


NOVEMBER 24, 2019



*give thanks
to the Lord
for He is good;
His love
endures forever.*

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

WELCOME TO WELLSPRING!

THANKS FOR BEING OUR GUEST! New to Wellspring Church and need some information? Grab a **Connection Card** from the Connection Center outside the sanctuary or meet us there after the service for a brief guest's reception. We'd love to take a moment to get to know you and your family, and provide a small gift to you as a token of our thanks for visiting!

SERVICE TIMES

9:00am + 11:00am

WORSHIP SERVICE & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant thru Age 2 - First Floor Nursery

2 thru Kindergarten - Upstairs

1st-4th Grade - Downstairs

THIS EVENING

AWANA - Jenison Junior High [5:45-7:15pm]
YOUTH [5th-12th Grade] - at Church [5:30-7pm]

WELLSPRING at a GLANCE



WORSHIPING GOD TOGETHER

Gathering in Unity
Giving God Glory
Crowning Him King



DOING LIFE TOGETHER

Spending Time Together
Filling Each Other's Needs
Encouraging One Another



SERVING OTHERS TOGETHER

Sharing Time, Treasures and Talent
Sharing Who Jesus Is
Sharing What Jesus Does



SHARING JESUS TOGETHER

Proclaiming the Gospel
Inviting People into the Kingdom
Building God's Church

CURRENTLY



This week, we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. While it brings to mind joyous things like gathering with family and friends, having a big meal, and resting from work, God wants us to know that a thankful heart opens the door to joy and satisfaction in Him.

CONNECT

We look forward to hearing from you and interacting with you. Let's keep in touch.

PHONE: 616.662.8955

EMAIL: church@wellspringcc.org

MOBILE APP: wellspringcc.org/app

FACEBOOK: facebook.com/wellspringccmi

INSTAGRAM: [@wellspringccmi](https://www.instagram.com/wellspringccmi)

Send us a note at church@wellspringcc.org if you'd like to receive our twice-a-month email newsletter with news, events and encouragement.

NEED PRAYER?

Please reach out if you have any prayer needs. You are welcome to meet us up front after the service, or email any requests to prayer@wellspringcc.org.

TODAY

9:00 + 11:00AM
STEVE GIBSON, Lead Pastor

10:15AM
TIDE COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

4:30PM - 5:30PM
KIDS' ENSEMBLE at Jenison Jr High

5:30PM - 7:00PM
WELLSPRING YOUTH

5:45PM - 7:15PM
AWANA at Jenison Junior High

GIVING UPDATE

Your gifts help provide for the work of the ministry of Wellspring Church, and we thank you. Online giving is quick, easy and secure. You can set up one-time or automatic recurring giving, using ACH or a Credit Card by going online to wellspringcc.org. Simply click "GIVING" to get started.

DONATIONS from NOVEMBER 1-17

GIVING: **\$64,697**
BUDGETED: **\$92,310**
SHORTAGE: **(\$27,613)**

2019 DONATIONS TO DATE

GIVING: **\$1,112,574**
BUDGETED: **\$1,156,670**
SHORTAGE: **(\$44,096)**
DATA AS OF NOVEMBER 21, 2019

GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM

**GIFTS DESIGNATED FOR WELLSPRING'S BUILDING PROJECT, GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM, CAN BE SELECTED VIA THE APP OR WRITTEN ON YOUR CHECK OR ENVELOPE.*

NOTICE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs and/or videos may be taken at Wellspring Church events and services for informational and promotional purposes. Please contact us if you do not consent to having your likeness appear in any of these platforms via email at jgamble@wellspringcc.org.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 27
WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING - 7-8:30PM

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
THE WELLSPRING OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

COMING UP

DECEMBER 7
5th-8th MALL HUNT - 1-4:30PM
wellspringcc.org/mallhunt

DECEMBER 8
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 6PM

DECEMBER 12
LADIES CONNECT - 7-9PM
wellspringcc.org/mallhunt

DECEMBER 15
YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES - 5:30PM

DECEMBER 22
KIDS CHRISTMAS ENSEMBLE
wellspringcc.org/ensemble

MISSIONS UPDATE

If you've got a heart for missions and for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people in our own community, our area, and to the world, please pray about joining our Missions Team. For more information, please send a note to missions@wellspringcc.org.

