

DECEMBER 22, 2019

WELLSPRING CHURCH



PEACE

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THOU LONG EXPECTED
JESUS

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WELCOME TO WELLSRING!

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

READY to GET CONNECTED?

If God has led you to make Wellspring your home church, we want to welcome you to get involved, meet new friends and get plugged in!

CONNECT TO A MENTOR

If you are not yet a Christian, new to the Christian faith, or if you are unsure of what it means to be a Christian, we want to help! Please send us an email at church@wellspringcc.org!

JOIN A SMALL GROUP

Small groups are where lifelong, Godly relationships are forged! If you'd like to get connected here, email smallgroups@wellspringcc.org.

SERVE IN THE COMMUNITY

We have a great time together using our time and resources to serve the Lord. If you'd like to know about available openings, send us an email at serve@wellspringcc.org.



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ADVENT SERIES • WELLSRING CHURCH

Throughout the month of December, we will celebrate the advent of the most incredible gift ever given, the Redeemer. He is Jesus, and He will save His people from their sins. Creation waited for so long, and the Savior is here with us today!

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.

ADVENT WEEK FOUR // JESUS: THE PRINCE OF PEACE

As daylight is extinguished and the shadows of darkness descend, a different light emerges. Nestled in a tiny town called Bethlehem, the creator of the universe has arrived.

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" Isaiah 7:14

Cradled in the arms of His mother, God, in the flesh, was here. On this holy night, hope, love, joy, and peace were delivered to all. The glory of God was revealed and the advent of the Prince of Peace was complete. The world that was in darkness now had a flame burning in Judea.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. John 1:4

This good news of great joy would be shared throughout all the world.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. Luke 2:17

This anthem, first shared by shepherds, would be proclaimed on earth and by those in heaven:

"...The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." Revelation 11:15b

The birth of Christ was the beginning of an everlasting kingdom. His peaceful reign would establish a people set apart for Himself:

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. Isaiah 9:7

When Jesus came 2000 years ago, He established Himself as the Gift of Christmas. He gave Himself, in love, to redeem mankind from the bondage of sin and death. In this act of mercy, He promised another advent.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1Thessalonians 5:23

By faith, we wait patiently for this second advent. Like those who longed to see the Christ child appear, we too long for the second coming of the Lord Jesus.

As another year has passed and another Christmas has come, remember the peace the world long's for is found in the heart of our Lord. It is a person who satisfies our deepest desires. He came as a servant and will come again as reigning king.

Give God praise for the glorious truths, that peace was given, peace is to be given, peace lives, and peace has a name—Jesus. Merry Christmas!





MEET THE SWINDELL FAMILY!

Michael, Ann, Ella [6], Judah [2]

Candidate for Pastor of Assimilation and Discipleship at Wellspring Church

Michael grew up south of Houston before meeting his wife, Ann, at Wheaton College (IL) in 2004. During college he sensed a call to ministry and so he majored in Biblical Studies. He worked in personal financial services after graduation, before being asked to become a full-time associate pastor at his church in the Chicago suburbs. After four years on staff, the Lord called Michael to go back to school full-time to complete his Masters of Divinity. He eventually completed that degree through Southern Seminary and graduated in May of 2019.

Michael and Ann currently live in Texas near Michael's family, and they have two children, Ella [6] and Judah [2]. Although he and Ann felt drawn to Western Michigan before their move to Texas, there was not a good opening in the area at the time. Earlier this year, when two close friends handed Michael's resume to Pastor Steve, conversations with staff and elders then began about a possible pastoral fit at Wellspring. After many weeks of prayerful consideration, Michael and Ann both feel excited about the prospect of Michael engaging in full-time disciple-making ministry at Wellspring.

On a personal note, Michael loves to play tennis, explore the outdoors, and spend time with his family playing board games and having family dance parties. Some of his deepest passions include leadership and discipleship.

Go online to wellspringcc.org/michael for complete information PLUS an opportunity to listen to his sermon from December 15.

TIMELINE

We understand that you may be traveling on the 29th, so we want to give you the opportunity to vote absentee. Also, if you have any questions, please feel free to email us at church@wellspringcc.org

TODAY

- Absentee ballots are available after both services in the Connection Center

NEXT SUNDAY, 12/29

- Absentee ballots are due
- Brief congregational voter meetings immediately after each worship service in the sanctuary to vote to confirm Michael's call to Wellspring.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The primary objective of this role is to help grow the body of Wellspring Church by guiding them into community through small groups, find their place of service in the body, and discipling individuals.

