

# Nixa Church of Christ

## News and Notes

Meeting Times: Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday 6:30 p.m. Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Galatians 4:6-7

<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

<sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

 With sadness we announce the passing of brother Larry Hammar of the Riverside Road Congregation. Please remember his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

- We would like to extend thanks to Evangelist Steve Wright for being with us the first week of December.
- Please join us in welcoming Rose Forster to our church family. Rose placed membership with our group in December.
- We also want to extend birthday greetings to Sandy Ingram who celebrated her 80th birthday on December 18th; and marked the occasion with a party for family and friends in her new home of Fayetteville Arkansas on Saturday, December the 16th. Happy Birthday Sandy! We miss having you with us here at Nixa.
- Please take a moment to remember in your prayers, those of our number who are dealing with various illnesses and ailments at this time, or are unable to attend with us: Eldon Cox, Mauve McGinnis, Wilburn Moore, Jenna Lemons, Paula Waldowski, John Derhammer, Stacey Honeycutt, Mary Moore, Iva Meek, Ron Martin & Marilyn Allen.
- Please let us know, if you know someone that would like to receive our monthly bulletin. You can mail responses to:
  - Nixa Church of Christ, PO Box 1521, Nixa MO 65714
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# IN ERROR OR AN HEIR?

The English language has a lot of interesting features, which include words that sound the same but are spelled differently and words which are spelled the same but have different meanings depending on how they are used. For example, here are some words that are spelled the same but have different meanings, the word "feet" can either mean something you walk on or twelve inches; the word "lie" may either be not telling the true or assuming a horizontal position. In addition, there are words which are spelled differently but pronounced the same and also have different meanings. For example, "pear," which is a fruit, and "pair," meaning two together, both sound the same; also, "brake," which may mean a devise for slowing or stopping, and "break," when something is destroyed, are pronounced the same; another is the word "right," meaning correct, and "write," to put letters on paper, also sound the same. The examples you could cite (by the way that's another word which has different spelling and different meanings depending on usage) can go on and on.

There are a pair of words that sound the same but give a totally different outcome for the person seeking to follow God. Those words are "error" and "heir." The question to be answered is are you "in error" or are you "an heir?" Depending on which word applies to you will determine where you will spend eternity.

My dictionary defines "error" as "deviating from truth." What does that mean? When we are talking about our spiritual lives, it means we are not following God's commandments. We are talking about sin. Sin can take many forms and it can come upon us when we least expect it. Paul even admitted that, in the past, "sin... deceived me." (Romans 7:11) He also warned the Romans about sin when he wrote to them to "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body." (Romans 6:12) In addition, he warned Timothy that "evil men" will "wax worse, deceiving and being deceived" will happen. (2 Timothy 3:13) The end result of "sin" and being "in error" will be a separation from God and Christ at judgment. Sin has always separated man from God. It started back in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve ate of the fruit (Genesis 3) and it continued with the Children of Israel and it continues with us today. If we fail to follow God's commandments, as recorded in the scriptures, we are facing a separation, at judgment, that will last throughout eternity.

My dictionary defines "heir" as "one who is entitled to inherit." When we apply that entitlement to our spiritual lives it means we will be able to receive the promised home in heaven that God has promised for all those who are obedient to His word. Paul used the term "heir" a number of times when telling those, to whom he was writing, about continuing to be obedient to Christ. In Galatians 3:29 he called it being "heirs according to the promise;" in Titus 3:7 he referred to our position as being "made heirs according to the hope of eternal life;" and in Romans 8:17 he made the statement that "if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." When we become a child of God we become "heirs" and have a right to the promise of eternal life in heaven.

Let's compare the two words. When we are "in error" we have deviated from the truth and when we are "an heir" we are in a position to be one who inherits eternal life which God has promised. Two words sound the same but produce entirely different results. One results in separation from God and the other connects us to God for eternity.

The question remains, which are you, "In error" or "an heir?"

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# Calendar Events

#### Birthdays in January:

Jan 10 **Rex Farthing** Jan 12 Deanna Maples Jan 13 Chris Allen

Jan 20 Aiden Farthing Jan 23 Connie Harp

Jan 24 Gale Maples

Jan 26 Madison McGinnis

Jan 30 Stacey Honeycutt

Jan 31 Hailey Woodward

#### Anniversaries in January:

Jan 27 Barry & Marilyn Brownsberger

Hebrews 1:1-4 <sup>1</sup>God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. NEV

### Program Schedule for January 2018

#### - Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Speaker	Table
7	T. Allen	D. Carmichael	T. Dennis	J. Allen
14	Brownsberger	G. McClease	J. Allen	T. Allen
21	D. Young	B. Young	Brownsberger	M. Allen
28	M. Allen	C. Allen	C. Payne	D. Young

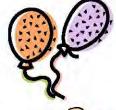
Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: B. Lee (The Book of 2nd John)





#### Mark your Calendar for January:

New Year's Day 2018 Jan 1 Jan 7 Leaders Meeting at 5:00 Jan 21 Carry in Dinner at Noon Jan 25 Bulletin Folding at 10:00 a.m. Jan 25 Ladies Lunch at 11:00 a.m.





#### Coming Soon in 2018:

Announcements

T. Allen D. Carmichael D. Young M. Allen

Feb 18 Dan Huff Mar 25 John Lee Apr 15 Tad Morris DougTwaddell (VBS) June 24-29 July 15 John Lee Aug 18-19 Louis Garbi Sept 29-30 Wade Stanley



- Sund	lay Evening -			- Wednesday	Evening	
Date	Songs	Read / Drill	Speaker / Class	Date	Songs	Teacher
7	Brownsberger	Bible Study	(Luke 23-24) - M. Allen	3	D. Young	C. Payne (2nd John)
14	Mutual Edification Night - M. Allen			10	J. Allen	B. Lee (3rd John)
21	T. Allen		Bible Drill Night	17	M. Allen	D. Young (Jude)
28	28 Mutual Edification Night - J. Allen			24	Mutual Edification Night - T. Allen	
				31	D. Young	T. Dennis (Revelation)

Wednesday Evening Study: Looking for Jesus on every page

# Contact Information

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David Young

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Nadine Farthing & Connie Harp

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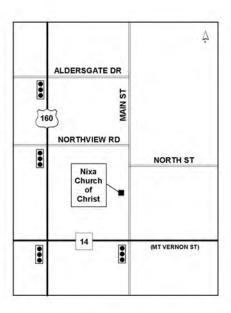
Karen Carmichael

Lock up of Building in January:

David Carmichael

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