

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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*"Drink from the water I give" ~ Jesus*



Today's Sermon: (No Catchy Title) James 1:19-27  
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

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Words of Welcome

Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship this morning. May God bless you here.

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Preparation for Worship

O God, "as you gladdened the wedding at Cana by the presence of your Son," so gladden our hearts during this worship service. Amen. (Based on an ancient wedding prayer.)

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**Order of Service**

**January 17th 2016**

Welcome: Steve Scott and Announcements: Pastor Trotter  
Scripture Reading: James 1:5-8  
Song: Sing to the King  
Song: Trust and Obey  
Scripture Reading: John 4:23-24  
Song: Heart Of Worship  
Pastoral Prayer: Pastor John, Psalms 116:13-14  
Doxology  
Offering/Offerory: Music Video, Word of God Speak, Mercy Me  
Dismiss the kids for Children's Worship  
Sermon: (No Catchy Title) James 1:19-27, Pastor Trotter  
Closing Song: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott, Galatians 6:9-10

Worship Leaders: Steve, John, Bill, Renata, Lisa  
Greeters: Darrel and Nancy Trotter  
Friendship Café Leader(s):  
Ushers: Jase Jayden Jeseña Valdez  
Computer Tech: Cody Jackson  
Sound Tech: Devin Scott  
LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes  
Counters: Pam Ellis, Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today



**James 1:19-27**

First, We Must Be \_\_\_\_\_ To God's Word.

A Capacity To \_\_\_\_\_.

A Controlled \_\_\_\_\_.

A Calm \_\_\_\_\_.

A Clean \_\_\_\_\_.

Secondly, We Must Be \_\_\_\_\_ To God's Word.

It Requires \_\_\_\_\_.

It Requires \_\_\_\_\_.

It Requires a \_\_\_\_\_.

Third, We Must Be \_\_\_\_\_ By God's Word.

Guard Your \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ To Others.

Guard Your \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>Weekly Ministry Leaders</b>	
Infant Nursery Leader and Helpers:	Toddler Nursery Leader and Helpers:
Worship: Sheryl Broers	Worship: BJ Broers, Skylar Scott
Small Group: Sheryl Broers	Small Group: BJ Broers, Skylar Scott
K'motion Small Group Leader:	Children's Worship Leader:
Next Week:	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 Barbershop and here at the mini-mall**
  - **Next Communion February 7th**
  - **Church elections February 7th**
  - **Church Board Meeting February 11th**
    - **Baptism February 28th**
  - **District Assembly April 8-9 in Pekin**
  - **ConventionPalooza April 30th in Pekin**

**~ Stewardship Update ~**

Totals for 1/10/16

Tithe: \$614

Manuals: \$60

Total: \$674

Total for December: \$1540

## Christian Symbols — Shell

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A scallop shell, pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is often used to symbolize baptism and the washing away of sin. The three water droplets stand for the Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.



Don't forget, we will be having a Baptism here at Living Well on February 28th. Let Pastor Trotter know if the Holy Spirit is laying Baptism on your heart and you would like to be baptized.



### ON THE SERMON HORIZON



Today the “The Good News of the Kingdom” series continues

Today - (No Catchy Title) James 1:19-27

January 24th - (No Catchy Title) James 2:1-13

January 31st - (No Catchy Title) James 2:14-26

Join us onsite, or via Live Stream @ [livingwellchurch.org](http://livingwellchurch.org)

## Before All Else Fails ...

In *Too Busy Not to Pray* (InterVarsity Press), Bill Hybels cites reasons that prayers may seem to go unanswered (unconfessed sin, selfishness and so on). The most common cause, though, is prayerlessness:

“People often tell me how they have attempted to address a pressing need,” Hybels writes. “They have gone to counselors, read self-help books, claimed biblical promises, practiced self-discipline, confided in Christian friends, practiced assertiveness or submission or self-denial or positive thinking, even read books about prayer — and their need is still not met.” But when asked if they’ve prayed “fervently and regularly” about the matter, the answer is usually no.

James 4:2 says, “You do not have because you do not ask God.” So instead of thinking “When all else fails, pray,” try this: “Pray before all else fails.”

## Move the Fence

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In Europe during World War II, two soldiers attempted to provide a decent burial for their buddy. At a nearby village, they found a cemetery next to a church. When the friends asked for permission to bury their friend there, the pastor said that wasn’t possible because the soldier belonged to another denomination.

Sensing their disappointment, the pastor agreed to bury the soldier in a grassy area beyond the cemetery. “It’s just outside the fence,” he said. The two friends accepted the offer and vowed to return.

A few weeks later, when they came back to the village, they couldn’t locate the new grave. The pastor quickly calmed them down. “Everything’s all right,” he said. “After we buried your friend, I kept thinking about him. So I came out here, and I moved the fence.”

Denominational divisions often keep us from interacting with other Christians. The next time you have the opportunity to fellowship with someone who’s different from you, remember this story. Take a bold step and move the fence.

## Call the Pastor!

She was not really an elderly woman, although she had arthritis, diabetes, aching feet and other physical problems. If you asked her how she was, she told you — in detail. One morning, when she awoke, her husband asked her how she was. “I’m dead!” she responded.

“Well, you don’t look dead to me,” he said.

“Nevertheless,” she went on, “I am dead and I want you to call the pastor.”

“Now, just one minute!” said the husband. “Why would you say you’re dead when you look quite alive and chipper to me?”

“Well,” she answered, “I woke up a while ago and I don’t have one ache — not one pain. That means I must be dead for sure. Call the pastor!”

Great beauty, great strength and great riches are really and truly of no great use; a right heart exceeds all.

—Benjamin Franklin