

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: Gift Giving to Others
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

Just as the longest night of the year approaches, we light all four candles on our Advent wreath. Indeed, Christ's light shines in our darkness, and the darkness cannot banish it (see John 1:5). Welcome to worship.

Preparation for Worship

How I appreciate this chance, during a busy season, to abide in your presence, heavenly Father. Thank you for this time of worship.

Order of Service

December 20th 2015

Welcome: Steve Scott and Announcements: Pastor Trotter
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:10-14
Song: Angels From the Realms of Glory
Song: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:9-11
Song: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
Pastoral Prayer: Dan Long
Offering/Offertory: Video: Gifts
Dismiss the kids for Children's Worship
Sermon: The Gift: Gift Giving to Others, Pastor Trotter
Closing Song: What Child is This?
Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott, Philippians 2:5-11

Worship Leaders: Steve, John, Bill, Renata
Greeters: Steve and Stephanie Scott
Friendship Café Leader(s): Stephanie Scott
Ushers: Jase, Jayden, and Jeseña Valdez
Computer Tech: Brad Larson
Sound Tech: Tod Carlock and Devin Scott
LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes
Counters: Pam Ellis, Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today



| Weekly Ministry Leaders | |
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| Infant Nursery Leader and Helpers: | Toddler Nursery Leader and Helpers: |
| Worship: Danielle Valdez | Worship: Jayden and Joey |
| Small Group: Danielle Valdez | Small Group: Jayden and Joey |
| K'motion Small Group Leader: | Children's Worship Leader: |
| Jeanette Trotter | Deb Jensen |
| 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**
 - **FIRST DAY OF WINTER DECEMBER 21ST**
 - **NEXT COMMUNION JANUARY 3RD**
 - **CHURCH BOARD MEETING JANUARY 14TH**

“He was created of a mother whom he created. He was carried by hands that he formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy, he, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.”

—Augustine of Hippo

~ Stewardship Update ~

Totals for 12/13/15

Tithe: \$532

Total: \$532

Total for December: \$1584

I set [the Precious Moments Mary] there beside the sleeping Jesus, knowing that we have it all wrong. It isn't in the sweet pastels of life that we find Jesus, that we encounter him in a new way. He isn't born in our sterile birthing rooms. He isn't wrapped in soft, sweet-smelling fleece. He isn't in the carefully structured, pleasantly perfect places we like to create for him.

Instead, we find him in the stink, in the noise, in the out-of-the-way, hard, sticky, smelly places of life. No, Jesus is not born in our palaces, or even in our guest rooms. He's born in our life-barns. He's born in the place where nothing seems right, where nothing is as we think it should be.

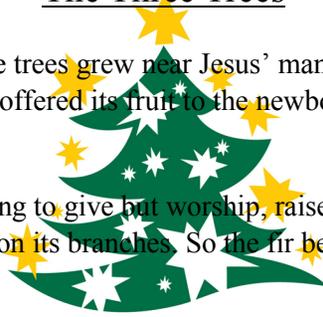
That's the real Jesus.

—Marlo Schalesky, Wrestling With Wonder

The Three Trees

According to legend, three trees grew near Jesus' manger: an olive tree, a palm tree and the fir. The olive offered its fruit to the newborn king, and the palm tree gave its dates.

The poor fir, having nothing to give but worship, raised its boughs in adoration, and the angels hung stars on its branches. So the fir became the first Christmas tree.



12 Week Series on James begins: (No Catchy Title)



True faith produces fruit. A faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. The book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. James writes to believers who know suffering, who've faced trials, and who ultimately desire a deep relationship with God. Plan on Joining Living Well for this 12 week sermon series beginning January 3rd.

A king sat on his throne on Christmas Day as many of his subjects presented him with gifts: jewels, gold, artwork, handmade treasures and food galore.

One man stayed back until everyone had given their gifts. Eventually, the king asked if the man had a gift he wished to give. The man said he had only one thing to present. He had nothing of material or financial value, just a friendly heart that was free of malice and full of best wishes for the ruler.

The king told the man he'd brought him the best gift of all: friendship and goodwill. How can you present those to someone this season?

Jan 3rd a New Adult Small Group 6 week study begins



Throughout history, people have wrestled with the concept of trusting God to meet their needs versus relying on their own efforts, other people, money, or other things society has to offer.

Thankfully, through stirring accounts and parables found in the Bible, God reveals how He wants to be our Provider above anything else. These relevant stories present us wisdom, truth, encouragement and practical steps we can take to develop and deepen a relationship of trust with the God of the universe.

Join Living Well Church in this encouraging walk through scripture as we look closely at several characters in the Bible as they explore the full extent of God's provision.



ON THE SERMON HORIZON



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

Today - Gift Giving to Others

December 27th - Checking the Compass

January 3rd - 12 week series on the book of James begins

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