

## 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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May 3rd 2015

**livingwell**  
church  
of the nazarene

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



**Today's Sermon: Blessed are the Poor in Spirit**  
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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# Welcome to Living Well Church of the Nazarene

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## Sermon Notes

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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

Wherever two or three people gather in Christ's name, he is present (Matthew 18:20). We dedicate our time together to his glory. Welcome.

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### Preparation for Worship

As the eunuch was open to Philip's teaching about the Scriptures (see Acts 8:30-38), may I be open to your Word today, Lord God.

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### **Order of Service**

**May 3rd, 2015**

Welcome and announcements: Bill Young

Song: Open Up The Heavens

Scripture Reading : Matthew 4:23-25

Song - Kindness

Scripture Reading: The Beatitudes

Song: You Deserve the Glory

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Trotter

Offering/Offertory: Music Video, The Table by Chris Tomlin

Dismiss the kids for Children's Worship

Sermon: Blessed are the Poor in Spirit (Matthew 5:1-3) Pastor Trotter

Communion

Closing Song - And All the People Said Amen

Pastoral Blessing: Steve Scott Matthew 7:13-14 and Matthew 11:28-30

Dismiss: Steve Scott

Worship Leaders: Steve (lead), Bill, John, Angie

Greeters: Dave and Jennifer Cooper

Friendship Café Leader: Stephanie Scott

Ushers: Rod Simpkins, Jeff Long, and Bob Dyche

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Sammi Scott

Online Ministry Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis, Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today



**Splash Nursery:**

**Leader and Helpers:** Breanna Carlock

**Next Week:**

**SHINE Small Group Leader:**

Jeanette Trotter

**Next Week:**

**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:**

**COMING EVENTS**

- **MEN'S GROUP SAT. MORNINGS @ 7:30 @ JOHN'S BARBERSHOP**
  - **CONNECT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WILL RESUME SOON**
    - **WORSHIP TEAM AUDITIONS TBA**
    - **NEXT COMMUNION JUNE 7TH**

**~ Stewardship Update ~**

Totals for 4/26/2015

Tithe: \$713

Water: \$40

Total: \$753

Total for April: \$5800.50

“For happiness one needs security, but joy can spring like a flower even from the cliffs of despair.”

—Anne Morrow Lindbergh

## Church Responding to Needs in Nepal

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A devastating 7.8-magnitude earthquake shook Nepal to its core on Saturday, April 25. The epicenter was in the Kathmandu Valley, but the quake's devastation was also experienced in China, India, Tibet, and Bangladesh.

In Nepal, more than 6,200 people have already been reported dead, and it's expected that number will continue to rise. More than 1 million children have been affected. At least 1.4 million people are in serious need of food. Tens of thousands have been displaced from their homes, and clean water is running out. Access to rural areas is still difficult, so a total picture of the devastation is not yet known.

Current needs include prayer for those who are grieving, those who are suffering from hunger and lack of shelter, and for church leaders and ministers as they work to meet the needs of their neighbors. Financial support is also needed to provide for immediate needs, including food, water filters, and tents.

For more information and to donate to the relief effort visit:  
<http://www.ncm.org/nepal-earthquake.html>.

### Come, Holy Spirit

As the blood of Christ is the fountain of all merit, so the Holy Spirit is the fountain of all spiritual life; and until he quickens us, imparts the principle of divine life to our souls, we can put forth no vital act of faith to lay hold upon Jesus Christ. —John Flavel

### Waiting on God

On May 7th, Americans observe the National Day of Prayer. Waiting on God is an important component of prayer. It's hard to understand why God delays when we cry out for help. Why does he allow us to suffer, when he could just say the word and make it all better? Why must we wait?

Consider a child whose parents always give her whatever she asks, as soon as she asks for it. That child has little opportunity to learn patience or gratitude. Because she doesn't know what it's like to not have, she cannot appreciate the true value of something.

God may have some of these things in mind when our prayers go unanswered for a time. As the psalmist exhorts, "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" (Psalm 27:14, NRSV).



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### **CONNECT ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**OUR CHURCH BOARD AND OUR CONNECT LEADERSHIP TEAM ARE IN THE PROCESS OF IRONING OUT A REVISED CONNECT SCHEDULE. THE NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE ANNOUNCED ASAP.**



### ON THE SERMON HORIZON



Today begins the "The Good News of the Kingdom" series

Today – Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

5/10 – Mother's Day: A Mother's Heart

5/17 – Blessed are Those Who Mourn

5/24 – Blessed are the Meek

5/31 – Blessed are Those Who Hunger

Next week we start a new sermon series

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