I come to a Holy God in worship, the more I come to realize my own un-holiness. To be exposed to Holy God should bring about a response in me that should have me examine my own life and my state of affairs. You see it over and over again in scripture where God is worshiped and the worshiper cries out because their spiritual state is exposed. This is what happened to Isaiah in chapter six of that book. He cries out:

“Woe to me!” I cried, “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” Isaiah 6:5 (NIV)

To walk into the presence of God is a life altering event. God is worshiped – man is made transparent. We are not worshiping if we are not focusing on God and responding to Him. You may be in a church building, singing songs, reading scripture, listening to a sermon, but without focusing on God and responding to Him, you are not worshiping. You may be just going through the motions. You can only be worshiping God by focusing on Him and responding to Him.

To be continued next month...

Humbly yours,

Pastor Marvin McNew

If you would like to hear the message in it's entirety, including songs and prayer, go to: <http://goo.gl/f0617q>



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Announcements

We Want You to Have a Bible

If you are in need of a Bible, The Well has one to give to you. Just see Pastor Josh on a 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, First Impressions Team, 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.

The Well Youth

Watch thewellhuntington.org or [facebook.com/TheWellYouth](https://www.facebook.com/TheWellYouth)

Sunday Nights

Middle School, 6-7:30PM and HS, 7:00-8:30PM,

(There will be community time for both groups from 7-7:30)

Questions? Contact Abby at abby@thewellathuntington.org

Women's Grow Group

If you are interested in joining a women's grow group contact Kris Chafin at kchafin@huntington.edu.

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