

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 in 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 Live Streaming small groups and the sermons on Living Well's website. Go to www.livingwellchurch.org and click on the Livestream tab.



"Drink from the water I give" ~ Jesus



**Today's Sermon: The Prayer of Thanksgiving
By Pastor Trotter**

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

Small Groups—9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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

Worship—10:30 a.m. to 11:45

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Mission Statement

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Words of Welcome

“Beautiful Savior, King of Creation!” Today the church celebrates Christ as King of all. Welcome!

Preparation for Worship

Ruler of creation, reign in my heart, and give me faith to trust and follow your lead. Amen.

Order of Service

November 22nd 2015

Welcome and announcements:

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100:1-5

Song: His Love Endures Forever

Song: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Song: Let Everything that Has Breath Praise the Lord

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

Song: We Gather Together

Prayer Chorus: Give Thanks

Offering Preparation Video

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Trotter

Offering/Offertory: Video, “Thanksgiving with Jesus”

Dismiss the kids for Children's Worship

Sermon: The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Pastor Trotter

Closing Song: For the Beauty of the Earth

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott, Ephesians 1:15-18

Worship Leaders: Steve, John, Bill, Renata,

Greeters: Jason & Devin

Friendship Café Leader(s): Stephanie Scott

Ushers: Joey, Skylar, and Devin Scott

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Devin Scott, or Tod Carlock

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis, Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today



Weekly Ministry Leaders	
Infant Nursery Leader and Helpers:	Toddler Nursery Leader and Helpers:
Worship: Breanna Carlock	Worship: Renata Young
Small Group: Breanna Carlock	Small Group: Renata Young
K'motion Small Group Leader:	Children's Worship Leader:
Jeanette Trotter	Jeanette Trotter
Next Week: Jeanette Trotter	Next Week: Jeanette Trotter
Pipeline Teen Small Group Leader:	Adult Small Group Leader:
Dan Long	Pastor Trotter
Next Week: Dan Long	Next Week: Pastor Trotter

COMING EVENTS

- **MEN'S GROUP SAT. MORNINGS @ 7:30 AT JOHN'S BARBERSHOP AND HERE AT THE MINI-MALL**
- **DIXON CHRISTMAS WALK DECEMBER 4TH 6-9PM**
 - **NEXT COMMUNION DECEMBER 6TH**
 - **CHURCH BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 10TH**

LET THERE BE FOR EVERY PULSE A THANKSGIVING, AND FOR EVERY BREATH A SONG.
—KONRAD VON GESNER

~ Stewardship Update ~

Totals for 11/15/15

Tithe: \$486

Total: \$486

Total for November: \$2399.45

Author and radio host Garrison Keillor put a unique spin on expressing gratitude for special meals. He painted the following table prayer on his dining-room wall, encouraging guests to sing it together before eating:

O Lord, we thank Thee for this food,
For every blessing, every good.
For earthly sustenance and love
Bestowed on us from heaven above.
Be present at our table, Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
Thy children bless and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.

“It’s inspiring to hear 15 people find harmony around the Thanksgiving table,” Keillor writes. Singing together “sets a tone. No crying in the cranberries. ... There is much to be grateful for.”



From Harm to Good

Squanto, the Native American who helped the Pilgrims, has a background remarkably similar to that of Joseph in Genesis.

Years before the Pilgrims arrived in America, English traders kidnapped Squanto and other Native Americans and sold them as slaves in Spain. Incredibly, Squanto was bought by monks, who set him free and taught him about Jesus. Later Squanto sailed to England, hoping for passage to America. But he had to wait years, so he worked as a stable hand and learned English. Finally able to travel home, he was devastated to find his tribe wiped out by smallpox.

A couple of years later, the Pilgrims came ashore, tired, sick and having lost many shipmates on the way. Implausibly, they encountered an English-speaking Native American, who shared his friendship and knowledge. Like Joseph going from his homeland to Egypt and from slave to expert leader, Squanto experienced God’s leading — even when the path was littered with misfortune.

Using Squanto, God saved a whole community. What some intended for harm, God turned into good (see Genesis 50:20).

Be thankful that you don’t already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don’t know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you’re tired and weary, because it means you’ve made a difference.

—Author unknown



**DEVELOPING
THE FUTURE**

Today we bring our Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism! It will be helpful to our counters if you use the envelope provided in your bulletin for your

Thanksgiving Offering, then place the envelope in offering baskets when they are passed. Our total giving goal for this offering this year is \$1000. A generous advance gift of \$500 has already been given. Which leaves just \$500 yet to be given for us to meet our giving goal. This offering is given in addition to our regular tithes and offerings. The offering total will be announced at the dinner after the service.



ON THE SERMON HORIZON



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

Today – The Prayer of Thanksgiving

November 29th – Intercessory Warprayer

December 6th – We Start a New Sermon Series

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