### About Living Well Church

We believe God is the source of life and all truth, and that we were lovingly created to live in relationship with him through Jesus. We believe the Bible is the Word of

God and offers help and healing to people in every area of life including the spiritual, physical, emotional, mental, and relational. We believe that all truth is God's truth, and value relationships with all people including Agnostics, Atheists, adherents of non-Christian faiths, and followers of Jesus. We believe the church is people, not property. Currently we meet in a mini-mall in downtown Dixon, Illinois and have an active online community. We started September 11th 2005 in a hotel conference room, then moved to a movie theater for about 3-1/2 years. We have been in our current location for the last 5 years. We do not claim the space we meet

in as "ours" or "sacred", but rather see it as a neutral place we share with our community. We encourage you toward the life changing power of knowing Jesus and toward discovery of the joy in being a catalyst of His help and healing in the lives of others.

What we do: Lead in the discovery and application of God's truth or every area of life.

#### Getting To Know Us

LISTED BELOW IS OUR CHURCH STAFF. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUES-TIONS ABOUT LIVING WELL, OR ANY OF OUR MINISTRIES PLEASE CON-TACT US. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU.

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NOW LIVESTREAMING SMALL GROUPS AND THE SERMONS ON LIVINGWELL'S WEBSITE. GO TO WWW.LIVINGWELLCHURCH.ORG AND CLICK ON THE LIVESTREAM TAB.



"Drlnk from the water I give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon: Jesus Asked By Pastor John Trotter

Meeting Sunday Mornings Downtown Dixon Mini-Mall 113 East First Street, Suite 130 Dixon, Il. 61021

Small Groups—9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. Friendship Café—10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship—10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

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## Welcome to Living Well Church of the Nazarene

Sermon Notes

### Mission Statement

Lead in the Discovery and Application of God's truth in every area of life.

### Words of Welcome

Welcome to worship on this second Sunday of Advent! We gather to anticipate the joy of God's coming — at Bethlehem, in our hearts and at the end of days.

## Preparation for Worship

"Prepare the way for the Lord!" calls John the Baptist (Mark 1:3, NIV). Indeed, prepare a way in my heart, Lord God.

### **Order of Service**

#### December 7th, 2014

Song - Angels From the Realms of Glory Scripture Reading : Psalms 119: 73-77 Song - All Creatures of Our God and King Scripture Reading: Psalms 127: 1-5 Song - Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne / Awakening Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Trotter Offering: Dismiss kids for Children Worship Sermon: "Joseph Woke" Pastor John Trotter Closing Song - Awakening Announcements: Bill Young Pastoral Blessing: Pastor Trotter Dismiss: Pastor Trotter

Friendship Café Leader: Stephanie Scott Computer Tech: Brad Larson Sound Tech: Sammi Scott Online Ministry Tech: Mike Janes Ushers: Dan Long, Mark Ellis Counters: Pam Ellis, Deanna Carlock My Take Away for Today

## With Humble Hearts



Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, which marks the likely spot of Jesus' birth, has a four-foot-high entrance. Throughout the centuries, the height of the entrance has been lowered twice: once to prevent looting and once to keep out camel- and horse-riders.

Because visitors must bow as they enter, this has become known as the Door of Humility. It's a reminder of the reverent, submissive posture our hearts should take as we approach our newborn Lord and Savior. It's also a reminder that Jesus is the narrow door (Luke 13:24) — the only path to eternal life.

As you worship this Christmas season, whether or not you're physically able to kneel, enter Jesus' presence with a humble and thankful heart. He alone deserves our reverence because he alone is able to save.



## Connect Holiday Schedule

November 26th	No Connect
December 3rd	No Connect
December 10th	Connect
December 17th	Connect
December 24th	No Connect
December 31st	No Connect
January 7th	No Connect
January 14th	Connect
January 21st	Connect
January 28th	Connect

Splash Nursery: Leader and Helpers: Brianna Carlock, Khyrsten Hitt Next Week: TBD

> SHINE Small Group Leader: No Small Group Today Next Week: Tracy Young

Children's Worship Leader: Jeanette Trotter Next Week: Jeanette Trotter

Teen Small Group Leader: No Small Group Today Next Week: Dan Long

Adult Small Group Leader: No Small Group Today Next Week: TBD

## **COMING EVENTS**

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 7:30 @ John's Barbershop
  - CONNECT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7PM-8:15PM
- NEXT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 11TH @ 7PM
  - KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECEMBER 21ST
    - NEXT COMMUNION JANUARY 4TH
  - DISTRICT CELEBRATE LIFE JANUARY 17, 2015

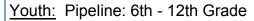
~ Stewardship Update ~		
Totals for 11/23/2014		
Tithe: \$999.17		
Total: \$999.17		
Total For November: \$3240.17		



## Wednesday Nights 7pm—8:15pm

Connect Groups:

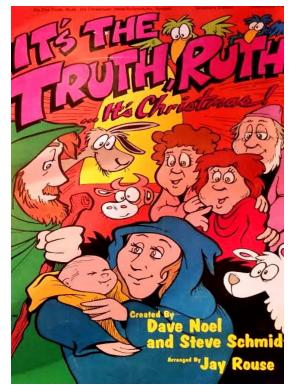
<u>Kids:</u> Splash: Birth - Kindergarten K'Motion: 1st - 5th Grade





<u>Adult:</u> Spiritual Formation, Celebrate Recovery Group, Women's Recovery Groups conclude with a time of high energy worship 8:15 - 8:30

This year we will have our Kid's Christmas Program, It's The Truth Ruth, will be held Sunday, December 21st. The kids will be practicing every Sunday till the day of the program. There will be 2 more Saturday rehearsals before the live performance. They will be 12/13, and 12/20 from 10am till noon. We pray for God's protection over the kids that they may attend all practices to help assure a smooth performance.



Well... another Christmas Walk is in the books. Our 4th, and the 3rd in a row hosting Santa. It was another great year as we re-visited the "Christmas Story" theme from 2 years ago. A lot of positive comments were received from visitors about the great job Living Well had done on the scene and our community outreach efforts. None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of all of you as we seek to be the hands an feet of God. Thanks for all of your efforts.



## District Celebrate Life 2015

Celebrate Life is a program in the Church of the Nazarene designed to give an opportunity for teenagers to develop their abilities in sport, talent, and Bible quizzing, for ministry in the name of Jesus. You can compete in team sports such as men's and women's basketball or volleyball. There is also co-ed soccer and bowling. Individual sports are: hotshots, free throws, table tennis (single or doubles), tennis, golf, home run derby, and 5k run. Other areas are vocal music, instrumentals, arts, chess, video editing, and communications. This year Celebrate Life will be held January 17th, 2015 at Pekin First Church of the Nazarene. Cost is \$20 if registration is postmarked by 1/5, \$25 after. See Pastor Trotter for information on registration.



## ON THE SERMON HORIZON



Today we continue the 16 week "Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (Verb)" series

Today "Joseph Woke" Matthew 1:24 Dec. 14th "Mary Answered" Luke 1:38 Dec. 21st "He Will Save" Matthew 1:18 Dec. 28th "Jesus Stayed" Luke 2:43

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