

## 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.

#### **Lead Pastor**

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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 / give" ~ Jesus*



**Today's Sermon: To The Exiles: For the Anxious Sheep**  
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

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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 in Christ, welcome as we worship, learn and fellowship together. Please greet one another in friendship.

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**Order of Service**

**September 16th, 2018**

Welcome: Lisa Janes

Song: Lay Me Down

Song: Christ is Enough

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 11:28-30**

Song: Do It Again

Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Trotter

Offering:

Sermon: To The Exiles: For the Anxious Sheep 1 Peter 5:1-14, Pastor Trotter

Song: Who You Say I Am

Announcements: Jeanette Trotter

Doxology

Dismiss: Steve Scott

Greeters:

Ushers: TBD

Clean Team: Tracy Young

Worship Team: Doug, Lisa, Bill Steve, Rob

Nursery Staff: Small Group, Anna Kindle Morning Worship, Renee Kindle

Computer Tech: Bill Young / Mike Janes

Sound Tech: TBD

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis, Asst.

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Preparation for Worship

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus asks (Mark 8:29). Thank God for divine patience, allowing us to grow into full understanding of what it means that Jesus is our Messiah.

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← My Take Away for Today →

Coming Events

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 6:30 at John's Barbershop
- Ladies Group Sat. mornings @ 10:00 at Jeanette's office
- The Well Tuesday and Thursday Evenings 5:30pm—6:30pm
  - Next Communion - October 7

## RESTORATION MEN'S CONFERENCE

### October 12-13, 2018

A conference calling men of all ages to lead transformational lives as spiritual leaders in the home, church, workplace, community, and to impact society at large

Location: CENTENNIAL CHAPEL - One University Avenue  
Olivet Nazarene University - Bourbonnais, Illinois

A dynamic Christ-centered two days with keynote speakers, inspirational music, restoration stories, fellowship, prayer, communion, praise, and encouragement.

Conference Begins at 9:00am

October 12 - 3 sessions (Morning, Afternoon, Evening)

October 13 - 2 sessions (Morning, Afternoon)

Registration Now Open

\$25 before September 1

\$35 after September 1

For more details see:

[http://www.restorationmensconference.com/?utm\\_campaign=July%2B2018%2BeVoice&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=August%2BeVoice%2B2018](http://www.restorationmensconference.com/?utm_campaign=July%2B2018%2BeVoice&utm_medium=email&utm_source=August%2BeVoice%2B2018)



*Tithes and offerings*

Totals for 9/9/18

Tithe: \$995

Living Water: \$14

Tech Upgrades: \$5

Total: \$1014

Total for September: \$1736.82

Given for Tech Upgrades: \$2891

## Living Well Announcements

- **The Well, (Fighting Hunger Feeding Wellness)** is a partnership with KSB and Lost Lake Church and takes place every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30p-6:30p.  
**Set Up instructions for The Well:** For those of you helping with setup, please push the chairs up to the platform and stack the last row of chairs (dark purple) against the side wall. Then set up 8 round tables in space where the chairs were with 6 chairs around each table
- October 7th, 14th, and 21st Pastor John and Jeanette will be away on vacation.
- October 7th and 14th Rev. Nathan Rodehaver will be bringing the morning message
- Thank you for your faithful contributions to the church tech fund created to provide upgrades in our church tech department. This investment in tech helps our church share the gospel through audio/visual and online venues, such as our website and live streaming. Our next purchase will be for a computer dedicated to online streaming of our services. Currently we have about \$500 in the fund which would be about a third of what the cost of a new computer with sufficient capacity would cost. Thank you for your giving. If you would like to invest in this need just make your check payable to Living Well Church and write “tech” in the memo.

Pastor Trotter

“If you don’t see the greatness of God then all the things that money can buy become very exciting. If you can’t see the sun you will be impressed with a street light. If you’ve never felt thunder and lightning you’ll be impressed with fireworks. And if you turn your back on the greatness and majesty of God you’ll fall in love with a world of shadows and short-lived pleasures.” —John Piper

Speaking of the greatness of God... the farmers are starting to pick corn, which means the trees will soon be displaying their fall colors. This is a great opportunity to take a day or weekend trip to get out and see the beauty. For information on how the colors are progressing check out <https://www.enjoyillinois.com/plan-your-trip/seasonal-adventures/fall-travel-in-illinois/illinois-fall-color-report/>. This link is clickable when viewing online.

## Children’s Mission Day

Hello! The Children’s Missions Days are coming up quickly! This is a great opportunity for your kids to get a hands on mission lesson just for them. These are free events with lunch included. All three days will have the same activities so just pick the one that is most convenient for your church. You could even bring groups to different days. All we ask is that you bring 1 adult for every 6 kids and that you pre-register. Registration for each day will close the Friday before the event. If you have any questions’ please feel free to email me at [annark94@gmail.com](mailto:annark94@gmail.com).

Anna Kindle

Mission: Explore Nazarene Missions around the world and complete a missions project

Cost: Free (Lunch included)

Age Requirement: 5-12 yrs.

Timeframe: 9:30 - 12:30

Location: Bloomington - September 23rd  
Galesburg First - October 13th

Pre-registration is required. Do you accept your mission?  
[www.nwilnaz.org/childrens-mission-day](http://www.nwilnaz.org/childrens-mission-day)

## The Challenge of Scripture

GQ magazine recently included the Bible on a list of 21 books not worth reading, calling the text “repetitive” and “foolish” (among other things). Pushback came from both secular and religious folks. Writing in USA Today, Tim Swarens argued that even if you don’t believe in God, the Bible helps you understand Western culture, history, current events and your neighbors.

For Christians, the Bible — God’s inspired Word — reveals God’s love and will. It isn’t always easy to read or process, but no other book contains such good news.

As Danielle Shroyer writes in Original Blessing, “Scripture is a sacred book meant to provoke us in ways that will move us toward God. And often, that is the very last thing we are looking for. We would rather have an answer, a simple plan, even a nicely tidy moral story. But Scripture gives us none of these things, because the holy is anything but domestic. We go looking to find a plan and instead are sent on a treasure hunt.”