TOP THREE

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 6PM
Plan to attend for updates on personnel, budget and the renovation, a Q & A, and to vote on incoming board members. Child care will be provided up through 4th grade.

ANGEL TREE

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 8
If you would like to share with local children or teenagers who might not otherwise receive gifts this Christmas, take a tag from the Angel Tree in the Connection Center and return an unwrapped gift back to the Angel Tree by December 8.

MALL HUNT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
BaseFiveSix and Vertical Youth, sign up today for a great Saturday together!
INFO: wellspringcc.org/mallhunt

FOR A COMPLETE EVENTS CALENDAR, PLEASE GO ONLINE TO WELLSPRINGCC.ORG/EVENTS

WELLSPRING MOBILE APP

We are excited to make available this incredible new ministry tool.

Features include sermon audio, video and sharing, notifications to keep in touch, events calendar and complete ministry and program info.

Scan the code below or go online to wellspringcc.org/app to find the download links for your device.





CHILD DEDICATION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

It is an absolute joy and a privilege to stand with the families of these children as they are dedicated to being raised in a home where Jesus Christ is proclaimed as Lord.

Please pray for them!

Noah John Ammeraal

Drake Carter Anderson

Juliette Anne Aukeman

Gloriana Joy Boluyt

Titus David Bernhard Borck

Kollins Grace Dullock

Paxton James Fennema

Paxton Clay Fite

Tobias Robert Grzybowski

Elise Rose Hardaloupas

Calvin Michael Holtrop

Ellianna Olivia Hoven

Ilyanne Elizabeth Johnson

Jay Alan Kwant

Curtis Maxted

Katelyn Rae Maxted

Thomas Maxted

Mason Meyer

Carson Jay Palmer

Jace Sawyer Palmer

Riley Kaylynn Palmer

Piper Passorelli

Lydia Rose Phillip

Abigail Joy Pichler

Amelia Belle Poff

McKenzie Lynn Poff

Savannah Rae Poff

Brynlee June Ruthven

Emmett Isaiah Vista

BOARD CANDIDATES

These are the gentlemen God has indicated for a place on Wellspring Church's leadership board. We will be voting as members on December 8 on affirmation of the new board members to three-year terms.

DEACONS



PAUL HARDALOUPAS

Married to: **RANA**
Children: **LILY,**
KOSTA & ELISE

I came to know the Lord my junior year at Michigan State University. I had come to college an atheist seeking satisfaction and fulfillment in what the world offered. Finally coming to the conclusion that my vain pursuits, had left my life in pieces, I cried out to Jesus. It was after beginning a personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus that I began to experience God's abundant life that He offers to all who would call on the name of the Lord.



RANDY NORMAN

Married to: **DAWN**
Children: **ALLI, EMILY,**
NATHAN & LUKE

My walk with Jesus Christ started 18 years ago. One Sunday morning I found myself at Wellspring, asking God – "If you are real, then prove it. Show me there is more to life than simply existing." That Sunday, by faith I accepted His invitation to a new life. This is how the Spirit works, always leading us to Christ and showing us our utter dependence on Him. Like all, I continue to be a work in progress and am excited to see how He continues to change me, and touch others through the ministry of Wellspring.



KYLE O'LEARY

Married to: **SARAH**
Children: **OTTO**

My bride, Sarah, and I have one living child - Otto Edward, who is a rambunctious two-year old. We moved to West Michigan from Cincinnati two and a half years ago following my career as a Mechanical Engineer in the Automotive industry. I accepted Christ as my savior at 26 years old. A friend invited Sarah and I over for a root beer tasting night, that ended up turning into our first small group. I recognized the desperate need I had for Him. Since then, I have gained hope—in Christ alone.



