

About Living Well Church

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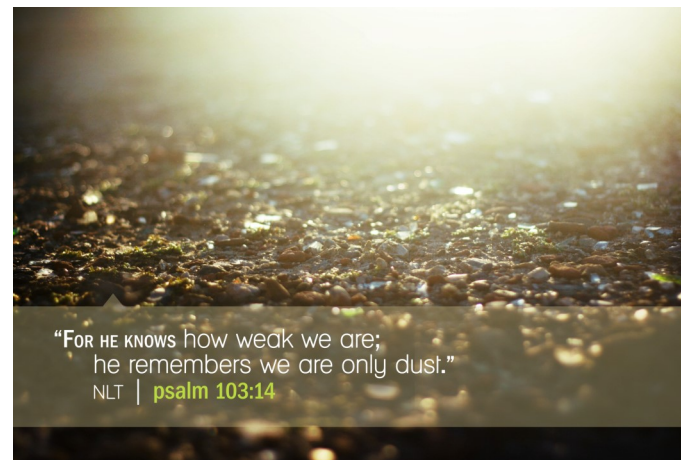
Now Live Streaming small groups and sermons on Living Well's website.

Go to www.livingwellchurch.org and click on the Livestream tab.



Oct. 15th, 2017

"Drink from the water / give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon:
by Pastor Bob Clardie

Downtown Dixon
116 East First Street
Dixon, Il. 61021

Sunday Mornings

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

Wednesday Evenings

Prayer Service—7pm

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Mission Statement

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

Words of Welcome

Good morning! We gather in the name of Jesus! Please greet one another in peace

Order of Service

October 15th, 2017

Welcome/Call to Worship:

Song: I'm Alive

Song: King of Glory

Scripture Reading:

Song: Take My Life and Let it Be

Pastoral Prayer:

Offering: Music Video—I Can Only Imagine by Mercy Me

Sermon: **Pastor Bob Clardie**

Closing Song: Here with Me

Doxology

Pastoral Blessing/Dismiss: Steve Scott

Greeters: TBD

Ushers: TBD

Worship Team: Steve, Bill, Rob, AmyJo, Carter

Friendship Café Leader(s): TBD

Computer Tech: TBD

Sound Tech: TBD

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: TBD

Counters: Pam Ellis, TBD

← My Take Away for Today →

Preparation for Worship

“O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things” (Isaiah 25:1, NRSV).

Coming Events

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 6:30 at John's Barbershop
- Prayer Service - 7:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Wed. of the month
 - October 21st - 8:30am - Ladies Breakfast at Lost Lake
 - October 22nd - Pastor Appreciation Dinner
- October 22nd - 4:30pm - Chili cook off /Trunk-or-Treat at Lost Lake
 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 11 - Food Drive for food pantry
- October 28th - 8:00am-1:00pm - Halloween Downtown Dixon Trick-or-Treating
 - November 5th - Next Communion
 - November 9th - Next Church Board Meeting



TITHES & OFFERINGS



Totals for 10/8/17

Tithe: \$850.02

Water: \$22

Alabaster: \$5.00

Total: \$877.02

Total for September: \$1953.02

What are the Grown-Ups Doing?

A Sunday school teacher was teaching a group of youngsters about the Israelites in the Old Testament. She kept referring to the Jews as the “children of Israel.”

A little girl interrupted her, wanting permission to ask a question.

“Certainly,” the teacher responded.

“Well,” the child said, “you keep talking about the children of Israel. The children of Israel crossed the Red Sea. The children of Israel built the temple. The children of Israel did this and did that. Didn’t the grown-ups ever do anything?”



Questions: What are we grown-ups doing to show that we are faithful children of God today? What is our mission? What is our calling? What does the Lord require of us to prove that we are God’s loving and serving children today? We are being watched. Are we projecting a message to our youth that inspires them to live lives that are obedient, that are on fire for Christ?

Getting Back to Funny

“The Queen of Clean”, Chonda Pierce, will be performing at the Coronado Performing Arts Center in Rockford on November 12th at 7pm. Pierce, an Emmy nominated and best-selling comedian, has been making audiences laugh for more than two decades with her winning combination of fierce wit and southern charm. A stand-up comedian, television hostess, author and now actress, Pierce has channeled her life experiences into positivity, bringing laughter to audiences around the country. Her hilarious take on life is easily relatable as she publicly opens up to her listeners about times of darkness and depression in her own life, drawing humor and good from every situation. Ticket prices are \$49.50 (VIP) and \$27.00 and are available at the BMO Harris box office, ticketmaster.com, awakeningevents.com

Making Contact

Prayer is ... a personal contact between embryonic, incomplete persons (ourselves) and the utterly concrete Person. Prayer in the sense of petition, asking for things, is a small part of it, confession and penitence are its threshold, adoration its sanctuary, the presence and vision and enjoyment of God its bread and wine. In it God shows himself to us.

—C.S. Lewis

Women of the Reformation

Although the names most often associated with the Reformation are male, women also played key roles in maintaining the integrity of the church. “Most were wives and mothers,” professor Justin Holcomb writes. “Some were also authors, apologists, ex-nuns and queens. All were faithful servants of Jesus.”

Women who made notable contributions include:

- Katherine von Bora, the former nun who married former-priest Martin Luther
- Argula von Grumbach, a Bavarian noblewoman who published letters and debated with university faculty
- Olympia Fulvia Morata, an Italian scholar who lectured on the teachings of Luther and Calvin — and was persecuted and imprisoned
- Jeanne d’Albret, queen of Navarre and a leader in France’s Huguenot movement, who tried to peacefully resolve tensions between Catholics and Protestants
- Marie Dentièrre, an aristocrat who left an Augustinian monastery to speak in public — even on street corners! — about church reform

No Substitute

The Christian community plays an important role in the life of discipleship because this community is nothing less than the body of Christ in the world today. It is among brothers and sisters in faith that we:

- experience the presence of Jesus Christ, living and incarnate;
- come together for worship, confess our sins, hear the gospel and receive Communion;
- accept church discipline through the gentle guidance of others;
- learn, through the successes and failures around us, what it means to live a life of discipleship.

“There is no substitute for living around other Christians,” write Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon of Duke Divinity School. A “primary way of learning to be disciples is by being in contact with others who are disciples” (Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony). We grow in discipleship as we strive with others to hear God’s Word, feed the hungry, welcome strangers and love one another.

—Homiletics