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WHERE WE MEET

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Worship Service
11 AM Sunday Mornings

Thoughts from our Senior Pastor: Why?

I was recently thinking about how people view their relationship to their church. I came to a conclusion that people view their relationship with their church in one of two ways. Either they see their church as an “institutional” part of their life or they see it as a “transformational” part of their life.

Our consumer mentality and top-down government mindset has driven many people into the institutional mindset. *The church is where I receive services. The church is where I go to for my needs. I go to this church as long as it is meeting my personal needs. Furthermore, I will keep voting this church into office by my attendance as long as it agrees with my needs. When a better candidate better comes along that offers better services, then I will cast my vote with it.*

Someone with an institutional mindset will often see the services of the church as another potential social agency to be leveraged. When this happens, people often stay close enough to the church to not feel bad when they need to ask something of it but far enough away that the church won't ask anything of them.



Others who may see the church as institutional may be incredibly committed, both in serving and in giving. The problem is that they are often doing those things to win the approval of others or because you are “supposed to.” There is no joy in “because you are supposed to.” Others are simply paying into the system so that when they have need or want things to go their way, they have banked an adequate amount of “church capital” to be able to ask that things go their way. They would like to see an eventual return on their investment.

I have recently begun reading a book entitled ASK WHY FIRST. So one of the biggest questions I have is “Why do people come to this church?” and “Why should people come to this church?” In the coming weeks and months, I am going to continue to be asking a lot of “Why?” questions to myself, to the church and about the church.

People who see the church as “transformational” come to church as an extension of their

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deep and growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Church is one more place where they are able to express their love and gratitude to Jesus Christ by serving others, singing His praises, learning from His word, and giving generously. Church is not the *extent* of their relationship with Jesus Christ it is simply one more *extension* of it.

As the leadership of The Well, we are going to begin to ask a lot more of you as a church. Why? Because people are broken and in need of a Savior. Why do I do what I do? Because I actually believe that people can only find their

ultimate meaning and rest in this life by fully surrendering to Jesus Christ.

This is all “Vision” and “Bigger Picture” related. I confess to being caught in asking “What” we should be doing rather than constantly reminding myself of “Why” we are doing it. What should I be teaching? What do people want to hear? What programs do we need to offer to keep people? None of those is centered on the purpose of the church. When a church has been reduced to asking itself what it needs to be doing to keep people coming or even just to keep people coming

more frequently then we have lost the point of the church. The point of the church is not simply to hold services that hold people’s attention. The point of the church is to bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ and fearlessly declare freedom through Jesus Christ to a world searching for meaning in one dead end pursuit after another.

I would challenge you to begin to ask yourself *why* you do the things you do. It might change everything about you. Risky, but worth it.

Pastor Josh Kesler

We want to be praying for you!

If you have prayer requests you would like to share with the pastoral staff, or The Well family, please email us at office@thewellathuntington.org using the subject line “prayer.” Please indicate in the email whether you would like only the pastoral staff to be aware, or if you would like to share with the entire Well family. Because of healthcare laws we are only able to share certain requests with the permission of those directly involved. Please keep that in mind when sharing requests. You may also visit the prayer request page on our website: www.thewellhuntington.org/prayer.html

Neighborhood “Block Party”

Sunday, June 8th - 12-3PM

We will be having a cookout directly after the 11 AM worship service that day. The church will be providing the main protein dish. We ask that you bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Join us for another time of community and fellowship!

More information to come.
Watch Facebook and our website.

Youth

Changes are coming to the Youth Group! Exciting opportunities are coming up for the summer months. Starting the week of June 1st, the Youth will meet on the second and fourth Sunday of every month. Parents keep an eye out, as we will do spontaneous local activities during the week when the teens remain at home and parents are at work! Re-capping for the month of May, we took a trip up to Skyzone and spent the entire day hanging out and enjoying each other's company. Recently our lessons have been focused on respect and what it means to respect each other and those around us.

