

August 2010



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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John 14:1-6 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know."

5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Our hearts go out to **Ruth Moore** and her family upon the passing of her daughter **Denise Maples** on July 5th. And while we are saddened at the news, we can take comfort in her decision to submit to God and embrace the waters of baptism. We were also troubled to learn of the loss of **Clinton Sparks** from the Smart Road Congregation. Please remember these families in your prayers as they navigate these difficult times.

We are happy to report the baptism of **Aiden Farthing** on July 11th; immediately after the morning services. Please pray for him, that he could continue to grow in grace and understanding with the Lord and with His church.

The latest word concerning **Glenn Frazier** is that she fell again last week. She has more bruises but for the most part is ok. Her bones are healing from her previous fall, and she has started physical therapy. Also, she may be moving soon. If she does, we will post her new address in next months bulletin. Someone else on the move is **Eli Choate**, who has been attending with us when he could. He has moved to Springfield and is now at the Spring Ridge facility, which is at 2828 S Meadowbrook Ave in Springfield. The phone number for this facility is (417) 429-4714. **Jenna Lemons** has also been attending with us when she is able, and it is good to see her with us when she can attend.

Also, please remember **Jane Gooch** who is not able to attend with us. All of these people need to be remembered in our prayers, but they would also appreciate our calls and visits, and a card in the mail is always nice to receive.

Also remember those from our group who have traveled to Vandalia, Iowa for the Two Week Meeting; that runs from July 25th to August 6th. In addition to this, we have three separate projects that are being worked on at this time. One, if you have historical information on the church here at Nixa, please get that to Chuck Waterworth as soon as you can; things dealing with Gospel meetings, VBS, births, marriages and deaths among the membership; as well as baptism's and additions. Second, we still are looking at having recipes submitted for our meeting in 2012. We are looking for things from the brotherhood and from within that are either historical or special; things that we can pass along to those attending. Lastly, in reference to the meeting in 2012; please take a minute and fill out your planning questionnaire for this meeting. The responses that we get will be essential to the planning work that needs to be done, and every persons thoughts on this is very important. Please have these turned in by September 1st.

Renewing our Spiritual Passion

The church at Ephesus had lost its first love (Revelation 2:4) and the church at Laodicea was lukewarm (Revelation 3:16). Both of these churches were unacceptable to God because they had lost their Spiritual Passion. Both of these churches thought they were ok in their service to God but were not. The church at Ephesus was commended for its works, labor, patience and their unwillingness to tolerate evil, yet John records that their candlestick will be removed if they don't change their ways and return to that first love or spiritual passion. The church at Laodicea thought they were rich with plenty of goods and didn't need anything, yet John also records that unless they renewed their spiritual passion God was going to reject them. The statement "spue thee out of my mouth" shows the amount of contempt that God had for the efforts being exhibited by that church.

In both examples the churches thought that they were doing the things that they should in order to please God. However, God rejected both groups because they had lost their spiritual passion. The word "passion" denotes strong feelings. Those feelings can take many different forms. They can reflect love, anger, hate etc. In each of those emotions there can be a strong emotion. If the "passion" is strong enough, actions to reflect that passion will follow.

It's interesting that in the dictionary the word that may follow passion is passive, which produces the exact opposite action as passion. That was the condition of the two churches mentioned earlier. They had lost the passion and now they had become passive. Their action had changed into inaction. When you add the word "spiritual" to passion you can realize what is needed on the part of Christians. We should be "on fire" for Christ and his cause. We need to have a strong emotion for the cause of Christ. That fire and emotion will be reflected by the actions we do as we live our Christian life if we truly have our spiritual passion. Some examples of men who had spiritual passion that are recorded in the scriptures include:

- 1) Nehemiah, when he heard about the condition of the city of Jerusalem & the Temple (Nehemiah 1:4)
- 2) Christ, when he chased the money changers from the Temple (Matthew 21:12),
- 3) Stephen, when he made his presentation to the Jewish leaders before he was killed (Acts 7:1-60),
- 4) Paul, as he served Christ throughout his lifetime.

The men in the examples used above all had spiritual passion and because of that passion acted on what they believed. Nehemiah helped rebuild Jerusalem, Christ removed the money changers, Stephen continued to tell the Jewish leaders of their problems even though he would be killed for his message and Paul continued to serve Christ throughout his life and was able at the end to say that a crown of life was awaiting for him. (2nd Timothy 4:7-8)

How is your spiritual passion? Is it strong enough for you to be able to make the same statement made by Paul? Or have you let your passion weaken and are you like the brethren at Ephesus or Laodicea? These are questions that each of us must answer for ourselves. We need to be honest with ourselves and answer them as correctly as we can. We need to remember God's reaction to the churches at Ephesus and Laodicea when we are assessing our current condition.

If we find that we have let the fire in our life dim, then its time to renew that passion in our life. We do that by committing ourselves back to the service of Christ and his church; we do that by studying his word; we do that by living our lives in accordance to his will. There are four "r" we need to consider as we make that journey back to spiritual passion. They are: reevaluating, remembering, repenting and rededication.

Tom Allen

Calendar Events

Birthdays in August:

August 5	Wilbern Moore	
August 5	Greg McCleave	
August 10	Rowena Martin	
August 15	Jackson Woodward	2007
August 20	Clayton Moore	
August 22	Pam Young	
August 23	Barry Brownsberger	
August 24	Raegan Allen	2000
August 29	Jane Gooch	1922



Mark your Calendar for August:

- Aug 1 Leaders Meeting at 5:00
- Aug 1 Ladies Bible Study at 5:00
- Aug 1 Kross Kids at 5:00
- Aug 6 2 Week Meeting Concludes
- Aug 15 Carry in Dinner at Church
- Aug 25 Newsletter Folding after services

Isaiah 40:28-31 "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

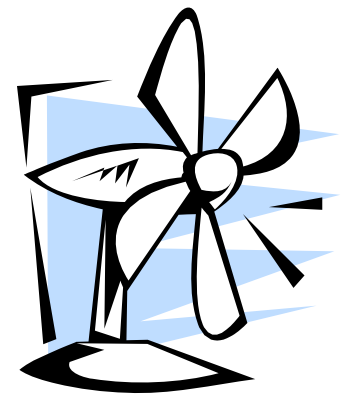
Anniversaries in June:

August 2	Travis & Rhonda Little	1997
August 12	Michael & Shelly Allen	1989
August 12	Brian & Katie Lane	2006
August 24	Danny & Debbie Krasser	1973
August 28	Chris & Shannon Allen	2008

Program Schedule for August 2010

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Speaker	Table	Announcements
1	Brownsberger	A. Owen	C. Payne	M. