

## 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.

#### **Lead Pastor**

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Now Live Streaming small groups and sermons on Living Well's website. Go to [www.livingwellchurch.org](http://www.livingwellchurch.org) and click on the Livestream tab.



March 17th, 2019

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



Today's Sermon: **The King of Kindness 2 Samuel 9:1-13**  
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.*

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Words of Welcome

Even amid Lent we live in the light of Easter, and every Sabbath celebrates salvation! Welcome to worship, to forgiveness, to everlasting life.

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**Order of Service**

**March 17th, 2019**

Welcome: Pastor Trotter **Titus 3:3-6**

Song: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Song: In My Father's House

Scripture Reading: **Psalms 117:1-2**

Song: So will I

Pastoral Prayer: Bill Young

Offering: Sweetest Song I Know music video

Sermon: Pastor John, The King of Kindness 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Song: Kindness

Doxology

Dismiss: Pastor Trotter

Set up for The Well

Greeter(s):

Ushers:

Worship Leaders: Bill, Renata, Rob, John

Nursery Staff: Small Group, Morning Worship,

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Raymond Price

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis, Assistant

Clean Team: Tina Maldonado

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Preparation for Worship

"The LORD is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27:1). Thank you, God, for being all I ever need.

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My Take Away for Today



Coming Events

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 8:00 at John's Barbershop Dixon
- The Well Tuesday and Thursday Evenings 5:30pm—6:30pm
  - Next Communion - April 7th

The Comfort of our Middle-C God

During college, while living in a boarding house, author Lloyd Douglas befriended a retiree. The man, a homebound former music teacher, shared a morning ritual with Douglas, who would walk down to the man's floor, open his door and ask, "What's the good news?"

Every day the man responded by tapping a tuning fork against his wheelchair and saying, "That's middle C. It was middle C yesterday. It will be middle C tomorrow. It will be middle C a thousand years from now. The tenor upstairs sings flat, the piano across the hall is out of tune, but, my friend, that is middle C!"

If middle C's pitch value isn't exactly 261.63 Hz, then your piano needs to be tuned. How comforting that dependability is for musicians — and their listeners.

Like middle C, God is steadfast and reliable. In this fast-paced world, praise God for the good news he declares to us: "I the LORD do not change" (Malachi 3:6).

"Grace has to be the loveliest word in the English language. It embodies almost every attractive quality we hope to find in others. Grace is a gift of the humble to the humiliated. Grace acknowledges the ugliness of sin by choosing to see beyond it. Grace accepts a person as someone worthy of kindness despite whatever grime or hard-shell casing keeps him or her separated from the rest of the world. Grace is a gift of tender mercy when it makes the least sense."

—Charles Swindoll, Senior Pastor at Stonebriar Community Church

Totals for 3/10/19

Tithe: \$595.49

Total: \$595.49

Total for February: \$1759.49

Given for Tech Upgrades: \$2,946

## Living Well Announcements

- **NWIL District SDMI, NMI and NYI Convention** this Saturday, March 23 at Pekin First Church of the Nazarene
- **Lenten Services** at Grace United Methodist Church tonight at 6:00pm. They will be presenting The Testimony of the Basket Maker. Please come and celebrate the Easter Season with the churches in the community
- **Good Friday Service** April 19th at 4:00pm at Lost Lake Church of the Nazarene
- **Easter Choir April 20th** at 5:00pm at Lost Lake Church of the Nazarene
- **Raising Funds to Complete Nursery.** We will be raising money to complete nursery construction. If you would like funds designated to this project write nursery construction in the memo of your check and place it in the offering plate. We are still in need of painting, cabinets, electrical work and carpet to make it a comfortable environment for our new moms and our children.
- **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) live dinner music.
- **Important Dates:**  
 District Assembly – May 3-4, 2019 – Pekin First  
 Kids & Pre-Teen Camp – June 24-27, 2019  
 Teen Camp – July 22-26, 2019

Pastor Andrews' wife called and asked him to pick up some organic kale for that night's dinner on his way home. He arrived at the store and began to search all over for organic kale before finally asking the produce clerk where he might find some. The young clerk seemed confused by the pastor's request, so the Pastor said: "Look, this kale is for my wife. All I need to know is whether it's been sprayed with poisonous chemicals." The visibly horrified clerk replied, "No, Reverend, you will have to do that yourself."

## 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 teams 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 believes. 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.

### Faith Journey

A family was heading on vacation: two little ones were nestled in car seats; the van was packed. As Dad locked the house and Mom secured the garage, an adult neighbor the kids knew walked up and spoke through an open window. "Where are you going?" The kids shrugged. "Well, what road are you taking?" the friend asked with a knowing smile. Of course, they had no idea. "Do you know where you'll eat today, or where you'll spend the night?" Blank stares. Then the friend asked, "Who are you traveling with?" The children broke into grins and shouted, "Mommy and Daddy!"

On the journey of faith, we don't know precisely where we're headed or how all our needs will be met. But we know who we're traveling with: our loving God who is fully aware of the twists and turns ahead; the loving Parent who promises to care for us wherever we go.