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Worship Service
11 AM Sunday Mornings

—Multiply—

Over the last several weeks and months, I have received many requests for both discipleship and church membership opportunities. I **have decided to combine the two into one class.** You do not have to desire to become a member to take this class.

It is first and foremost designed to help us understand God, the Bible, Old and New Testament Theology, Jesus, and the nature of what it means to be a disciple of Him. At the conclusion of the class, those who desire to take membership will have the opportunity to do so.

We will be working through a book called **Multiply** by Francis Chan. He is the author of other books such as *Crazy Love*, *Forgotten God*, and *Erasing Hell*. This will be my third time leading a group through *Multiply* and I have seen greater commitment to Christ develop as a result of it as many have applied it to their lives. We currently enjoy our quarterly Neighborhood Block Parties as a result of someone's participation in the first discipleship class using this material. There is also currently a small group at The Well working through the material and are now brainstorming ways to be a more outwardly-focused church. What a great thing for a small group to be wrestling with!

The class will begin on **October 21st** and will run from 6-7pm. It will go through approximately mid February. I know that life happens and most people will not be able to attend every session. I only ask that you make a good faith commitment to go through the material and be at as many sessions as possible. We will also take breaks during the holidays to avoid conflicts. The

weekly work will only require reading a brief chapter and answering some questions as you reflect on what you learned. The class will focus mostly on discussion and I will be available for Q&A.

Cost of participating in the class will be \$15 to cover the cost of the materials. If you are interested in taking this with a spouse or teenage child, feel free to share the book to keep the cost down. If you are not able to cover the \$15, we just ask that you pay whatever you can, even if it is \$1. We do not want cost to be the reason that you do not take advantage of this opportunity to grow in your knowledge of Christ and to get to know others from The Well in a deeper way.

I am sincerely looking forward to getting to know many of you better as we grow together in the coming weeks and months. The class size will be limited to 20 people, so please contact me at josh@thewell.church if you want to join.

If you are not able to be a part of this group, I anticipate leading a second group after this class has finished

Pastor Josh Kesler



—The Power of Prayer—



One of the greatest blessings received and enjoyed by Christians in this life is the privilege of PRAYER; through prayer we can and should approach God. Through prayer, we can find forgiveness for our sins; 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Through prayer, we can find peace to replace anxiety; Philippians 4:6-7 “ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Through prayer, we gain strength from God through his spirit.”

Ephesians 3:14-16 “For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to

the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.”

Matthew 18:19-20 “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst.”

I will be talking to the Church in the next couple weeks about a new Ministry that I am planning that will involve the entire congregation coming together in prayer. I would like for you, in the meantime, to be thinking of a time in your life when you may have faced a challenging time alone and how much more manageable it would have been with a prayer team walking side by side with you. Are you a person that doesn't know how to pray? If so, please contact me and we can meet to discuss your prayer life.

Pastor Jim Hippensteel

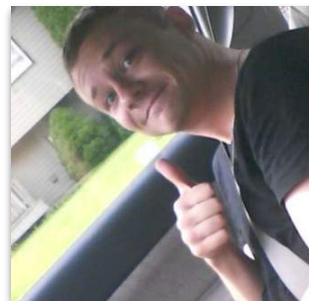


Gather. Dig. Pray.

We are looking for leaders who want to assist in forming a community that gathers together, digs deeper into God's Word and supports one another by praying with each other. We are looking for leaders of couples groups, family groups, men's groups, women's groups or any other group of our community that wants to come together and support one another. Your level of commitment can range from planning and leading lessons to simply opening up your home.

If you are interested in being involved, contact Nathan Hawkins @ [260-388-6075](tel:260-388-6075) or nathan.hawkins99@gmail.com

Get To Know Your Worship Team!



Meet Matt. He's from Joliet, Illinois and is a Junior at HU, majoring in youth ministry and Biblical studies. He loves writing, watching football (he's a HUGE Packers fan), and

playing music. You will see him playing the guitar on the worship team some Sunday mornings. If you haven't met him yet, introduce yourself!

Neighborhood Kids

Thanks to everyone who serves in the Neighborhood to take care of our kids and teach them about the love of Jesus.

Just a few reminders: Please continue to avoid The Neighborhood hallway, except when picking up/dropping off kids or if you are a volunteer working that day. This helps with eliminating traffic and keeping the area secure. Also, when checking in kids, we ask that you do not let them roam The Neighborhood area "freely" until they can be checked in at 10:40am.

Anyone interested in helping with The Neighborhood Kids on Sunday mornings, please feel free to contact Tyanne at tyanne@thewell.church.

Youth News

I'm so excited to say that our numbers are beginning to rise with the youth group, and we're starting to see new faces come to The Middle on Sunday mornings as well! This time last year, all the students were "gaga" over playing Ga-Ga ball, and there were a few Sundays we'd play it for the entire time. It's amazing to see what changes in a year—the Ga-Ga pit is now rarely used. So far for the new school year, we've wrapped up a couple of lessons we began over the summer and we're currently in the middle of a series called "At Your Table." So far we've discussed what type of attitude is Christ-like, along with the type of friends one should look for and character traits in people.

We also have a new volunteer and he's awesome! He's been seen recently playing the drums for the worship band. Here's a little more about our new guy, Nickolas Balsiger. He's from Fort Wayne but is a freshman at HU majoring in youth ministries and missions. His

dream is to work with youth overseas. If you see him around, feel free to say hello!

Newsflash: There's a couple of exciting upcoming events for the youth group, and when more information comes available, I'll release it via our Facebook page along with handouts to the students.

Abby Branscomb, Youth Coordinator



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Be Informed

Be sure to like our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/thewellathuntington
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.

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@thewell.church.

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@thewell.church.

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@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.



—My Story—

by Justin Baker



I grew up in a very strict church, and I spent a lot of time causing problems, rejecting God in every way possible, and cussing and thinking it was all cool and acceptable. When I was trying to decide where to go to college, Huntington University was recommended, and I had a feeling that HU was where I was supposed to be.

Throughout my freshman year, I didn't attend church very often. I didn't think it mattered much and I really didn't have the urge to go. I attended chapel but didn't pay attention. When my sophomore year rolled around, I still didn't change much. I still didn't pay attention in chapel. But then I strained my MCL in my knee near the beginning of the year, and didn't get to play much soccer till the end of the season. Around that time, I started neglecting my responsibilities, because I

didn't think anyone would notice. I got fired from my job, and struggled to stay awake during my classes. My grades started slipping, and my professors started emailing my coach, showing concern. My parents even came and we had a very serious discussion about all that had been happening. I ended up on academic suspension.

At the time, I knew I needed Jesus, but I didn't know how to accept Him when my heart was hard and I didn't want to face it. When chapel was a baptism service, it hit me really hard. I knew I wanted to be baptized, but I couldn't work up the courage to say I wanted to. I talked with Josh several times, trying to decide whether to play soccer again in my junior year. This past summer I was able to accept Christ as my Savior. I saw TeenServe, a Midwest mission group, and on July 17th, I made the most important decision of my life. Looking back, I did not notice all the support I was getting. But I see now that the whole HU soccer team, The Well, all

There are some changes coming to The Well's communications. Since the opening of .church domains, we have secured a new domain in order to make it easier for people to find us on the internet, as well as new email addresses to make communicating with the staff and elders of The Well smoother. Our new website domain is now www.thewell.church and the new email contacts are as follows:

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Elder JR Reich - jr@thewell.church

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All previous emails will still work for the time being, but update your contacts ASAP!

Pictures from our September Block Party!



Thanks to Attaboy for leading worship and playing some great music while we ate!