

#HASHTAGS

Hashtags, a new generation's pathway to labels. I am sure you are familiar, but in case you are not, "hashtagging" is the art of identifying, categorizing, or labeling through social media platforms. In my life, various hashtags could be used to give you a glimpse of what a day in the life of Jake looks like. You could see any of the following: #doglover, #chipotleconnoisseur, #triathlontraining, #IUhoosiers, #Cubs, #studentministry, or #coffeaddict.

However, NOTHING, and I mean NOTHING could replace these three: #Christian, #Pastor, and #Husband

In my life, these are three roles that bring my truest identity and far transcend any other understanding of myself.

I am a follower of Christ. I am a pastor in the Body of Christ. I am a husband to Jennifer.

When I understand myself within these roles, I am most true to who God has called me to be. But when the secondary stuff—stuff like #Cubsfollower comes before #Christfollower, we have a problem. Not that the secondary stuff doesn't have its place, but when I confuse my secondary roles with my main roles, I become confused on what it is I am supposed to do, and who I am called to be. For example, I can confuse sitting on the couch for being a good husband if #TV comes before #servanttoJenni, or I can confuse administration for the sole call of the pastor if I put #email before #praying, or I could confuse selfish choices as my freedom in Christ if I serve #self over serving #Jesus.

I want to encourage you in your busy life with all of your roles and identities. Many of you are pulled from one direction to the other, running from work to practice, from practice to supper, from supper to laundry, and from laundry to bed, to do it all over again. The hashtags used to describe your daily routine may not be glamorous, but no matter how routine life gets, never forget the roles that make your identity count.

Remember that NOTHING, and I mean NOTHING could be more important than #SavedbyGrace, #baptized, #Redeemed, or #Restored. Know that very little else will matter in life than the role of #Motherof_____, #Fatherof_____, #Sisterof_____, #Brotherof_____, #Childof_____. Through the love of Christ we have all been adopted into the family of God as heirs to God's kingdom and we have all been made new in Him! Our identities as #adoptedbyGod are far more important than anything else the world could use to identify us. In the grace of God, He has blessed us with wonderful responsibilities and nothing could be more important than our roles as #parents, #siblings, and #children. Be encouraged, know that we pray for you, and that we thank God for you!

- Pastor Jake

Church Camp >>>

For the first time in over a decade, we will be running our own district teen camp and we are so pumped! We hope that your student will be a part! Here are a few important pieces of info if you have not seen them in our weekly email:



July 8-12, 2013

Grades 7-12 *(grade exiting from school year)*
\$227 regular (\$217 multi-kid) / \$277 late
Sky Ranch Cave Springs in Quapaw, OK
Speaker: Pastor Selena Freeman
Band: Relentless from MNU

- Go to www.kcdevents.org and find the registration page for youth camp.
- A \$50 deposit is required at the time of registration (by debit/credit card).
- Your remaining balance will be due to Central by July 3.
- Check out <http://skyranch.org/cavesprings/> for some pics of the camp!

Get registered by this Saturday,
June 1st for the regular \$227
price...it goes up \$50
after Saturday!

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This Summer in Sunday School

Check out this summer's discipleship options at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings:

Senior High

(Students Entering Grades 9-12 in the Fall)

"I Am Second" Video Study
Matt Crow, Room 230

Relationships & Dating
*Ken Thomasson,
 Teal Corner Classroom*

Bible Study
*Alana Steward,
 Partition Classroom in Student Center*

Scripture Memorization
Jeff Stevens, Main Office Foyer

Middle School

June 9th—July 14th

(Student Entering Grades 7-8 in the Fall)

Middle School Guys—Who is The Vine?
Ray Seamon, Tan Corner Classroom

Middle School Girls—Who is the Vine?
*Malorri Seamon & Beth Borger,
 Green Corner Classroom*

July 21—September 29

(Student Entering Grades 6-8 in the Fall)

6th Grades: Welcome to the Vine
Green Corner Classroom

7th & 8th Grade Guys: Men of God
Tan Corner Classroom

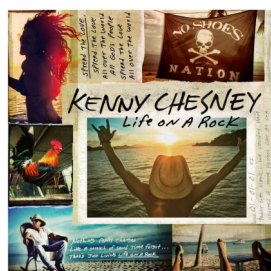
7th & 8th Grade Girls: Women of God
Partition Classroom in Student Center

On Sunday, June 2, all students are invited to a summer Sunday School kick off. We'll celebrate with donuts, juice, games, and an introduction of this summer's teachers.

