

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.

"Drink from the water / give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon: **The Great Disturbance - Matthew 2:1-12**
by Pastor John Trotter

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

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Words of Welcome

The Lord anoints us, as he did Jesus, "to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted" (Isaiah 61:1, NRSV). We gather here to be strengthened for this work. Welcome!

Order of Service

December 17th, 2017

Welcome/Call to Worship: **Isaiah 9:6** Lisa Janes

Song: O Holy Night

Song: I Am New

Scripture Reading: **John 1:14**

Song: At The Cross

Pastoral Prayer: Gelacio Valdez

Offering: Special Music (Anna, AmyJo, Steve)

Sermon: The Great Disturbance - Matthew 2:1-12

Song: Silent Night

Closing / Announcements: Jeanette **Matthew 1:22-23**

Doxology

Dismiss: Steve Scott

Greeters: Ella Mahnke and Deb Jensen

Ushers: Anthony and Jase

Worship Team: Bill, Alyssa, AmyJo, Carter, Steve, Renata

Frindship Café Leader(s):

Computer Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Tod Larson

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis, TBD

Preparation for Worship

When I feel frazzled amid all the Christmas preparations, God, calm my heart and remind me of the season's true meaning.

← My Take Away for Today →

Coming Events

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 6:30 at John's Barbershop
 - Prayer Service - 7:00pm on Wednesday nights
 - January 7th - Next Communion
 - January 11th - Next Church Board Meeting

The Great Date Debate

In *Lessons of Christmas* (Xulon Press), Daniel Armah notes that ancient scholars expressed more than 130 opinions about Jesus' actual birthdate, covering every month of the year. "Even with a debatable date," he concludes, "the blessing of Christmas is obvious."

Likewise, our Christmas celebrations aren't diminished by the possible timing of Jesus' birthday with secular festivals. "If December 25th was chosen to rival other pagan worship activities ... for want of a real date," Armah writes, "then that decision has been successful. Indeed those ancient pagan festivals have all been swallowed up, and Christianity has been growing since."



tithes & offering

Worship the Lord in Giving

Totals for 12/10/17

Tithe: \$503

Water: \$25

Tech: \$150

Total: \$678

Total for December: \$2095.01

Service Next Sunday

Next Sunday (Christmas Eve) we will have our regular small groups at 9:30 and Worship Service at 11:00am

Tech Upgrades for Christmas!!!!

We are ready for several technical upgrades.

- Necessary now - Main Computer to programs during worship \$550
- Necessary as soon as possible - Flat screen TV for front of Church, monitors (nursery and platform) \$1000
- Necessary sooner rather than later - Computer for Live Streaming and Switch box to Transition between cameras / necessary computer software \$2000

These special needs can be given to (in addition to our regular giving), by writing a separate check and placing (tech upgrades) in the memo of your check.

New Ministry Partnership

The Well will be starting soon on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

This new ministry is a partnership with KSB for us to serve as a distribution point for food to the community. We will be setting up a schedule of workers and establishing a task list. Please see Tracy Young to see how you can be involved.



Adopting a Family in Need This Christmas

We've identified a family in need and we'd like to bless them this Christmas. If you'd like to help, see Pastor John or Jeanette for more details.

"The most incredible thing about miracles is that they happen."

—G.K. Chesterton, by way of Father Brown

New Sermon Series Beginning in January :

The God of Re (creator and painter of light)

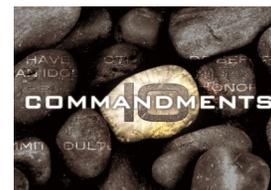
Re: again, anew, retell back, recall... God is a God of Re

God...re-members, re-news, re-fills and the list goes on and on of all the re He can do in our lives and in this world...but when God re... may also include some things that we do not usually think of as pleasant...like when God...re-fuses, re-bukes or re-quires...we may be tempted to recoil.

Jan 7th—God Renews and Remembers (Genesis 8:1) - Noah



Jan 14th—God Refuses (Ten Commandments)



Jan 21st—God Refills 2 Kings 4:1-4 - Elijah



Jan 28th—God Rebuilds and Repairs- Nehemiah



ARE YOU READY FOR RE?