#### 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 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 <u>www.livingwellchurch.org</u> and click on the Livestream tab.



"Drink from the water I give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon: Checking the Compass 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 **815 973-5981** 

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#### Welcome to Living Well Church of the Nazarene

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#### Mission Statement

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

#### Words of Welcome

Welcome to Living Well Church on the first Sunday after Christmas. Please greet those worshiping near you.

#### Preparation for Worship

How worried Mary and Joseph were when they couldn't find Jesus for four days (Luke 2:41-52). How concerned God our Father must be when we wander away from him. Jesus, guide us back into the arms of our loving Parent.

#### **Order of Service**

#### December 27th 2015

Welcome: Steve Scott and Announcements: Pastor Trotter Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19 Song: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Song: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:13-14 Song: Because He Lives (Amen) -Bill Pastoral Prayer: Offering/Doxology Dismiss the kids for Children's Worship Sermon: Checking the Compass, Pastor Trotter Closing Song: No Turning Back Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott, Colossians 3:14-15 Worship Leaders: Steve, John, Bill, Renata

Greeters: Danielle and Gelacio Friendship Café Leader(s): Stephanie Scott Ushers: Joey, Skylar, and Devin Scott Computer Tech: Brad Larson Sound Tech: LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes Counters: Pam Ellis, Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today

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### Weekly Ministry Leaders

Infant Nursery Leader and Helpers:	Toddler Nursery Leader and Helpers:
Worship: Breanna Carlock	Worship: Renata Young
Small Group: Breanna Carlock	Small Group: Renata Young
K'motion Small Group Leader:	Children's Worship Leader:
Jeanette Trotter	
Next Week: Jeanette Trotter	Next Week:
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 BARBER-SHOP AND HERE AT THE MINI-MALL
  - NEXT COMMUNION JANUARY 3RD
  - CHURCH BOARD MEETING JANUARY 14TH

"In darkness there is no choice. It is light that enables us to see the differences between things; and it is Christ who gives us light."

–Augustus Hare

### ~ Stewardship Update ~

Totals for 12/20/15

Tithe: \$809 Water: \$40 Total: \$849 Total for December: \$2433

# NEXT WEEK!!!

## A 12 Week Series on James begins: (No Catchy Title)



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.

## 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.

## Christian Symbols - Pax



This Latin word for peace is frequently seen in Christmas art and decorations, reminding us that Jesus came as the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). After announcing the Savior's birth to the shepherds, the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace ..." (Luke 2:14, NKJV).

### I'd Like to Thank ...

Many years ago, comedian Garry Moore — hot when television was a new thing in the 1950s — was the recipient of a television award for spontaneity. Moore facetiously paid tribute to "the four guys responsible for my spontaneity: my writers."

When the next award went to Bishop Fulton Sheen, he rose and approached the podium. "I also want to pay tribute to my four writers," he declared, "Matthew, Mark, Luke and John!"

### Ways to Start Off the New Year

According to historians, the celebration of the New Year is the oldest holiday. Ancient Babylonians first observed it in the spring about 4,000 years ago. In 153 B.C., the Roman Senate declared January 1 as New Year's Day.

The early church started to hold religious observances that coincided with pagan celebrations. Some denominations still mark Christ's circumcision on New Year's.

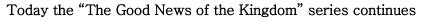
The tradition of making resolutions dates back to the Babylonians, who often promised to return borrowed farm equipment. Using a baby to symbolize rebirth and the new year dates back to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians.

Modern-day New Year's customs often focus on prosperity. In Spain, people eat 12 grapes at midnight, hoping to have 12 happy months to come. The Dutch eat donuts because another year has come full circle.

One of the best ways to start off the New Year is by spending time in prayer. Look back on God's many blessings during the completed year and ask for his guidance in the one to come. Also consider starting the tradition of praying for people around the world on New Year's Day.



### ON THE SERMON HORIZON



Today - Checking the Compass

January 3rd - 12 week series on the book of James begins

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