Incoming 7th graders will be brought in for the first time June 2nd. Exiting seniors will be expected to begin the college class June 2nd.

MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

MAINSTREAM MUSIC



KENNY CHESNEY

Background: Chesney, who's been around since 1994, is one of country music's biggest names. Of his 15 albums, 14 have been certified gold or higher. He's sort of the Jimmy Buffett of country music, touring each summer with themes of having fun and hanging out on a beach. Chesney's charity work includes cancer fundraising and Farm Aid.

Albums: *Life on a Rock* (2013), *Lucky Old Sun* (2008), *No Shirt, No Shoes, No Problems* (2002)

What Chesney Says: The song "Happy on the Hey Now" was inspired by a friend's death. Chesney says death "has a way of stopping you in your tracks, grounding you in ways you didn't see coming." He adds, "It changed me. It made me realize I had to appreciate the experiences life has to offer. Life doesn't stand still."

Explore: All of Chesney's albums are available on services such as Spotify, Pandora, and Last.fm.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC



SKILLET

Background: Although this rock band has been around since 1996, they're still one of the most popular Christian acts around. Because they've toured with big names in the secular and Christian markets, they've been ranked as one of the hardest-working bands. Skillet has received two Grammy nominations, and *Awake* went double-platinum.

Albums: *Rise* (2013), *Awake* (2009), *Collide* (2003)

What Skillet Says: Lead singer John Cooper, the only band member who's been around since the beginning, says, "You've got to follow your heart and do what you feel called to do. You can't measure success by how many records you sell. You've got to measure it by if you're doing what you're called to do and giving it everything you've got."

Explore: All of Skillet's albums are available on services such as Spotify, Pandora, and Last.fm.

MOVIES

Movie: *Man of Steel*

Genre: Action, Adventure

Rating: PG-13

Synopsis: A young boy (Henry Cavill) finds out he's from another planet. As he grows up, he must use his superpowers to save the earth.

Our Take: More than any other superhero, Superman has always embodied pure goodness. Although this film was directed by Zach Snyder (*300*, *Watchmen*), it should be safe teenage fare.

Movie: *World War Z*

Genre: Action, Drama, Thriller

Rating: PG-13

Synopsis: A United Nations employee (Brad Pitt) is in a race against time to stop a pandemic that's changing people into zombie-like creatures.

Our Take: Despite the played-out zombie theme, this film should be very popular with teens this summer.

VIDEO GAMES



Remember Me—In a future where memories are bought, sold, and traded, a woman's memories are wiped clean. After escaping from prison, she sets out to discover who she truly is—while being hunted by her enemies. (Rating pending; Xbox 360, PS3, PC)

The Last of Us—This gorgeous third-person, post-apocalyptic thriller features scares, paranoia, monsters, and a deep story. It's just the sort of game teenagers will love to play—until the next version of *Call of Duty* comes out. (Rating pending but almost certainly M; PS3 exclusive)



the VINE

a community growing
and abiding in Christ

JUNE 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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					Senior Trip : Chicago	
					7:00 AM Departure from Central	↑
2	3	4	5	6	7	Last Day for \$227 Camp Pricing & Scholarships Register Online, \$50 Due Upon Registration to the District, Remaining Balance Due July 3rd to Central
Senior Trip : Chicago						
7th Grade Escape \$50 & Med Form Due Final \$100 OHMH Payment Due Small Groups 6:00-7:00 pm (First night for new 7th graders)	11:00 PM Return to Central		<i>Worship 7:00-8:15 pm</i> (First night for new 7th graders)	Middle School Parent-Pastor Conferences <i>Signup for your time 9:00 am – 3:00 pm</i>		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
7th Grade Escape (incoming 7th grade camping & canoe trip)						
3:00 PM Departure from Central		3:00 PM Return to Central	<i>Worship 7:00-8:15 pm</i>			
Small Groups 6:00-7:00 pm						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
One Heart, Many Hands Mission Trip						
7:00 AM Departure from Central						
Father's Day Small Groups 6:00-7:00 pm			<i>Combined Worship 7:00-8:15 pm</i>			
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:30 PM Return to Central						
10:30 Service, No Sunday School, No Small Groups			<i>Worship 7:00-8:15 pm</i>			
Small Groups 6:00-7:00 pm						