

DRINK DEEP—LIVE FREE

An interview with Darrick Castronova, Lead Pastor theWELL

Navigating the waters of church planting with its ebbs, flows and rapids can be challenging and difficult at best. However, with God-given grace, theWELL is fast becoming a spring brimming with encouragement for people to “drink deep” and “live free.” Setting down roots in Williamsville, theWELL’s ministry team is moving forward in reaching every man, woman and child with repeated opportunities to hear and see the gospel of Jesus Christ. Join Darrick Castronova, lead pastor, on this journey as he shares about theWELL.

How did it all begin with theWELL?

theWELL really began as a dream God placed in our hearts. My wife, Jodi, and I really longed to be a part of something life changing for adults in the form of a new community. With that in mind we began to look at the map, and thought of what might be the best place to start a church and raise our young family. We didn’t get to far along in that process until we “happened” to be home here in Buffalo for a week in the summer of 2009. I was standing on Main St. in the Village of Williamsville and I felt God speak to me loud and clear and called me to come home and plant a church in the community I grew up in. One of the coolest things in looking back to that day is that I was standing about 100 yards away from the building that would be the home of theWELL for the first 8 months of our existence.

Where do you see God at work in significant ways at theWELL?

At theWELL we want people to “drink deep. live free.” This may be a unique tag line, but by no accident is God taking all

The Mission of Kingdom Come is specifically focused on helping to ensure that every man, woman and child has repeated opportunities to hear, see and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, nationally and globally where The Chapel has influence.



who experience theWELL on an incredible journey into the depths of His immeasurable truths, and allowing us to experience freedom along the way. There is no cookie cutter way to get there. God uses intersects: the story line of the Bible with the story line of our lives. The outcome of that collision is played out beautifully at theWELL.

Geographically, where is theWELL situated and who are the people living within your circle of influence there?

We are in a great location as far as the physical presence of our building at 781 Maple Road. Before we arrived on the scene there were already hundreds of people who came to this building for Recovery meetings. We have been a part of helping to bring cohesion to the many groups that meet here, and have already seen an increased attendance from the 12 step groups come to theWELL. Many from the 12 step groups have also become a part of our ever growing Journey Group community. We have appropriately named the building as a whole the HOPE Center. God is in the Hope-giving business, and we are just one conduit He has chosen

to deliver His message through.

Is there a recent story of a transformed life that you would like to share?

Like many churches, we just celebrated Easter Sunday. One person that visited theWELL for the first time last Easter Sunday, 2010, commented that she could feel an “energy” in the VFW, where we were meeting. I walked away and said to myself, “if you only knew, that is the Holy Spirit you are feeling.” Fast forward to this past Easter Sunday, 2011, she has already professed Christ and been baptized, a part of our worship team, Journey Groups, and ministering to others who are seeking truth just like she was. That is just one example of how God is calling people out of darkness into His light.

How can The Chapel family best pray for you and theWELL?

My continual prayer for theWELL is that God would give us wisdom. Wisdom to lead and love the people God brings our way. We thank you for your continual support of us. God is on the move! *✠*