

## 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](http://WWW.LIVINGWELLCHURCH.ORG) AND CLICK ON THE LIVESTREAM TAB.

July 5th 2015

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



**Today's Sermon: Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted**  
By Pastor John Trotter

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

Worship—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. to 11:30

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## Welcome to Living Well Church of the Nazarene

### Mission Statement

*Lead in the Discovery and Application of God's truth in every area of life.*

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### Words of Welcome

Blessed by the freedom to worship God openly, we come before him in praise and thanksgiving. Welcome!

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### Preparation for Worship

Ezekiel recounts that “the Spirit came into me ... and I heard him speaking to me” (Ezekiel 2:2, NIV). Come into me, Holy Spirit, that I may hear your voice.

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### **Order of Service**

**July 5th, 2015**

Welcome and announcements: Bill Young

Song - Mighty To Save

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:5-9

Song - We Believe

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 52:13-15

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Trotter

Offering/Offertory - Music Video: Never Once

Dismiss the kids for Children's Worship

Sermon - Blessed are those who are persecuted, Pastor Trotter

Communion

Closing Song - We Believe

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott, 1 Peter 5:10

Worship Leaders: Steve, Bill, Lisa, Sheryl, Renata

Greeters: Dan and Shelly Long

Friendship Café Leader(s): Stephanie Scott & Shelly Long

Ushers: Skylar, Devin, and Joey Scott

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: TBD

LiveStream Tech: Worship, Small Group, Upload: TBD

Counters: Pam Ellis, Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today



<b>Weekly Ministry Leaders</b>	
Infant Nursery Leader and Helpers:	Toddler Nursery Leader and Helpers:
TBD	TBD
Next Week: TBD	Next Week: TBD
K'motion Small Group Leader:	Children's Worship Leader:
No Connect	Jeanette Trotter
Next Week:	Next Week: Jeanette Trotter
Pipeline Teen Small Group Leader:	Adult Small Group Leader:
No Connect	No Connect
Next Week: TBD	Next Week: Bill Young
Men's Celebrate Recovery	Women's Celebrate Recovery
No Connect	No Connect
Next Week: Pastor Trotter	Next Week: Jeanette Trotter
Clean Team:	
TBD	
Next Week: TBD	

**COMING EVENTS**

- **MEN'S GROUP SAT. MORNINGS @ 7:30 AT JOHN'S BARBERSHOP AND HERE AT THE MINI-MALL**
- **BIBLE STUDY ON SANCTIFICATION WED. NIGHTS @ 7PM HERE**
  - **CHURCH BOARD MEETING JULY 9TH**
  - **CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY SEPT 7TH AT LOWELL PARK**

**~ Stewardship Update ~**

Totals for 6/28/2015

Tithe: \$719

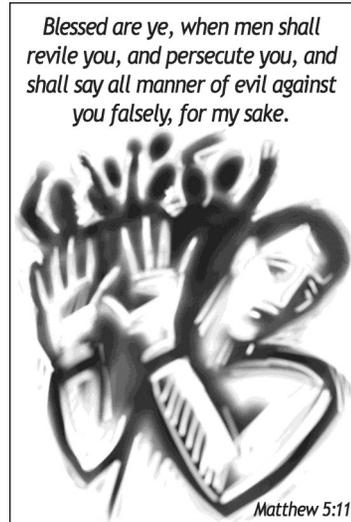
Total: \$719

Total for June: \$3828

## 15 Examples of Persecution From the Bible

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1. Abel - Genesis 4:3-8
2. David - 1 Samuel 18:9-11
3. Jeremiah 20:10
4. Daniel - Daniel 6:12-16
5. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego - Daniel 3
6. Moses - Exodus 5:21, 14:11, 16:2, 17:2
7. Samuel - 1 Samuel 8:5
8. Elijah - 1 Kings 18:17, 19:2
9. Micaiah - 2 Chronicles 18:7, 17
10. Nehemiah - Nehemiah 4:1-3
11. Amos - Amos 7:10-13
12. The apostles - Acts 4:1-3, 5:17-18, 12:5
13. Stephen - Acts 7
14. Paul - 2 Corinthians 11:24-28
15. Jesus - All four gospels



### All You Need

When I was a little girl ... I went to my father and said, "Daddy, I am afraid that I will never be strong enough to be a martyr for Jesus Christ."

"Tell me," said Father. "When you take a train trip to Amsterdam, when do I give you the money for the ticket? Three weeks before?"

"No, Daddy. You give me the money for the ticket just before we get on the train."

"That is right," my father said. "And so it is with God's strength. Our Father in heaven knows when you will need the strength to be a martyr for Jesus Christ. He will supply all you need just in time."

—Corrie ten Boom, Tramp for the Lord

### A Child's Understanding

A United Methodist bishop tells about the time his 5-year-old granddaughter followed along as the congregation stepped forward to receive Communion. When he asked her why she came to the Lord's Table, she said she just wanted to say 'Hi to Jesus.' As we celebrate Communion today what do you want to say to Jesus?

According to Fox's Book of Martyrs, the following followers of Jesus all suffered physical persecution:

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- James, the son of Zebedee, the elder brother of John, and relative of the Lord was beheaded. It is said that on his way to be martyred, James' accuser was so impressed by his courage and conviction that he repented of his sin, professed himself to be a Christian, and was beheaded along with James.
- Philip was scourged, thrown into prison, and afterwards crucified, A. D. 54.
- Matthew was slain with a halberd (a sword-like weapon) in the city of Nadabah, A. D. 60.
- James the Less, at the age of ninety four was beat and stoned by the Jews; and finally had his brains dashed out with a fuller's club.
- Matthias was stoned at Jerusalem and then beheaded.
- Andrew, the brother of Peter, was crucified on a cross, the two ends of which were fixed transversely in the ground. Hence, St. Andrew's Cross.
- Mark was dragged to pieces by the people of Alexandria.
- Peter, it is thought, was crucified upside down at his own request because he did not feel worthy enough to be crucified in the same manner as His Lord.
- Paul was beheaded.
- Jude was crucified.
- Bartholomew was cruelly beaten and then crucified.
- Thomas was martyred by being thrust through with a spear.
- Luke, it is believed, was hanged on an olive tree.
- Simon was crucified, A. D. 74.
- Barnabas was put to death about A. D. 73.



### ON THE SERMON HORIZON



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

Today – Blessed are the Persecuted

July 12th – You are the Salt

July 19th – You are the Light

July 26th – Great in the Kingdom

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