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### WHERE WE MEET

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*Worship Service*  
*11 AM Sunday Mornings*

### Thoughts from our Senior Pastor: A New Minimum Standard

Over the past couple of weeks, I have really been thinking about the culture of our church. We have a great church. There are some wonderful people here. There are some amazing personal stories about transformation in people's lives. As the pastor, I am a little bit more informed than most about the amazing things that are going on in people's lives. I have seen changes that can only be attributed to the work of Jesus Christ. But as great of a church as we are, we have even greater potential.

One of the temptations of any family, organization or community is to settle into an accepted low minimum standard. In other words, we never raise the bar so that we will always be able to clear it. Or, if we get to the point where we can no longer clear it, we just lower it until we can.

One of harsh realities that I am learning as I get older is that it gets harder every year to stay fit. I've learned the hard way that if I want to maintain my current weight while sticking to my strict diet of convenience foods and donuts, I have to increase running distances and amount of work-outs per week. I've also learned that every year your body fights back a little more.



I was recently having a conversation with a friend of mine and he asked me if I think I eat 5-6 donuts a month. I said, "I eat 5-6 donuts a week. In fact, I have probably had a day or two where I have had 5-6 donuts in that day alone." If it weren't for my wife preparing meals for me on the nights that I am able to be home, I'm not sure that I would ever eat anything healthy at all.

But it costs me. Every year, my minimum standard of exercise must rise if I want to continue my horrible eating habits and maintain the same weight. People see me running or biking or taking part in fitness classes and say to themselves, "Man, he loves to work out." And I do love it to a certain extent, but what I really love are donuts and cookies and chips and pizza and burgers and fried tenderloins. Something has to change.

As the pastor of a church, I am learning a similar lesson. I am finding that the things that got us to this point as a church are not going to get us to the next level. In order for us to maintain our current health and become even healthier,

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A New Minimum Standard Continued...

we are going to have to increase our efforts in every area. As individuals we are going to have to take the call of Christ on our lives more seriously and make changes as needed. As church leaders, we are going to have to find ways to challenge you by giving you opportunities to grow, serve, and give.

Our cravings are going to have to change. On a personal level, my food cravings are changing. I am raising the standard. I'm incorporating more healthy foods and limiting my consumption of comfort foods. It's not easy, but I enjoy the results.

I hope that collectively we will all raise the minimum standard of our church. If we truly want to reach our community, it is

going to take a great deal of effort.

I believe that just as a healthy person is a person in motion, a healthy church is a church in motion. The Bible tells us that *"...we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works..."* Ephesians 2:10. It's a law of physics as well. Now that this body is in motion, it's better that we keep it in motion.

A minimum standard has been set. We gather together weekly and we like each other. Worship is meaningful and many of us have found friends and a few have found Christ. But we cannot settle. We must raise the bar and each one of us needs to figure out what that means for each of us individually. I hope to be

challenging you as a church body over the weeks and months to come to figure out what it means for you to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and how that affects every aspect of your life. Jesus didn't come and die so that you could spend the rest of your days just hanging around until his return.

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10) That life is now. I have always loved how Erwin McManus puts it: "Jesus didn't come so that you would count the days of your life. He came so that the days of your life would count." Raise the standard.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Josh Kesler

## We join in celebration!

On April 6th, the following were baptized:

David Kelly  
April Campos  
Xavier Schell  
Blake Schell  
Brooklyn Schell

We also celebrated a child dedication!

Addison Kelly  
Parents are David and Trisha Kelly

## Neighborhood "Block Party"

**Sunday, June 8th**

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

Reviewing the month of April, students at youth group spent time learning about the days leading up to the resurrection of Christ along with a small celebration of his resurrection with an Easter egg hunt. Just last week we started a new 4 week series called Fearless where students will have the opportunity to look at stories in the bible and see how specific individuals overcame their fears and turned to God for help. On May 4<sup>th</sup>, in honor of all their hard work, the students and I will be going up to Skyzone in Fort Wayne for a day of jumping around and having fun! On May 11<sup>th</sup>, directly after the church service, the youth group will have a small gift for the mothers in honor of mother's day! Stay tuned for more information regarding upcoming events for the summer!!

