

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 spiritual development.

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 and click on the Livestream tab.



Jan. 6th, 2019

"Drink from the water / give" ~ Jesus



Today's Sermon: The Crown - "Long Live the King!"
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.

Words of Welcome

Happy New Year! And a blessed Epiphany Sunday and season! We have come to worship the King, just as the wise men did so long ago. Welcome.

Order of Service**January 6th, 2019**

Welcome: Pastor Trotter **Psalms 33:1-5**

Song: Praise Him Praise Him

Song: Thrive

Scripture Reading: **Psalms 33:20-22**

Update from Larry Jones

Song: That's Why We Praise Him

Song: Song: More of You

Pastoral Prayer: Larry Jones

Offertory: Larry Jones (Chaplain at KSB)

Sermon: The Crown - "Long Live the King!" - Pastor John

Communion

Song: At Your Name

Announcements: Pastor Trotter

Doxology

Dismiss: Pastor Trotter

Greeters: Jay Valdez

Ushers: Jay Valdez

Worship Leaders: John, Bill, Doug, Rob, Renata

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

Computer Tech: Brad Larson

Sound Tech: Raymond Price

Camera Tech: Mark Ellis

LiveStream Tech: Mike Janes

Counters: Pam Ellis, Nancy Trotter

Preparation for Worship

Lord Jesus, the Magi brought you precious gifts. Help me also give you my very best — always.

My Take Away for Today



Sermon Notes

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Coming Events

- Men's group Sat. mornings @ 7:00 at John's Barbershop Dixon
- The Well Tuesday and Thursday Evenings 5:30pm—6:30pm
 - Next Communion - February 3rd

A Prayer for New Beginnings

In his book *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth* (Fortress Press), Walter Brueggemann writes in an Epiphany poem:

... this is a time to be born.
 So we turn to you, God of our life
 God of all our years,
 God of our beginning....
 We dare pray that you will do for us
 and among us and through us
 what is needful for our newness.
 Give us the power to be receptive,
 to take the newness you give
 There is a time to be born, and it is now.
 We sense the pangs and groans of your newness.
 Come here now in the name of Jesus. Amen.

How fitting that the Epiphany season and the new year coincide! Epiphany reveals a new King, the beginning of his ministry, his new disciples, his first healings, his "new teaching — with authority" (Mark 1:27). We, too, experience newness, now and year-round. But newness can be tough. So we trust that God, who "[makes] all things new" while banishing "mourning and crying and pain" (Revelation 21:4-5), walks with us in this new year — and always.



Totals for 12/23/18

Tithe: \$842

Water: \$15

Tech Upgrades: \$5

Total: \$862

Total for December: \$3333.14

Given for Tech Upgrades: \$2,936

Living Well Announcements

- **Church Board Meeting** after next weeks service
- **Church / Home Prayer Group** meets in your home on Wednesday nights. If you would like to be added to the weekly prayer meeting please send an email to pastor John jptlivingwell@gmail.com
- **The Well set up** - Please stack chairs along the wall and then set up tables and metal chairs, so we have an open space for The Well. We have begun to offer a devotional during the meal and (as God provides) plan to offer live dinner music beginning in January.
- **Important Dates:**
 - Annual Church Meeting Feb 10th
 - Elections Feb 17th
 - Convention – March 23, 2019 – Pekin First
 - District Assembly – May 3-4, 2019 – Pekin First
 - Kids & Pre-Teen Camp – June 24-27, 2019
 - Teen Camp – July 22-26, 2019

“Pursue some path, however narrow and crooked, in which you can walk with love and reverence.”

—Henry David Thoreau

Kingfisher Faith

In a video on his publisher's website, Eugene Peterson tells of watching a kingfisher repeatedly dive for fish in a lake. Peterson counted 37 dives before the kingfisher caught its supper! “And he's the king fisher!” Peterson chuckles. From that bird-watching episode, he gleaned a ministry lesson: It may take a long time and many attempts — maybe dozens! — before something works out.

God calls us to live out his love faithfully, even when we don't seem to be accomplishing anything. Maybe we extend 36 invitations to worship, work 36 monthly shifts at a food bank or utter 36 prayers without seeing results. “What's the point?” we wonder. But the kingfisher urges us on: “Maybe number 37 is the charm!”

In the words of St. Paul (and mixing fishing and farming metaphors): “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9, NIV).

Goals for Families with Children

- 1) **We will strive to assist parents in “Training children in the way they should go.” Proverbs 22:6.** We recognize that the religious training of children is primarily the responsibility of their parents; therefore we will work to provide parents with needed resources to teach their children.
- 2) **We will strive to provide a curriculum that will help our children to have the Biblical foundation and understanding that will help them make wise choices and early accept Christ as Lord and Savior. (Deuteronomy 6)** We will have organized teaching goals. Our teaching will give children an understanding of the stories and teaching of the entire Bible. We will also provide opportunities for children and parents to learn together. Our lessons will also include discipleship training and the work of the Church of the Nazarene around the world.
- 3) **We will strive to prepare children to assume leadership of the church.** Our church is only as strong as the leadership team and the teams reliance of the guidance of the Holy Spirit, therefore we will provide them the opportunity to serve others, the opportunity to minister in the community, the opportunity to serve the body of believes. We will teach them about having devotions, giving to the church, prayer and the use of their Bibles.
- 4) **We will use NazSafe guidelines to keep our children safe while in our care.** This includes safe facilities, carefully screened workers and a clear communication structure between the church and the parents.



A Blast From LivingWell's Past — April 11th, 2010.