On June 1st to kick off the summer, we're having a youth party at the Schells' house from 6-9pm. Also on June 1st I will hand out newsletters pertaining to youth

events for the summer so that parents can plan out family vacations and budget for our activities. I'm really looking forward to the summer and seeing how God will work through us all, especially with having a few new volunteers, and seeing our youth flourish!

Any questions, contact me at abby@thewellhuntington.org.



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Neighborhood Kids

"When will I move to the BIG class?"

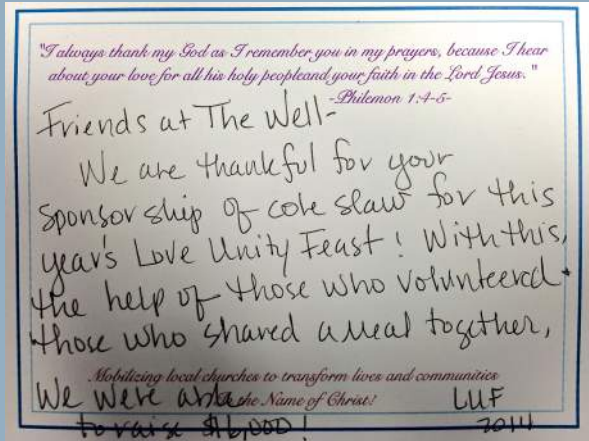
Have you been hearing this question frequently in your home by your Neighborhood Kid? Now that the current school year is coming to a close, many are starting to wonder when classroom changes will be happening in The Neighborhood. For the summer, kids will continue in their current classes.

The first Sunday in August will be an exciting day for changes! On this day, any Kindergarten student that will be starting 1st grade will move to the Discovery Dr. classroom.

If you have a child that is 2 years old, they are welcome to move to the Adventure Ave. classroom at any point when they turn 3, or when you feel comfortable. We do ask that if a child is moving up to Adventure Ave. from Tiny Town Xing that they be potty-trained.

Obviously, there are always circumstances that may change some of these situations. Please contact tyanne@thewellathuntington.org if you have any questions.

Thank You Notes



David and Trisha Kelley would like to thank The Well family for praying for baby Addison. Her surgery went well. Please keep the family in your prayers as she begins her recovery and as David also faces health issues.

Camp Cotubic Work Day



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Be Informed

Be sure to like our Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/thewellathuntington
 Check out our website:
www.thewellhuntington.org
 Follow us on Twitter:
 @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.

The Well Moms Group

Any mom is invited to join other Well Moms on Mondays, 10:30 - 12:30.
 Children are welcome.

We will meet in the children's area.
 We will also meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7:30 PM

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.

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

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

Camp Cotubic Work Days

May 10th and 17th, 8:30 AM - 2 PM
 Contact the camp at (937) 468-2519 if you're able to serve.

Church Garage Sale

The Well will be having a church-wide garage sale to raise funds for church needs. Please participate by donating gently used items (clothing, books, furniture, shoes, knick-knacks, kitchen items, and anything else!) with the exception that ***we cannot accept any items with cords or any baby equipment*** (baby clothes and toys are fine).

The sale will be held on **Friday June 27** and **Saturday June 28** in the large outbuilding here at The Well. We welcome donations now through Wednesday, June 25. Donations can be left in our garage building on Sunday mornings, or contact Aimee to make arrangements otherwise. Thank you for supporting The Well in this way!

For any questions, please contact the sale organizer, Aimee McNew at aimee@thewellathuntington.org or 219-863-2882 (call or text).

Baptism

We are planning on having baptism as a part of our "Block Party" celebration Sunday, June 8th. If you would like to be baptized contact Pastor Josh by Sunday (June 1st). You may email him at josh@thewellathuntington.org, or talk to him this coming Sunday.

Check Out Our Website
www.thewellhuntington.org

