

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. 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 the former Ames Furniture Building downtown Dixon IL., and have an active online community. We started Sept .11th 2005 in a hotel conference room, have held services in a movie theater, a cafe and have now moved to our current location in June of 2016. 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 to experiencing the joy of being a catalyst of His help and healing in the lives of others.

What we do: Living Well Church exists to lead in the discovery and application of God's truth for every area of life. Seeking to live out the value God places on relationships in practical ways, we provide our community space for life skills training, relationship building, and spiritual development.

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 sermons on Living Well's website.

Go to www.livingwellchurch.org and click on the Livestream tab.



Jan. 27th, 2019

"Drink from the water / give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon: The Crown - "What God Sees"
by Pastor John Trotter

Downtown Dixon
116 East First Street
Dixon, Il. 61021

Sunday Mornings

Small Groups—9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Friendship Café—10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Worship—11:00 a.m. to 12:00

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Mission Statement

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

Words of Welcome

St. Paul declares: "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27, NIV). Each of you is indispensable to this gathering called the church. Welcome!

Order of Service

January 27th, 2019

Welcome: Pastor Trotter **Psalms 16:5-11**

Song: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Song: Lord I Need You

Scripture Reading: **Psalms 17:6-8**

Song: Change My Heart Oh God

Pastoral Prayer: Doug Kindle

Offering/Offertory:

Sermon: The Crown - What God Sees (1 Samuel 16)

Song: The Potter's Hand

Announcements: Pastor Trotter

Doxology

Dismiss: Pastor Trotter

Greeters:

Ushers:

Worship Leaders: John, Bill, Doug, Rob, Linette

Nursery Staff: Small Group, Anna Kindle Morning Worship, Renee Kindle

Computer Tech: Bill / Lisa

Sound Tech: Raymond Price

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis, Assistant

Clean Team: Tina Maldonado

Preparation for Worship

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14, ESV). Amen.

My Take Away for Today



Sermon Notes

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Coming Events

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 7:00 at John's Barbershop Dixon
- The Well Tuesday and Thursday Evenings 5:30pm—6:30pm
 - Next Communion - February 3rd

Sometimes a Good Laugh Helps Immensely

The well-known writer, Norman Cousins, had a dreadful illness and he seemed not to be getting much help in the hospital. He checked himself out, went to a hotel, rented funny films, got his mind eased and eventually was able to live a more comfortable life. Here is what he wrote in his Anatomy of an Illness: "I made the joyous discovery that 10 minutes of genuine belly laughter had an anesthetic effect and would give me at least two hours of pain-free sleep."

Some anonymous author made the wise statement that where there is no laughter not much is happening.

Rest In Peace

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside him and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked.

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the men and women who have died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally managed to ask, "Which one, the 9:00 or 10:30 service?"



Totals for 1/13/19

Tithe: \$465

Total: \$465

Total for January: \$1,865

Given for Tech Upgrades: \$2,936

4 Living Well Announcements

- **Church / Home Prayer Group** meets in your home on Wednesday nights. If you would like to be added to the weekly prayer meeting please send an email to pastor John jptlivingwell@gmail.com
- **The Well set up** - Please stack chairs along the wall and then set up tables and metal chairs, so we have an open space for The Well. We have begun to offer a devotional during the meal and (as God provides) plan to offer live dinner music beginning in January.

- **Important Dates:**

Church Board Meeting Feb. 10th following service
Annual Church Mission/Vision Report Feb. 17th
Elections Feb. 24th
Convention – March 23, 2019 – Pekin First
District Assembly – May 3-4, 2019 – Pekin First
Kids & Pre-Teen Camp – June 24-27, 2019
Teen Camp – July 22-26, 2019

Empowered

The One who calls you to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature is the One who by your consent, goes into all the world and preaches the Gospel to every creature through you!

—W. Ian Thomas

Enter In

Tired of making small talk at church about the weather or sports? Then follow Edward Welch's advice to "enter in" to the lives of your fellow worshipers.

A churchgoer once asked Welch, author of *Caring for One Another* (Crossway), two simple yet profound questions: "What was the best thing about your week, and what was the worst thing about your week?" About a month later, when some issues were weighing heavily on Welch's heart, he wondered who'd be willing to pray for him. Immediately, the person who'd asked him those two questions came to mind.

When worshipers are willing to enjoy one another's blessings and be burdened by one another's difficulties, Welch says, the body of Christ gets built up.

5 Goals for Families with Children

- 1) **We will strive to assist parents in "Training children in the way they should go." Proverbs 22:6.** We recognize that the religious training of children is primarily the responsibility of their parents; therefore we will work to provide parents with needed resources to teach their children.
- 2) **We will strive to provide a curriculum that will help our children to have the Biblical foundation and understanding that will help them make wise choices and early accept Christ as Lord and Savior. (Deuteronomy 6)** We will have organized teaching goals. Our teaching will give children an understanding of the stories and teaching of the entire Bible. We will also provide opportunities for children and parents to learn together. Our lessons will also include discipleship training and the work of the Church of the Nazarene around the world.
- 3) **We will strive to prepare children to assume leadership of the church.** Our church is only as strong as the leadership team and the team's reliance of the guidance of the Holy Spirit, therefore we will provide them the opportunity to serve others, the opportunity to minister in the community, the opportunity to serve the body of believers. We will teach them about having devotions, giving to the church, prayer and the use of their Bibles.
- 4) **We will use NazSafe guidelines to keep our children safe while in our care.** This includes safe facilities, carefully screened workers and a clear communication structure between the church and the parents.

The ultimate Road Map

Tired of going in circles, I wanted to stop and ask for directions to the Kennedy Library in Boston. My husband, the driver, did not. Eventually I won out. A store clerk was happy to provide a map and point us on our way.

Many of us Christians act like my husband did that day, blithely going on our way, turning here, backtracking there, never really finding what we want in life, but sure that if we follow our nose we'll get there eventually.

The Bible is exactly what we need on our journey: a road map to guide us on our way, to help us around the inevitable wrong turns and errors — and, in the end, to show us the direct path to eternal life with God in heaven.

—Sandy Hyland