

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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"Drink from the water I give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon: The Gift
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

Welcome to worship, sisters and brothers, as we look toward the coming of the Christ!

Preparation for Worship

May my offerings of praise and worship — as well as of money and time — be pleasing to you, Lord (see Malachi 3:4).

Order of Service

December 6th 2015

Welcome and announcements:

Scripture Reading: James 1:17

Song: Joy to the Word

Song: Jesus Name Above All Names

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8

Song: Good Good Father

Pastoral Prayer: Bill Young

Offering/Offertory: Sp. Music then Video: The Real Night Before Christmas

Dismiss the kids for Children's Worship

Sermon: The Gift Matthew 1:20-21, Pastor Trotter

Communion

Closing Song: Hallelujah God is Near

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott, Philippians 4:19,20

Worship Leaders: Steve, John, Bill, Riley

Greeters: Jay and Danielle Valdez

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

Ushers: Jase, Jayden, and Jeseña Valdez

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Devin Scott

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: Khyrsten Jackson	Worship: Devin and Jeseña
Small Group: Khyrsten Jackson	Small Group: Devin and Jeseña
K'motion Small Group Leader:	Children's Worship Leader:
Deb Jensen	Jeanette Trotter
Next Week: Jeanette Trotter	Next Week: Jeanette Trotter
Pipeline Teen Small Group Leader:	Adult Small Group Leader:
Jay Valdez	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**
- **CHURCH BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 10TH**
- **FIRST DAY OF WINTER DECEMBER 21ST**
- **NEXT COMMUNION JANUARY 3RD**

“Christmas is not an event within history but is rather the invasion of time by eternity.”

—Hans Urs von Balthasar

~ Stewardship Update ~

Totals for 11/29/15

Tithe: \$624

Total: \$624

Total for November: \$4084.45

Welcome and Attached

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According to research conducted by the Barna Group, the holidays are tough for people who aren't connected to faith communities or other civic groups. They feel isolated by experiences that bring others joy, such as giving gifts, singing carols and attending religious services and parties.

"In past decades," writes George Barna, "there was an assumption that the holidays were a time when outsiders might explore church life. These days, however, churches and other religious institutions are not seen as safe or value-adding places by most outsiders. They see little reason to attend seasonal events, especially since those events often highlight their outsider status."

This Christmas, how can you help someone feel welcome and "attached" at your church?

A Sure and Bright Faith

In 1943, German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer was in prison because he opposed Adolph Hitler's demonic actions. Bonhoeffer knew he would soon be executed. It was a time of loneliness and dreadful anticipation. While writing a letter to an old friend during Advent, Bonhoeffer remembered this hymn verse:

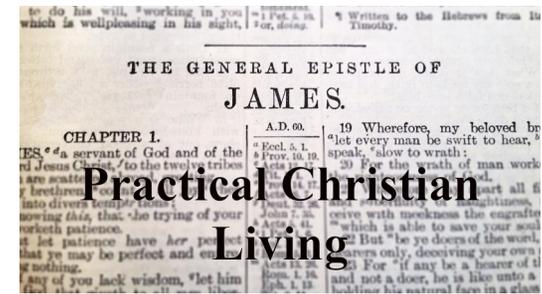


The manger glows bright and clear,
The very night gives out a light,
Darkness must not here appear,
But faith remain both sure and bright.

The brave Bonhoeffer knew that no matter how dark and challenging a Christian's circumstances may be, we can celebrate joyously because the Lord has come. As he was led away to be hanged, Bonhoeffer said, "This is the end — for me the beginning of life."



A special thanks to our decorators, cookie bakers, and servers for this year's Dixon Christmas Walk. Thank you for sharing our Lord Jesus with our friends and community in such personal ways. Pastor John will be sharing the names of those who helped during the announcement time this morning.



Practical Christian Living

January 3rd Pastor John will begin a 12-week sermon series on the Book of James. James wrote this book to Jewish believers to encourage them to endure and live bold Christian lives. James is a book about practical Christian living that reflects a genuine faith that transforms lives. In many ways, it is similar to the OT book of Proverbs. His words are just as important for today's believers.



ON THE SERMON HORIZON



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

Today – The Gift

December 13th – Spiritual Gifts

December 20th – Gift Giving to Others

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