

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 and click on the Livestream tab.



"Drink from the water I give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon: **Philippians 4 - Thankfulness**
By Pastor John Trotter

Meeting Sunday Mornings

Downtown Dixon

116 East First Street

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

Lead in the Discovery and Application of God's truth in Every Area of Life.

Words of Welcome

Welcome to worship as we start preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus,
our Savior and Lord.

Preparation for Worship

In these weeks of preparation to celebrate your coming, Jesus, grant me a
peaceful heart and mind.

Order of Service

November 27th 2016

Preservice music: Praise Him Praise Him

Welcome and Announcements: Lisa Janes

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 12:4-5

Song: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Song: We Gather Together

Scripture Reading: 1Thessalonians 5:18

Song: Just As I Am

Pastoral Prayer: Bill Young Philippians 1:4

Offering/Offertory: Special Music Renata

Sermon: Philippians 4 - Thankfulness by Pastor Trotter

Closing song: Great is Thy Faithfulness/ I'm Forever Gratefu

Pastoral Blessing: Steve Scott Colossians 3:15-17

Doxology

Dismiss: Steve Scott

Greeters: Jay and Danielle Valdez

Ushers: Jace and Jayden Valdez

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

Friendship Café Leader(s):

Computer Tech:

Sound Tech:

LiveStream Tech:

Counters: Pam Ellis and Deanna Carlock

My Take Away for Today



Coming Events

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 6:30 at John's Barbershop
- Women's Group Wednesday's at 6:30pm Community Room
 - Dixon's Annual Christmas Walk December 2nd
 - Next Communion December 4th
 - Next Church Board Meeting December 15th
 - Spark Retreat for Children's Leaders - March 2-4, 2017
 - General Assembly - June 13-21, 2017



ON THE SERMON HORIZON



Today - Philippians Chapter 4 Giving Thanks
Dec 4th - Advent Series Begins: For God So Loved John 3:16
December 11th - The Word John 1
December 18th - The Life and Light John 1

Join us onsite, or via Live Stream @ livingwellchurch.org

“Because of his boundless love, Jesus became what we are that he might make us to be what he is.”

—Irenaeus, third-century Christian apologist

~ Stewardship Update ~

Totals for 11/20/16

Tithe: \$327

Water: \$20

Total: \$347

Total for November: \$2124

Each One Disciple One is our Ministry Theme for 2017. Please begin praying about personal spiritual growth in two areas: #1 your personal growth as a fully devoted disciple and #2 As one who then also follows the instructions of Jesus to make disciples; your role as you help others in their walk with Christ. Discipleship is important in the Nazarene Church. It is part of our core. We understand it as absolutely central to the Gospel. The mission of the Church of the Nazarene is: To make Christ-like disciples in the nations. If you attend any Northwest Illinois District events you will recognize it as a recurring theme. By God's grace and for His Glory as a district church we envision 3,000 disciple-makers gathering in 300 churches with 15,000 Christlike disciples and 30,000 worshippers by 2030. Please allow me to recommend a resource written by Stan Toler and Louie Bustle titled Each One Disciple One – it serves as A Complete Strategy for Effective Discipleship. The book is a wonderful resource designed to introduce new Christians to the essentials of the Christian life and also serves as a valuable tool for more mature Christians seeking to disciple new Christians.

The book can be purchased in printed form or as a download at our Nazarene Publishing House. www.nph.com

Blessings as we follow Jesus together,
Pastor John

The Long View of Advent

Advent, which begins today and ends December 24th, is about preparing not only for Christmas but also for Jesus' return. According to Scripture, that won't be the calm, silent scene described in Christmas carols.

In 1928, Dietrich Bonhoeffer preached: "It is very remarkable that we face the thought that God is coming so calmly, whereas previously peoples trembled at the day of God We have become so accustomed to the idea of divine love and of God's coming at Christmas that we no longer feel the shiver of fear that God's coming should arouse in us. We ... [forget] the serious aspect, that the God of the world draws near to the people of our little earth and lays claim to us."

God is love; we'll be in good hands at the end of time. But during Advent, also be in awe of God. Embrace a reverent fear of the Lord that reminds you how profound it is that God chooses again and again to draw near and lay claim to you.

We are once again inviting the community into the Community Room during the Christmas Walk this year. The Walk will be held December 2nd this year. This is a great opportunity to show the community who, and where, we are. We will be providing cookies again and are in need of volunteer bakers. We would like to have a commitment for 1,000 cookies. If you, or any of your friends would like to be Living Well bakers please let Tracy Young know how many cookies you would be willing to provide. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Christian Symbol—Advent Colors

One of the season's symbolic colors is blue, representing hope. During Advent, we wait in hope to celebrate again God's coming in human form, and we look forward in hope to Christ's coming in glory at the end of the age. Purple symbolizes the royalty of Jesus, the coming Prince of Peace, and the penitence with which we receive him. Some congregations also use pink or white candles in Advent wreaths, with pink symbolizing joy and white symbolizing the Christ child.



Fiddler on the Roof, the 1964 musical about an Orthodox Jewish family navigating cultural change, includes a duet by the main character, Tevye, and his wife, Golde. As they watch their daughters marry for love, they contemplate their own arranged marriage.

"Do you love me?" Tevye sings. After first deflecting the question, Golde recounts the many things she's done for or with him during 25 years together — cooked, cleaned, endured hardships, raised a family. She concludes, "If that's not love, what is?"

When Jesus speaks of love, he uses a word that might be better translated as "serve." Above all, love is an action. Sometimes we feel loving; sometimes not. But Jesus calls us always to act lovingly. And in the end, serving is the best way to show our love.