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – SKYZONE – Reminder to parents that students will stay after the church service. Lunch will be provided and plan on picking your teen up around 6pm.

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Regular meeting. 6:30-7. Mother's don't forget to stop by after church service and pick up your small gift.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Regular meeting, 6:30-7.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Regular meeting, 6:30-7.

*Currently The Well youth group is seeking new volunteers for the summer. All we ask is you enjoy working with teenagers and attend church at least 2-3 Sundays a month. Any questions, contact me at [abby@thewellhuntington.org](mailto:abby@thewellhuntington.org).*



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# Neighborhood Kids

Calling all volunteers and those interested in volunteering for The Neighborhood! If you are interested in serving in children's ministry, we can definitely use the extra hands! As our numbers are growing on Sunday mornings, so are the needs of our kids. There are a variety of serving opportunities available!

Please contact [tyanne@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:tyanne@thewellathuntington.org) or call/text [260-241-8572](tel:260-241-8572) if you are interested or would like more details!

# Frontline Ministry

Are you looking for a way to serve at The Well? Frontline Ministries is actively seeking additional volunteers to help on Sundays. Frontline Ministries includes greeters, ushers, hospitality, umbrella service and more! Bring a smile to someone else's face on Sundays and make them feel welcome at The Well. If you are interested, would like to recommend someone, or want more information, please contact Marcy Hawkins at [marcy@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:marcy@thewellathuntington.org) or [\(260\) 388-6080](tel:260-388-6080).

## United Brethren Activities: Camp Cotubic and Women's Conference

### UB Women's Conference

**Date:** September 19-21, 2014

**Location:** Huron, Ohio

Join hundreds of other United Brethren women and friends for the 2014 UB Women's Conference. The conference will be held at the beautiful Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio. That's a little east of Toledo, very close to the Cedar Point amusement park. We held the 2007, 2009, and 2011 US National Conferences at Sawmill Creek, so it will be familiar to many of you.

### Full Details and Register Here:

<http://ub.org/women/womens-conference/>

### CAMP COTUBIC

<http://campcotubic.com>

In Pursuit Camp (Grades 7-12) - June 8-13th.

Discovery Camp (Grades 5-6) - June 29-July 4th.

Voyager Camp (Grades 2-4) - July 13-17th.

For full details see Camp Cotubic's [website](#). Scholarships are available. Contact The Well at [office@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:office@thewellathuntington.org).



## Want to Serve on the Worship Team?

We are looking to add team members for some specific roles in the worship team, especially throughout the summer. If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, contact Pastor Marvin McNew at [marvin@thewellathuntington.org](mailto:marvin@thewellathuntington.org).

- Tech: Slides/Media (training available)
- Acoustic Guitar
- Electric Guitar
- Bass
- Drums
- Keys/Piano

## The Well's Bracket Champion



Congratulations to Aimee McNew for winning The Well's first annual bracket challenge. Ask her about her flawless method.

## AHA

We have all heard the term AHA moment; have you ever had one? I am currently reading a book by author Kyle Idleman entitled AHA.

AHA stands for "AWAKENING.HONESTY.ACTION." Kyle's definition of an AHA moment is "a sudden recognition that leads to an honest moment that brings lasting change." Kyle uses the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) as a prime example of an AHA moment. In the story of the prodigal son, the youngest feels the urge to venture out and see what the world has to offer. He asks his father for his share of the family inheritance. Once received, he packs his bags and heads off to explore the unknown. The son squanders his money on drinking and women in a very short time and he finds himself without money, shelter, or food to eat. In order to make ends meet he finds employment cleaning barns and feeding pigs. This son finds himself at his lowest point when he realizes that he is ankle deep in pig squalor, yearning to eat the reeds that are being fed to the pigs. This is the pivotal point in the son's life—the AHA moment. The young man begins to realize that the pigs are living better than he is. He thinks back to his father's farm and knows that even the slaves are living better than he is at that very moment.

