

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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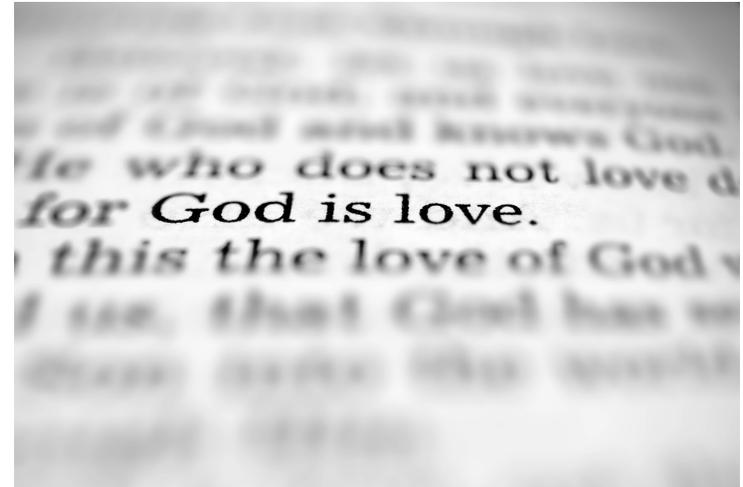
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Now Live Streaming small groups and sermons on Living Well's website.

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: For God So Loved: John 3:16  
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

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Words of Welcome

Welcome to Advent worship as we continue to prepare for Christ's coming!

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Preparation for Worship

May the spirit of the Lord rest on us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2)

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**Order of Service**

**December 4th 2016**

Preservice music: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Welcome and Announcements: Lisa Janes

Scripture Reading: Psalm 138: 1-2

Song: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Song: All Glory

Scripture Reading: Galatians 2: 4-5

Song: Hosanna

Pastoral Prayer: Romans 8: 37-39

Offering

Sermon: For God So Loved: John 3:16 by Pastor Trotter

Communion

Closing song: Freely, Freely/Amazing Love

Doxology

Pastoral Blessing: Ephesians 3: 17-19

Dismiss:

Greeters: Stephanie and Tina

Ushers: Jace and Jayden Valdez

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

Friendship Café Leader(s):

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Devin Scott

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters:

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**
  - **Next Church Board Meeting December 15th**
    - **Next Communion January 1st**
- **Spark Retreat for Children's Leaders - March 2-4, 2017**
  - **General Assembly - June 13-21, 2017**



**ON THE SERMON HORIZON**



Today - Advent Series Begins: For God So Loved John 3:16

December 11th - The Word John 1

December 18th - The Life and Light John 1

December 25th - Audience of One, The Word Became Flesh John 1

**Join us onsite, or via Live Stream @ [livingwellchurch.org](http://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 11/27/16

Tithe: \$417

Thanksgiving: \$115

Total: \$532

Total for November: \$2656

Thank you to all the cookie bakers and helpers for the Christmas Walk. It was a tremendous success with hundreds coming through and dozens staying to watch Peanuts: Charlie Brown Christmas.

Thanksgiving Thank You!

Last week we took a Thanksgiving Offering to benefit the World Evangelism Fund. Thanks to all who participated in this offering. Living Well Church will be forwarding \$115 to the WEF where it will be used to further the mission of the Church of the Nazarene: to make Christlike disciples in the nations

Plans for Next Week

Next Sunday Bill Young will be bringing our message to us while Pastor John and Jeanette spend their first Sunday at our Lost Lake Church. Pastor John and Jeanette will return for Sunday the 18th and will be ministering at both Living Well and Lost Lake Church. Beginning next Sunday, the 11th, our Morning Worship start time moves to 11:00! Keep Bill, John, and Jeanette in your prayers this week as they prepare for the coming Sunday. Satan loves the opportunity to cause disruption.

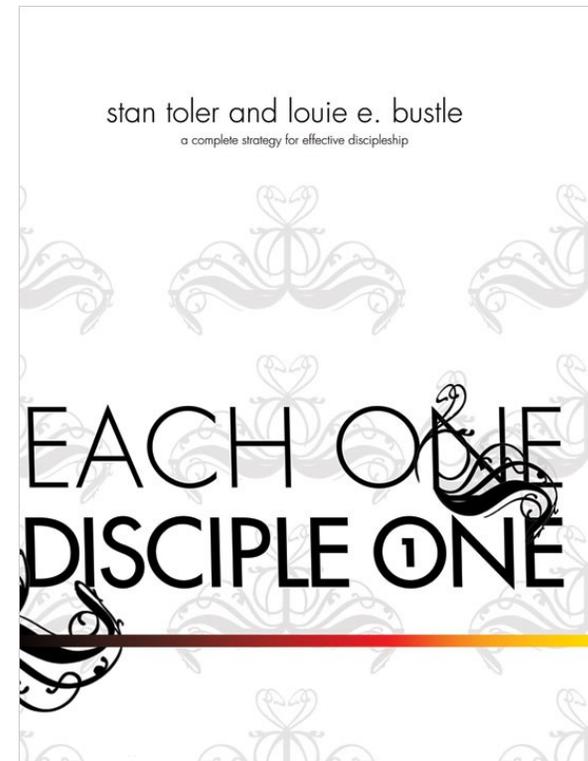
Present Possibilities, Frontiers of Faith

Brazilian theologian Rubem Alves called hope “the suspicion ... that the frontiers of the possible are not determined by the limits of the present.” Who among us doesn’t sometimes imagine our future based solely on present-day obstacles? Even biblical heroes did so.

Abraham and Sarah laughed at God’s promise of a child, seeing only their present circumstance of old age. Only in hindsight could Joseph see how God turned slavery in Egypt into great good.

At first another Joseph, learning his fiancée was pregnant, believed his world was limited to two possibilities: shame Mary publicly or divorce her quietly. But his heart was open to God’s message: “What is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. [Her] son ... will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:20-21, NIV). How exceedingly far this future must have seemed from the limits of Joseph’s present.

Christmas is a reminder that God calls us all into frontiers of the future we never could have dreamed!



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](http://www.nph.com)

Blessings as we follow Jesus together,  
Pastor John