EMPLOYMENT CLASS & STATUS

Ministry Staff, Full-Time, Salaried, Exempt

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Acknowledge Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior and demonstrate personal maturity and godliness, growing in conformity to the image of Christ
2. Be, or be willing to become, a member of Wellspring Church and endorse and support the Wellspring Church Doctrinal Statement and Constitution
3. Demonstrate a growing relationship with Christ through prayer, Bible study, and Godly pursuits
4. Demonstrate a good personal character [dependable, neat, consistent, trustworthy]
5. Have a passion for leading, discipling, and equipping [Eph. 4:11-13]
6. Have strong interpersonal skills

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide leadership and training for all First Impressions teams to create a distraction-free and welcoming environment at Wellspring worship services
2. Equip and lead a team of Small Group Directors to oversee a healthy Small Groups Ministry
3. Equip and train the Small Group Leaders to lead their groups in alignment with Wellspring's vision for small groups
4. Create opportunities for the onboarding of congregation members into Small Groups several times per year
5. Facilitate a process by which the body can discern their spiritual giftedness and talents, and align themselves with a service role within the church
6. Help develop a culture of leadership and passionate service at Wellspring

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES & DAILY ACTIVITY

1. Serve cooperatively with other staff
2. Exhibit loyalty to the other staff members and mission of Wellspring Church
3. Coordinate interviews with applicants and other staff and ministry leaders as needed to properly integrate them into ministry departments
4. Keep a list of up-to-date serving position descriptions
5. Coordinate with other staff and ministry leads to identify areas of need in their ministries
6. Coordinate with the Director of Communications to properly advertise positions
7. Recruit and develop small group leaders
8. Organize training events for leaders and directors
9. Keep a current database of Small Group members in Planning Center

JOB DESCRIPTION

MORE INFO:

To see the amazing way God worked in connecting Wellspring to Michael, while at the same time preparing the Swindell family for a move to West Michigan, scan the code below with your mobile device and watch the video.



FINAL DAY TO REGISTER FOR SMALL GROUPS!

If you are ready to get connected to a more intimate Godly community, register today for Small Groups!

You can register on the iPads in the Connection Center or online at wellspringcc.org/smallgroups.

Once you are registered, we will send you a note in a couple weeks with more information, including the opportunity to meet the leaders and make plans to meet together!

**GROUPS KICK OFF ON SUNDAY,
JANUARY 12 with GROUPLAUNCH!**



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WELLSPRINGCC.ORG/SMALLGROUPS

TODAY

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

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURES

The Wellspring Church offices will be closed on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. We look forward to worshipping together with you on Christmas Eve at 6pm!

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 DECEMBER 1-15

GIVING: **\$63,103**
BUDGETED: **\$145,560**
SHORTAGE: **(\$82,457)**

2019 DONATIONS TO DATE

GIVING: **\$1,233,799**
BUDGETED: **\$1,333,000**
SHORTAGE: **(\$99,201)**
DATA AS OF DECEMBER 17, 2019

NEXT STEPS

Do you feel "kinda new?"

If you have been attending Wellspring recently, and would like a chance to meet the staff, get more information about the church, and just enjoy a free lunch with your family, please sign up for the NEXT STEPS LUNCH on Sunday, January 5 after the second service. Space is limited, so please don't wait. You can RSVP online using the form at wellspringcc.org/nextsteps.

We look forward to meeting you!

THIS WEEK

DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE • 6PM

COMING UP

DECEMBER 29
FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES • 9+11AM
(AGES 3 and UP WILL JOIN US IN THE SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EACH WORSHIP SERVICE)

NEW YEAR'S OFFICE CLOSURES
The Wellspring Church offices will be closed on New Years Eve and on New Year's Day.

JANUARY 5
NEXT STEPS LUNCH • 12:30PM

JANUARY 12
SMALL GROUPS GROUPLAUNCH • 12PM
AWANA RETURNS • 5:15-6:45PM
WELLSPRING YOUTH RETURNS • 5-6:30PM

JANUARY 29
FAMILY SKATING PARTY • 6-8PM

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.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Special Meetings will be held after both services to vote on the call of Michael Swindell to Pastor of Discipleship & Assimilation. For more on Michael and the position, please go to wellspringcc.org/michael.

SMALL GROUPS

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If you are ready to get connected to Godly community, we encourage you to register today for Small Groups! You can sign up on the iPads in the Connection Center or online at wellspringcc.org/smallgroups.

SERVING

SIGN UP TODAY

If you are interested in serving at Wellspring and getting involved in a ministry, please sign up on the iPads or online at wellspringcc.org/getinvolved

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

FOLLOWING THROUGH: SERVING

God is moving in the hearts of the people of Wellspring Church, and one of the ways we know this to be true is the desire to get involved and serve Him at Wellspring as many wrote on their declaration cards.

We want to provide an opportunity for you to follow through on this declaration before God by sharing opportunities and needs right here at Wellspring! Whether it's volunteering with kids, greeting people as they enter, or helping folks find a place to park, we've got a spot for you. For more information, go online to wellspringcc.org/getinvolved.