CRAIG TRAVIS

Married to: **AMANDA**
Children: **GRACE, SOPHIA**
CHARLOTTE & JACK

I am a high school social studies teacher with the Grand Rapids Public Schools. I was raised in church but did not make Jesus Lord of my life till I was a freshmen in College. I have been growing ever since and learning what it means to surrender and serve my Savior. We are at Wellspring Church because this is where God is at work in West Michigan. I want to be part of a church that maintains the focus of reaching and training others for the Kingdom.

ELDERS



DAVE KOETJE

Married to: **JENNIE**
Children: **JOSHUA,**
CALEB & ISAAC

I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior in my Junior year of high school. My family and I began attending at Wellspring in 2010. I am a financial advisor and the Lord blesses me by allowing me to work in a field that I absolutely love every day. We feel very blessed to be a part of the Wellspring Family. We, as many others, have seen a lot in the years that we have been here and we truly feel excited about the future of Wellspring Church.

NEXT STEPS:

Dan Bolkema and John Klumpp: *Candidates for Pastoral Positions*

We believe that God is calling current Executive Director Dan Bolkema and current Children’s Ministry Director John Klumpp to new pastoral positions at Wellspring Church. Your vote on December 8 as a member of Wellspring Church will be to affirm these calls so that Dan and John can begin the ordination process to fulfill the calling to become Pastors.

According to the Wellspring Church constitution, the congregation must vote for all pastoral staff hires. We define a “pastor” as someone who has been vetted by a body of elders and other pastors who affirm their call to the ministry. This is what we call the ordination process. Wellspring has a process that takes about a year to complete for an individual to go through ordination to be hired as an ordained pastor. It is our belief that Dan and John are ready to begin this process.

It would not be fair to either them or you as a congregation to have them start the ordination process nor begin transitioning into these much-needed positions without you first affirming this call that they are indeed the ones God is specifically calling to be pastors in these two key areas.

Executive Pastor

The first position is called the Executive Pastor. This is a role for someone who hears the call of God to be a Pastor and whose giftedness is more in the area of administration and leading an organization as opposed to having an emphasis on ministerial work—preaching, teaching, pastoral counseling, weddings, funerals and more. An Executive Pastor is an ordained position and can certainly function in these ministerial roles as their giftedness and time permit, but their primary role is to oversee the daily operations of a church, freeing up the other Pastors whose focus is more on ministerial duties.

While the primary role of many pastors is shepherding the health of the body, the primary role of the Executive Pastor is shepherding the health of the organization. His job is to connect all the various ministries back to the mission of the church, and ensure that all of the ministries are working together towards a common vision, rather than being isolated from each other.



An Executive Pastor directly reports to the Lead Pastor—myself—who in turn reports to the Elders.

As a church grows, it is important that the Lead Pastor is able to focus primarily on ministerial duties and calling, rather than attempting to also include oversight of the administrative functions of the daily operations and all of the various ministries. Thus, the Executive Pastor's position's primary goal is to make sure that the daily operations of the church are running in a Godly, effective, healthy manner, and is functioning in line with the constitution and in line with the Elder's decisions and overall leadership.

The Elders and I believe that God is calling Dan Bolkema to be the Executive Pastor at Wellspring. Dan spent years establishing and running his own business, and after answering God's call to vocational ministry, earned a degree in Ministry Leadership. This life experience along with his gift set equips him well to function in this role.

Associate Pastor

The main responsibility of the Associate Pastor is to share in the ministerial duties of the Lead Pastor. This person will share the load of preaching, pastoral counseling, weddings, visitation, and other such ministerial duties of the church.

The elders and I believe that God has highlighted John Klumpp as the ideal candidate for this position. He has worked as Wellspring's Director of Children's Ministry over the past five, and more recently has been helping with preaching on Sunday mornings as well as performing weddings and funerals. We believe that God has been preparing both John and us for him to take this role of Associate Pastor.



If you have any questions or would like more information about these men or the process in order to make an informed vote on December 8, please feel free to send us an email at church@wellspringcc.org.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve Gibson

