

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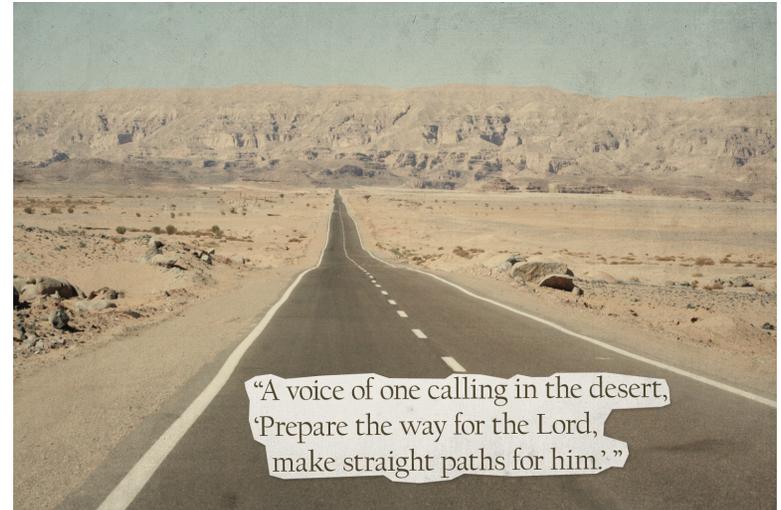
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Now Live Streaming small groups and sermons on Living Well's website.

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: Prepare the Way**  
By Pastor John Trotter

Meeting Sunday Mornings

Downtown Dixon

116 East First Street

Dixon, Il. 61021

Small Groups—9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Friendship Café—10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.

Worship—11:00 a.m. to 12:00

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Mission Statement

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

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Words of Welcome

Welcome to worship in this new year of our Lord 2017! Please greet one another in the spirit of Christ.

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Preparation for Worship

New year, new day and, always, new life in Christ. Thank you, Lord!

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**Order of Service**

**January 1st 2017**

Preservice music: Higher Ground

Welcome and Announcements: Lisa Janes

Call to Worship: 1st Chronicles 29:11

Song: At Calvary

Song: My Hope

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:1

Song: Offering

Pastoral Prayer: Jay "Big G" Valdez Isaiah 40:3-4

Offering:

Sermon: Prepare the Way , Pastor Trotter

Communion:

Closing song: The Power of Your Love

Doxology

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott, Romans 14:17-19

Greeters: Jay and Danielle Valdez

Ushers: Jace and Jayden Valdez

Worship Team: Steve, Renata, Jeseña, Carter, John, Paul, Bil

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 January 12th
  - Next Communion February 5th
- Spark Retreat for Children's Leaders - March 2-4, 2017
  - General Assembly - June 13-21, 2017



ON THE SERMON HORIZON



Today - Prepare the Way

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

Special Dates in January

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2017
- Epiphany, January 6, 2017
- Baptism of the Lord, January 8, 2017
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, January 16, 2017
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2017

**~ Stewardship Update ~**

Totals for 12/25/16

Tithe: \$467

Total: \$467

Total for December: \$3403.81

## Lessons From a Snowman

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- It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
- We're all made mostly of water.
- You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
- So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
- Don't get too much sun.
- Sweating too much can be disastrous!



### Undaunted

The year just past was wracked with violence, racism and political rancor. We long to fix these problems, but how? We may feel as frustrated as the church board member who spouted, "We've already tried prayer. It didn't work!"

Those words might resonate today, yet things aren't always what they seem. We can't see God behind the scenes crafting a new reality, but Scripture promises it. And though our prayers won't undo earthly death, they surround the grieving with strength and love. We can't "solve" sin, but our prayers can bring communities together and spur us to look out for one another.

The Jewish Talmud states, "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." In this new year, may we be undaunted in doing what we can. It might not seem like much, but things aren't always what they seem.

### What Awaits Us?

We're at the starting gate of a new year. What will it hold for us? Only God knows. Yet if God knows, why not try to discover his plan for us each day?

We should carry on a daily dialog with God. Following his lead is always interesting and challenging. And much of the time it's filled with wonder and joy.

I remember the story of a small boy who prayed to God at the end of a fun, interesting Monday: "It's been a wonderful day, God. What do you have in mind for Tuesday?"

What does God have in mind for you in 2017? Keep in touch with him, and you'll enjoy the trip around the sun.

—Charles Ferrell

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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

### Christian Symbols

#### **Hand of God**

This symbolizes God the Father, as well as his ownership and care of all creation. During the Christian church's first 800 years, the hand was about the only symbol used for God. Many Bible verses speak of God's loving, protective hand (Psalm 138:7; Ecclesiastes 2:24; 1 Peter 5:6). In heaven, Jesus sits at God's right hand (Mark 16:19)

