

We believe God is the source of life and all truth and that we were lovingly created to live in relationship with Him. 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 the former Ames Furniture Building downtown Dixon IL., and have an active online community. We started Sept .11th 2005 in a hotel conference room, have held services in a movie theater, a cafe and have now moved to our current location in June of 2016. 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 to experiencing the joy of being a catalyst of His help and healing in the lives of others.

What we do: Living Well Church exists to lead in the discovery and application of God's truth for every area of life. Seeking to live out the value God places on relationships in practical ways, we provide our community space for life skills training, relationship building and fun.

**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 sermons on Living Well's website.

Go to [www.livingwellchurch.org](http://www.livingwellchurch.org) and click on the Livestream tab.



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



**Today's Sermon: The Living Hell of Hedonism**  
By Pastor Trotter, Jeanette Trotter

Meeting Sunday Mornings

Downtown Dixon Mini-Mall

116 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 this Labor Day weekend. May God bless the work of our hands to his glory, this week and always.

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Preparation for Worship

Potter God, may your hands shape everyone gathered here into a beautiful community displaying your creativity! (See Isaiah 64:8.)

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**Order of Service**

**September 4th 2016**

Welcome and Announcements: Jeanette Trotter

Scripture Reading: Psalms 66:1-5

Song: In The Hands of God

Song: Reign on High

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 17:1-3

Song: Holy Spirit Rain Down

Prayer: Jeanette Trotter

Drama - Everything

Sermon: The Living Hell of Having it All Pastor John, Jeanette

Closing song: In The Hands of God / The Beauty of Simplicity

Pastoral Blessing: Steve Scott, Ephesians 3:20-21

Doxology

Dismiss: Steve Scott

(if you would like to support the ministries of Living Well there is a donation box located near the exit, thank you for your support)

Greeters: Pam Ellis and Tracy Young

Worship Team: Steve, Renata, Jeseña, Bill, John

Friendship Café Leader(s):

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Tod Carlock and/or Devin Scott

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis and Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today



Coming Events

- *Men's group Sat. mornings @ 6:30 at John's Barbershop*
  - *Next Church Board Meeting September 8th*
  - *Next Communion 11th*
- *Dedication of Living Well Community Room, September 11th*
  - *Believer's Baptism, September 11th*



ON THE SERMON HORIZON



Today - The Living Hell of Having it All  
September 11th - The Living Well of Jesus  
September 18th - New Series on Spiritual Gifts

**Join us onsite, or via Live Stream @ [livingwellchurch.org](http://livingwellchurch.org)**

Christ says, "Give me all. ... No half-measures are any good. ... Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked — the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own will shall become yours."

—C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity



**~ Stewardship Update ~**

Totals for 8/28/16

Tithe: \$1050

Living Water: \$20

Total: \$1070

Total for August: \$4218

The 11th Annual Celebrate Family Day Picnic is only 1 week away:

This is a time to relax and have fun hanging out with family and friends. We started this tradition to reminisce over ministries Living Well was able to provide throughout the year. We also encourage everyone to invite extended family and friends so we can get to know each other better in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

The Celebration is held on Labor Day. This year it is September 5, 2016 from 7:00am-4:00pm at the Lowell Park - Lion's Club Shelter - We have lovingly named it 'The pavilion down by the river.'

Some of the activities for the day:

7:00am - Men's Breakfast

8:00am - Canoeing - Canoes leave from Grand Detour

11:00am - Treasure Hunt

12:00pm - Carry in Picnic

1:00pm - 9 Square in the Air and other yard games

3:00pm - Hang out with your awesome friends

Don't forget to invite your friends/family

[Dedication of the Living Well Community Room on September 11th:](#)

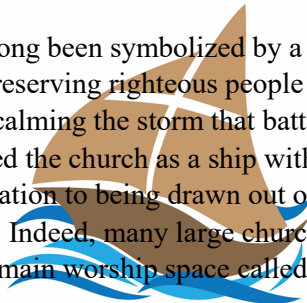
[We will be having a time of prayer asking for the Lord's blessing on our new space](#)

[Believer's Baptism on September 11th:](#)

[Let Pastor John know if you would like to be baptized on this day.](#)

Christian Symbol — Ship

The Christian church has long been symbolized by a ship. While the Old Testament tells of Noah's ark preserving righteous people during the flood, the New Testament recounts Jesus calming the storm that battered the disciples' fishing boat. St. Ambrose described the church as a ship with the cross as its mast, and others have compared salvation to being drawn out of the sea of death into the safety of the church (ship). Indeed, many large churches are constructed to represent a big boat, with the main worship space called the nave — Latin for ship.



The real life impact of current events happening in our world seem to be closer to home than ever before. Long avoided, hard questions are breaking out on social media, leaving many grasping for real of truth as pop authors seek to frame the deep problems we face in a neat picture with some clever text. In the wake of these witty memes (seen as profoundly witty by some and at the same time bias, prejudice and hate filled by others) we wonder how if there is really ever going to be a winner in this clash of culture and values. The From Living Hell to Well Series, scheduled to be presented here at the Dixon Living Well Community Place on Sundays at 10:30 through Sept 11th, provides a safe format to contemplate and seek real answers to these questions:

Today - The Living Hell of Having it All

September 11th - The Living Well of Jesus—A Different Drink

We all know at least one person who needs to hear this sermon series. Won't you invest into that relationship by inviting them to join you at church next Sunday?

The Right Facial Expression

The gifted English preacher, Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), was telling a group of young pastors that their facial expressions should be in harmony with the subject they were focusing on. "When you speak of heaven," he said, "let your face light up and be irradiated with a heavenly gleam. Let your eyes shine with reflected glory. And when you speak of hell ... well, then your everyday face will do."

Labor Day Reflections

Labor Day brings to mind picnics, cookouts and family gatherings. Falling on the first Monday in September, it marks the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. But the holiday was created in 1882 to honor the social and economic contributions of American workers.

In a strong economy, it's easy to take for granted the ability to work and be paid well. But times have changed during the past few years, with many people still struggling with unemployment and underemployment.

During our holiday celebrations this year, let's give thanks for the jobs we have, pray for those who aren't as fortunate and offer words of encouragement or help to someone who needs it.