

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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NOW LIVESTREAMING SMALL GROUPS AND THE SERMONS ON LIVINGWELL'S WEBSITE. GO TO WWW.LIVINGWELLCHURCH.ORG AND CLICK ON THE LIVESTREAM TAB.

June 7th 2015

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"Drink from the water I give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon: Blessed Are The Merciful
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 10:30 a.m.

Friendship Café—10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Connect—10:45 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.

Words of Welcome

Welcome to Living Well Church as we gather for worship and Christian fellowship this morning

Preparation for Worship

“If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins ... who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness” (Psalm 130:3-4, NIV). I bring my sins to you, God, and leave them at the cross as I enter into worship.

Order of Service

June 7th, 2015

Welcome and announcements: Bill Young
Scripture Reading : Deuteronomy 4:30-31
Song - His Love Endures Forever
Song - A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-5
Pastoral Prayer: John Prayer of Jonah: Jonah 2:2-9
Offering/Offertory - Video: Jars of Clay, The Valley Song
Dismiss the kids for Children's Worship
Sermon - Blessed Are the Merciful, Pastor Trotter
Communion
Closing Song - Come Thou Fount
Pastoral Blessing: Steve Scott, Ephesians 2:6-10
Dismiss: Steve Scott

Worship Leaders: Steve, Bill, John, Renata
Greeters: Ella and Deb
Friendship Café Leader(s): Stephanie Scott, Shelly Long
Ushers: Jase, Jayden, and Jaseña Valdez
Computer Tech: Brad Larson
Sound Tech: TBD
LiveStream Tech: Worship: TBD, Small Group: TBD, Upload: TBD
Counters: Pam Ellis, Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today



Weekly Ministry Leaders	
Infant Nursery Leader and Helpers:	Toddler Nursery Leader and Helpers:
Khyrsten Hitt	Deb
Next Week: Brittany Lewis and Ariel	Next Week: Jennifer and Renata
K'motion Small Group Leader:	Children's Worship Leader:
Jennifer Cooper, Renata Young	Jeanette Trotter
Next Week:	Next Week: Jeanette Trotter
Teen Small Group Leader:	Adult Small Group Leader:
Dan Long	Bill Young
Next Week: Jennifer Cooper	Next Week: Bill Young
Men's Celebrate Recovery	Women's Celebrate Recovery
Pastor Trotter	Jeanette Trotter
Next Week: Pastor Trotter	Next Week: Jeanette Trotter
Clean Team:	
Gelacio "Jay" Valdez	
Next Week:	

COMING EVENTS

- **MEN'S GROUP SAT. MORNINGS @ 7:30 AT JOHN'S BARBERSHOP AND HERE AT THE MINI-MALL**
 - **CHURCH BOARD MEETING JUNE 11TH**
 - **FATHER'S DAY JUNE 21ST**
 - **NEXT COMMUNION JULY 5TH**

~ Stewardship Update ~

Totals for 5/31/2015

Tithe: \$822

Total: \$822

Total for May: \$5105.49

Marked by God

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A pastor who recently traveled to Russia observed a curious sight on the roads. In their back windows, certain cars displayed a large card bearing only an exclamation point. After inquiring, he discovered that new drivers in that country are required to keep those signs up for seven years. What an incentive to stay on the “straight and narrow” as one undertakes the responsibility of driving!

The exclamation points made the pastor wonder: How are we “marked” when we enter into a relationship with Jesus? As we travel through life, what evidence indicates that we’re faithfully following him? How are we exclaiming our joy at being forgiven and redeemed?

Try this: Write some exclamation points on sticky notes, and put them where you’ll see them often. No matter what detours or roadblocks you encounter, remember that you’re a beloved child of God — marked by him, through faith, for eternal life!

Priorities

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, “You’re tearing up the grass.”

“We’re not raising grass,” Dad would reply. “We’re raising boys.”

—Harmon Killebrew, Major League Baseball infielder who spent most of his career with the Minnesota Twins.

Education Opportunities

As part of the Nazarene Church there are some unique opportunities for some free online education/training available to you. According to The Discipleship Place, part of the Church of the Nazarene website:

The Discipleship Place is intended to equip you, the lay person, for ministry in your local church, community, neighborhood, family, and workplace. The Discipleship Place is a superb way to receive training as an adult worker, children's worker, youth worker, Sunday School Superintendent. It is also an excellent way for you to grow as a disciple of Christ. Join the journey and sign up today!

For more information contact Pastor Trotter, or go to:
<http://www.thediscipleshipplace.org/>

Christian Symbol - Thistle

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The thistle, a thorny bush, symbolizes the Fall and humanity's bondage to sin. In Genesis 3, God tells Adam that one consequence of his sin will be the hard work of bringing forth crops: “[The land] will produce thorns and thistles for you” (v. 18, NIV). Because thistles crowd out everything growing nearby, they've also been equated with the weeds or thorns in some of Jesus' teachings (e.g., Matthew 7:15-20; 13:24-30, and Mark 4:2-9). Finally, Christ's crown of thorns may have been made of thistle branches.



“There is not a thing that God expects of a person but that God will give him or her the power to do.”

—A.B. Simpson

Local Concert Opportunity

Dixon Assembly of God Church will be hosting a free concert on Friday, June 19th at 7pm. A free will offering will be taken. Doors will open at 6pm and the band Breaking Daylight will start the show at 7pm. Following them will be The Great Romance is known for the songs, "Stolen Me," and "Bigger Than the Odds." In the event of bad weather, the concert will move indoors. For the answers to any questions or additional information please contact Assembly of God at 815.284.3090.



ON THE SERMON HORIZON



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

Today – Blessed Are the Merciful
June 14th – Father’s Day: A Father’s Heart
June 21st – Blessed are the Pure In Heart
June 28th – Blessed are the Peacemakers

Join us onsite, or via Live Stream @ livingwellchurch.org