God, being an all-knowing and loving Father, allows us to reach our lowest point and hit rock bottom in order to build our dependency on Him and our faith in Him. God never leaves our side and is always reaching out to us. He continues to talk to us as we continue to spiral out of control. The AHA moment happens when we are so

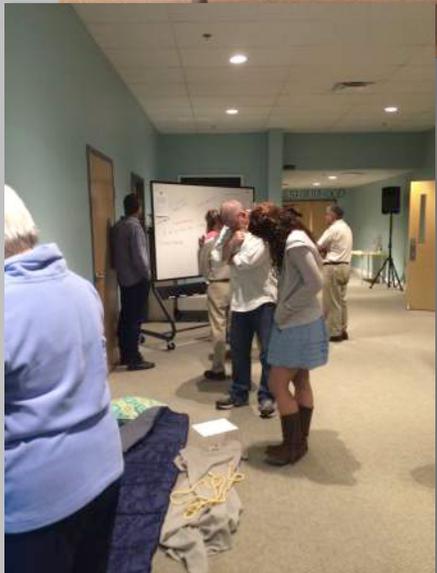
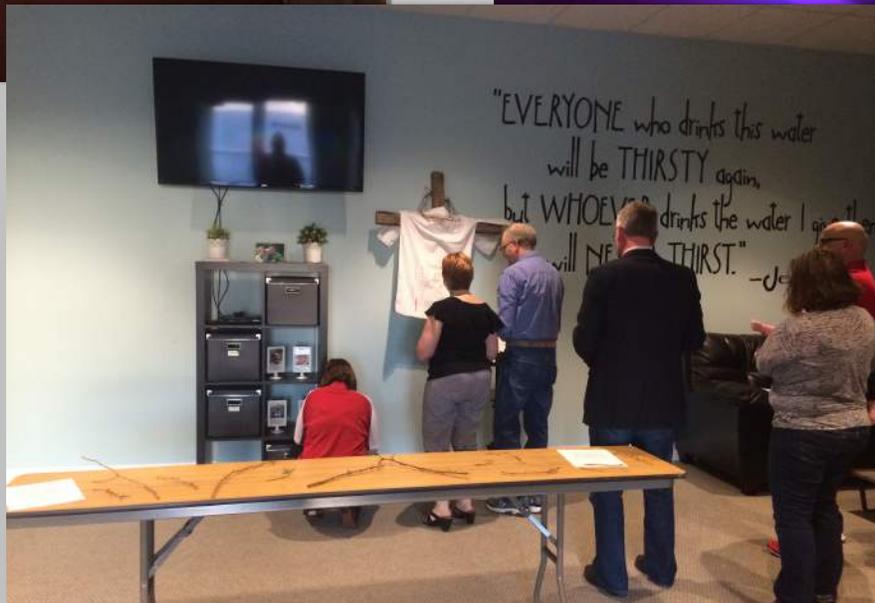
broken and lost we don't know which end is up. At this point we regain our hearing once again and we hear God's voice saying "Son, take my hand." AHA moments require the person to make a choice—do you remain in the presence of Satan where there is darkness, pain and suffering, or do you reach out and allow God to take your hands so He can lift you out of the darkness? Most Christians go through life with their faith in God more like that of a roller coaster ride, when life is good and relatively low stress our faith fades away because we're not as dependent on Him. At that point we become self-confident and this opens the door for Satan to work his way back into our lives. The harsh reality is that Satan never leaves us, either. Satan hangs around, always looking for an opportunity to replace God's hands with his own in order to lead you back to the dark and broken places.

AHA moments such as the one in the story of the prodigal son can be nonexistent as long as we remain focused on and faithful to God. God should be our number one priority from dusk till dawn, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Pastor Jim Hippensteel



# Pictures from our Good Friday Service



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Be Informed

Be sure to like our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/thewellathuntington](http://www.facebook.com/thewellathuntington)

Check out our website:

[www.thewellhuntington.org](http://www.thewellhuntington.org)

Follow us on Twitter:

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### 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).

### 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*

Questions? Contact Amber Degitz at [amberdegitz@gmail.com](mailto:amberdegitz@gmail.com).

### Church League Softball

It's that time of year again. If you would like to play contact Aaron Lehman at [aaronlehman14@gmail.com](mailto:aaronlehman14@gmail.com) or sign up at the table under the TV in the common area.

### 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.

### 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.

### Check Out Our Website

[www.thewellhuntington.org](http://www.thewellhuntington.org)

