

## 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 or 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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December 28th 2014

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



### Today's Sermon: Jesus Stayed

By Pastor John Trotter

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

Small Groups—9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.

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

Morning Worship—10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

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Mission Statement

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Words of Welcome

Merry Christmas! Yes — the Christmas season continues, and we welcome you to worship at this festive time of year. God bless us as we join in praise and contemplation.

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Preparation for Worship

Show us how to receive you always with delight, Jesus, as Simeon and Anna received you in the temple (Luke 2:25-38).

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**Order of Service**

**December 28th, 2014**

Song - To God be the Glory (**Congregation led by Group**)

Scripture Reading : Luke 2: 25-32

Song - Blessed Assurance (**Congregation led by Group**)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 36-40

Song - Angels and Shepherds (**Group Sings**)

Song - December Carol (**Group Sings**)

Song - Night so Dark and Hour so Late (**Group Sings**)

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Trotter

Offering/Offerory: Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming (**Group Sings**)

Song - It is Well (**Group Sings**)

Sermon: Jesus stayed. Luke 2:41-52 Pastor Trotter

Communion:

Closing Song - The Lord Bless and Keep You (**Riley and Renata**)

Pastoral Blessing: Pastor Trotter

Announcements: Bill Young

Dismiss: Pastor Trotter

Friendship Café Leader: Stephanie Scott

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Sammi Scott

Online Ministry Tech: Mike Janes

Ushers: Darrel Trotter, Dan Long, Mark Ellis

Counters: Pam Ellis, Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today



**Splash Nursery:**

**Leader and Helpers:** Brianna Carlock

**Next Week:** TBD

**SHINE Small Group Leader:**

Tracy Young

**Next Week:** Tracy Young

**Children's Worship Leader:**

Jeanette Trotter

**Next Week:** Jeanette Trotter

**Teen Small Group Leader:**

Dan Long

**Next Week:** Dan Long

**Adult Small Group Leader:**

Pastor Trotter

**Next Week:** TBD

**COMING EVENTS**

- **MEN'S GROUP SAT. MORNINGS @ 7:30 @ JOHN'S BARBERSHOP**
  - **CONNECT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7PM-8:15PM**
- **NEXT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 8TH @ 7PM**
  - **DISTRICT CELEBRATE LIFE JANUARY 17, 2015**
    - **NEXT COMMUNION FEBRUARY 1ST**
    - **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY APRIL 10-11, 2015**

**~ Stewardship Update ~**

Totals for 12/21/2014

Tithe: \$642

Total: \$642

Total for December: \$2279.31

# CONNECT

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Wednesday Nights 7pm—8:15pm

## Connect Groups:

Kids: Splash: Birth - Kindergarten  
K'Motion: 1st - 5th Grade

Youth: Pipeline: 6th - 12th Grade

Adult: Spiritual Formation, Celebrate Recovery Group, Women's Recovery Groups conclude with a time of high energy worship 8:15 - 8:30



New sermon series beginning next week: The Marginal Life

What Jesus teaches about creating time, resources and energy for the most important priorities in life.

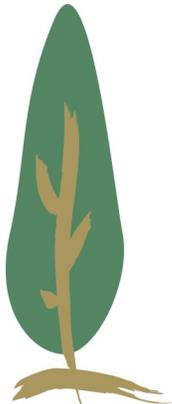
## Casting Crowns Performs in Dekalb

Casting Crowns will be performing at the NIU Convocation Center on February 27th, 2015 at 7pm. There are still plenty of seats available. For tickets/information go to the convocation center or ticketmaster websites.

## +Christian Symbol+

### Cedar Tree-

A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet, were known to Old Testament people. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted" (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.



## Upside Down?

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Even amid increased secularization, God makes the core Christmas message known. Take, for example, the story of a "winter pageant" a mother attended at her son's grade school. Songs of reindeer, snow and Santa included one titled "Christmas Love," in which the youngest performers held up letters as the song progressed: "C," "H," etc.

When a little girl unknowingly held her "M" upside down, the older kids snickered and the adult audience smiled acceptingly. But as the song drew to a close and all the letters were revealed, surprised recognition struck the Christians in the room.

"CHRISTWAS LOVE," read the string of student-borne letters. God's truth had penetrated the human clutter and confusion around Christmas — as it has power to do throughout our lives: "Christ was love." And of course, he still is.

**"Don't let your happiness depend on something you may lose."**

**—C.S. Lewis**

## Connect Holiday Schedule

December 31st	No Connect
January 7th	No Connect
January 14th	Connect Resumes Normal Schedule



## ON THE SERMON HORIZON



Today we conclude the 16 week "Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (Verb)" series

Today "Jesus Stayed" Luke 2:43

Jan. 4th "Time - Walking slowly through the crowd"

Jan. 11th "Resources - Living in the economy of God"

Jan. 18th "Power pt. 1 - Discovering the true source of Power"

Jan. 25th "Power pt. 2"

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