#### 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

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

## Getting To Know Us

LISTED BELOW IS OUR CHURCH STAFF. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT LIVING WELL, OR ANY OF OUR MINISTRIES PLEASE CONTACT US. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU.

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Now Live Streaming small groups and the sermons on Living Well's website. Go to www.livingwellchurch.org and click on the Livestream tab.

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"Drink from the water I give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon: Spiritual Gifts By Pastor Trotter

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

Small Groups—9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Friendship Café—10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Worship—10:30 a.m. to 11:45

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#### Mission Statement

Lead in the Discovery and Application of God's truth in Every Area of Life.

#### Words of Welcome

I invite you, as the prophet invited Israel: "Sing aloud ...! Rejoice and exult with all your heart ... The LORD has taken away the judgments against [us]" (Zephaniah 3:14-15, NRSV). Welcome!

## Preparation for Worship

How I appreciate this chance, during a busy season, to abide in your presence, heavenly Father. Thank you for this time of worship.

#### **Order of Service**

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Welcome: Steve Scott and Announcements: Pastor Trotter

Scripture Reading: Psalms 100 Song: Sing to Video: Rejoice Song: Sing to Video: Living Water Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Song: Good Good Father Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Trotter Offering/Offertory: Video: Gifts

Dismiss the kids for Children's Worship

Sermon: The Gift: Spiritual Gifts, Pastor Trotter Closing Sing to Video: Song: Joy to the World

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott, Ephesians 3:17-19

Worship Leaders: Steve, John, Bill, Renata Greeters: Ella Mahnke and Breanna Carlock Friendship Café Leader(s): Stephanie Scott Ushers: Jase, Jayden, and Jeseña Valdez

Computer Tech: Brad Larson Sound Tech: Devin Scott LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis, Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today

Sermon Notes

Weekly Ministry Leaders	
Infant Nursery Leader and Helpers:	Toddler Nursery Leader and Helpers:
Worship: Sheryl Broers	Worship: BJ and Skylar
Small Group: Sheryl Broers	Small Group: BJ and Skylar
K'motion Small Group Leader:	Children's Worship Leader:
Jeanette Trotter	Jeanette Trotter
Next Week: Jeanette Trotter	Next Week: Jeanette Trotter
Pipeline Teen Small Group Leader:	Adult Small Group Leader:
Dan Long	Pastor Trotter
Next Week: Dan Long	Next Week: Pastor Trotter

## **COMING EVENTS**

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 7:30 at John's Barbershop and here at the mini-mall
  - First Day of Winter December 21st
    - NEXT COMMUNION JANUARY 3RD
  - CHURCH BOARD MEETING JANUARY 14TH

"When we were children, we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs?"

### -G.K. Chesterton

# ~ Stewardship Update ~

Totals for 12/6/15

Tithe: \$987 Water: \$65 Total: \$1052

Total for December: \$1052



True faith produces fruit. A faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. The book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. James writes to believers who know suffering, who've faced trials, and who ultimately desire a deep relationship with God. Plan on Joining Living Well for this 12 week sermon series beginning January 3rd.

## God With Us

Faith isn't about knowing all of the right stuff or obeying a list of rules. It's something more, something more costly because it involves being present and making a sacrifice.

Perhaps that's why Jesus is sometimes called Immanuel — "God with us." I think that's what God had in mind, for Jesus to be present, to just be with us. It's also what he has in mind for us when it comes to other people.

—Bob Goff, Love Does

## **Holiday Festival of Lights**

Looking for somewhere to take the family to see Christmas light displays? Get on up to Sinnissippi Park in Rockford. This event has become a stateline family tradition since 1989. It began with just 11 displays and has grown to over 50 each year! Displays can be rented from the Festival of Lights Committee or built and installed by individuals, community organizations or businesses.



#### 2015 Schedule



Sunday Nov. 29th thru Sunday Dec. 27th.

Open 5p to 10p every Fri., Sat. & Sun.

Special extended hours - Thurs. Dec. 24th, open all night Christmas eve and all day Christmas day, till 10p.

"When God wants to speak and deal with us," said Martin Luther, "he does not avail himself of an angel but of parents, or the pastor, or of our neighbor." Never underestimate how powerfully God can use you in the life of a child, a church member, a friend or a stranger.

The Hebrew word for angel also means "messenger." You may be specially chosen to deliver to someone the message of God's love or guidance. Listen intently for what God would have you share with others, then do so faithfully and caringly.

# Jan 3rd a New Adult Small Group 6 week study begins



Throughout history, people have wrestled with the concept of trusting God to meet their needs versus relying on their own efforts, other people, money, or other things society has to offer.

Thankfully, through stirring accounts and parables found in the Bible, God reveals how He wants to be our Provider above anything else. These relevant stories present us wisdom, truth, encouragement and practical steps we can take to develop and deepen a relationship of trust with the God of the universe.

Join Living Well Church in this encouraging walk through scripture as we look closely at several characters in the Bible as they explore the full extent of God's provision.



### ON THE SERMON HORIZON



Today the "The Good News of the Kingdom" series continues

Today - Spiritual Gifts

December 20th - Gift Giving to Others

December 27th - Checking the Compass

Join us onsite, or via Live Stream @ livingwellchurch.org