

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: The Testing
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.

Words of Welcome

Welcome to worship, Christian education and fellowship at Living Well Church. May God bless our time together.

Preparation for Worship

As the wise men followed the star to you, Jesus, may I follow your Word and encounter you in my life. Amen.

Order of Service

January 8th 2017

Preservice music: I Lift My Eyes Up

Welcome/Call to Worship: Psalms 121:1-2 Lisa Janes

Song: King of Glory

Song: He Paid it All

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:6-7

Song: Glorious Day

Prayer Chorus: Lord I Need You

Pastoral Prayer: Bill Young, James 1:2-4

Offering: Video

Sermon: The Testing , Pastor Trotter

Closing song: I Know Whom I Have Believed

Doxology

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott, 2nd Corinthians 4: 7-9

Greeters: Jay Fuller and Jay Valdez

Ushers: Jace and Jayden Valdez

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

Friendship Café Leader(s): Stephanie Scott and Shelly Long

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Devin Scott

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis and Other

← 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 - The Testing

Jan. 15th - Discipleship, Mark 1:16-20

Jan. 22nd - Spiritual Authority, Mark 1:21-34

Jan. 29th - Prayer, Mark:1:35-39

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

“Never trust anyone completely but God. Love people, but put your full trust only in God.”

—Lawrence Welk

~ Stewardship Update ~

Totals for 1/1/17

Tithe: \$722

Water: \$40

Total: \$762

Total for January: \$762

The disciples of Jesus had planned a night crossing of the Sea of Galilee. But that night the wind rose suddenly, shredding sails and cracking spars, and the waves pounded the hull and washed over the deck. They knew they were in trouble, big trouble. Jesus ... "rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was dead calm" (Mark 4:39).

I would imagine that the quiet outside the boat was nothing compared with the quiet inside the boat. Mark reports that the disciples were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this?"

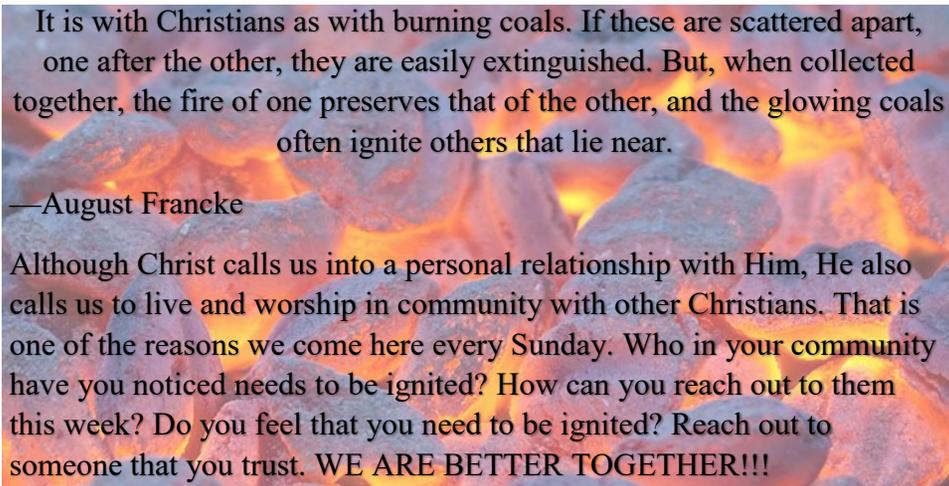
Who then is this? It is fundamental in the sense that, if we get the answer to this question wrong, nothing else will matter very much. But if we get the question right, we'll very likely get a lot of other things right as well.

But this question can only be asked properly in the way the disciples asked it: in the company of Jesus. They had already started to follow him, obey him. They were living in his presence. Who is this One, they wondered, who has called us and turned our lives upside down and filled us with awe?

The order of things is important. We don't first get answers to all our questions, and then decide to join the company of Jesus' followers. Instead, we begin by trusting Jesus enough to start down the road of discipleship. Then we try to understand who has taken us by the hand and what has happened to us.

-Donald W. McCullough, from Chimes

Ignite!



It is with Christians as with burning coals. If these are scattered apart, one after the other, they are easily extinguished. But, when collected together, the fire of one preserves that of the other, and the glowing coals often ignite others that lie near.

—August Francke

Although Christ calls us into a personal relationship with Him, He also calls us to live and worship in community with other Christians. That is one of the reasons we come here every Sunday. Who in your community have you noticed needs to be ignited? How can you reach out to them this week? Do you feel that you need to be ignited? Reach out to someone that you trust. WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!!!



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

Wisdom From a 3 Year Old

The mother of a 3-year-old girl was teaching her daughter how to pray the Lord's Prayer. After a few nights of having the girl repeat the prayer after her, the mother asked the child if she would like to pray the prayer by herself. She did pretty well until just after she prayed, "and lead us not into temptation." Instead of praying, "deliver us from evil," she prayed, "deliver us from e-mail."

When we see all the "spam" that comes into our e-mail boxes, who can deny the child's wisdom?