

*April 2018*



## *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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Matthew 5:14

<sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

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- We are happy to announce that Laura Cox has placed membership with us. We are always very happy when She and Eldon can be with us.
- Thanks to all those who helped at our NIXPO booth this year. Our hope is that seed was sown that will someday bear fruit in the life of others.
- Thanks to Evangelist John Lee for being with us on March 25th; and we look forward to having Evangelist Tad Morris with us on April 15th as well.
- Please remember all those who have been on the sick list with winter, and those who are fighting persistent illnesses: Eldon Cox, Maeve McGinnis, Marilyn Allen, Mary Moore, Iva Meek, Paula Waldowski and Ron Martin.
- Please let us know, if you know someone that would like to receive our monthly bulletin. You can mail responses to:
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  - email us at: [NixaChurchofChrist@gmail.com](mailto:NixaChurchofChrist@gmail.com)Please make sure you give us a full address so that we can ensure prompt delivery; and thanks to those who have taken the time to send us updated address information. We truly appreciate it.

## ***A LAMP OR A LIGHT?***

Jesus in Matthew 25:1-13 likens the Kingdom of Heaven to ten virgins who took their lamps (the original Greek uses torches) and went out to meet the bridegroom; five were wise and five were foolish. All ten had lamps, but verse 3 tells us the foolish took no oil with them (no oil besides what was in their lamps). Verse 4 tells us the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. When the bridegroom came the foolish had lamps, but their light was going out. Why? Lack of preparation! The wise had prepared hadn't they; but where did they get their oil? Do we have just a lamp or a light? How do we make sure we have enough oil?

**1st John 1:5-6** <sup>5</sup> This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

**Genesis 1:27** <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own image*; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

God has always been light and no darkness. So we should believe that man and woman was light until Genesis chapter 3 when they disobeyed God and in doing so became darkness (Therefore walked in darkness) until God sent his son Jesus.

**John 8:12** <sup>12</sup> Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Do we want to have enough oil to keep our light glowing? Follow Jesus!

**Matthew 6:22-23** <sup>22</sup> The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

What are we filling our lamps with? What do we let our eyes behold to entertain and make us laugh? Yes Philemon 4:4 tells us to rejoice, but only in the Lord. 1st Peter 5:8 also tells us to "be sober"; and tells us why.

**2nd Peter 3:14** <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

Remember what the ten virgins went to do? They went to meet the bridegroom! Shouldn't we believe the five wise heeded 2nd Peter 3:14? The supply of oil that Jesus has is endless. All ten virgins could have had oil in their vessels but only five did; so when the bridegroom came the wise virgins didn't have just a lamp; they had a light. Now is the time to fill your vessels with oil. The Bible is the supply. Read it; study it.

**Matthew 7:7-8** <sup>7</sup> Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

One more place to fill your vessel with oil!

**Hebrews 10:24-25** <sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." NEJV

Is your vessel full of oil? So you can have (be) a light; or will you just have a lamp?

# Calendar Events

## Birthdays in April:

- April 1 Emily Woodward
- April 2 Bill Long
- April 3 Andrew Carter
- April 4 Iva Meek
- April 6 Morgan Allen
- April 20 Ron Martin
- April 24 Mary Jane Johnson
- April 29 Nadine Farthing

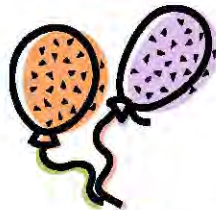


## Mark your Calendar for April:

- April 1 Leaders Meeting at 5:00 PM
- April 15 Tad Morris Speaks 10:00 / 2:00
- April 15 Carry in Dinner at Noon
- April 26 Bulletin Folding at 10:00 a.m.
- April 26 Ladies Lunch at 11:00 a.m.

## Anniversaries in April:

- April 3 David & Pam Young
- April 11 Tom & Ann Dennis
- April 12 Eldon & Laura Cox



## Coming Soon in 2018:

- June 24-29 Doug Twaddell (VBS)
- July 15 John Lee
- Aug 18-19 Louis Garbi
- Sept 29-30 Wade Stanley
- Oct 14-19 Rick Sparks - Week Meeting
- Nov 18 John Lee
- Dec 2 Steve Wright

Proverbs 4:18

<sup>18</sup> But the path of the just is like the shining sun,  
That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.



## Program Schedule for April 2018

### - Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Speaker	Table	Announcements
1	J. Allen	Waterworth	J. Allen	C. Payne	J. Allen
8	M. Allen	C. Allen	Brownsberger	M. Allen	M. Allen
15	D. Young	G. McCleave	T. Morris	B. Lee	D. Young
22	Brownsberger	D. Carmichael	J. Lee	D. Young	D. Carmichael
29	M. Allen	J. Gooch	D. Young	Brownsberger	M. Allen



Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: T. Allen (*The Book of Revelation*)

### - Sunday Evening -

Date	Songs	Read / Drill	Speaker / Class
1	T. Allen	Bible Study (John 1-3)	Brownsberger
8		Mutual Edification Night -	M. Allen
15	D. Young		T. Morris
22		Mutual Edification Night -	J. Allen
29	J. Allen		T. Dennis

### - Wednesday Evening

Date	Songs	Teacher
4	M. Allen	C. Payne ( <i>Isaac</i> )
11	Brownsberger	D. Young ( <i>Jacob</i> )
18	Mutual Edification Night -	T. Allen
25	M. Allen	Brownsberger ( <i>Joseph</i> )

Wednesday Evening Study: Character Studies - What 3 lessons can we learn for their lives?

# Contact Information

**Elders:**

Michael Allen  
Tom Allen  
Tom Dennis

**Deacons:**

Jeff Allen  
David Carmichael  
Rex Farthing  
David Young

**Flowers for Ill or Bereaved:**

Nadine Farthing & Connie Harp

**Food for Ill or Bereaved:**

Karen Carmichael

**Lock up of Building in April:**

Chuck Waterworth

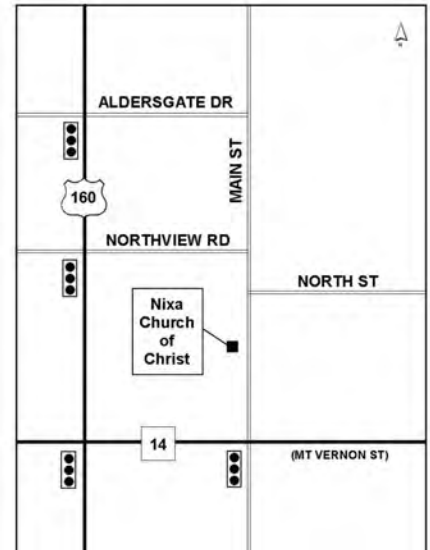
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