

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 Call to Discipleship  
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

Brothers and sisters, grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus. Welcome to this time of worship.

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Preparation for Worship

“Amazing grace — how sweet the sound!” Thank you for the undeserved gift of salvation, Lord God.

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**Order of Service**

**January 15th 2017**

Preservice music: Sing For You

Welcome/Call to Worship: Psalm 63: 2-4 Lisa Janes

Song: At Calvary

Song: I'd Rather Have Jesus

Scripture Reading: Matt 4:19-20

Song: I Must Tell Jesus

Pastoral Prayer: Jeanette Trotter

Offering: Video, Make Disciples

Sermon: The Call to Discipleship, Pastor Trotter

Closing song: Happy Day

Doxology

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott, 1st Peter 4:11

Greeters: Joe and Kathy Medema

Ushers: Jace and Jayden Valdez

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

Friendship Café Leader(s):

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Devin Scott

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis and Deanne 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
  - Next Communion February 5th
  - Next Church Board Meeting February 9th
- Spark Retreat for Children's Leaders - March 2-4, 2017
  - General Assembly - June 13-21, 2017



ON THE SERMON HORIZON



Today - The Call to 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](http://livingwellchurch.org)**

“There is no counsel like God's counsel. No comfort like His comfort. No wisdom more profound than the wisdom of the Scriptures.”

—Pastor Chuck Swindoll

**~ Stewardship Update ~**

Totals for 1/8/17

Tithe: \$632.61

Total: \$632.61

Total for January: \$1102

Answer: G (See Matthew 13:24-51.)

Colorado pastor Mike Paulison, who's made many mission trips to Haiti to build and maintain an orphanage, shares about prayer's power:

“On one trip, we were bringing large items that could've been problematic, because in Haiti customs officials often make up their own rules. We urged our prayer-support team back home to be praying as we went through customs. But when a storm delayed our flight from Miami for two hours, the schedule was off. We encouraged one another, saying at least prayers had been lifted. Later, on the plane to Haiti, I noticed I'd made a mistake on the schedule. It was off by exactly two hours. The supporters were actually praying the very moment we landed in Port-au-Prince!

“In line at customs, we watched officials opening luggage. But by the time we got to the front, the inspectors were gone, and we were allowed to walk into the country. We experienced firsthand the promise in Daniel 11:32b (NKJV): ‘The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.’”

**“Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.”**

☞ **Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship**

God's Promised Spring

Like winter, some seasons of our faith journey feel cold, barren, devoid of life. Will renewal ever come? Will spring flourish again in our heart? Yet the world bears witness to God's power to bring new life where all seems lost.

In the early 1990s, the St. Louis neighborhood of South City deteriorated sharply due to a stagnant economy, population decline and crime. Then Bosnian refugees started settling there. Thousands of people renovated abandoned houses and other buildings; they started businesses and brought skilled labor back to the neighborhood. As the area returned to life, the refugees experienced renewal, too — hope in place of discouragement, opportunities where none had existed, peace instead of war, life replacing death.

When our faith is challenged by despair, lost dreams or an uncertain future — when God's promises feel as dead as winter — real-life renewal stories are signs of spring. They testify to the resurrection God has in store for us.



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

Bible Quiz

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. A farmer sowing seed
- B. A mustard seed
- C. Yeast
- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above

Answer on page 6

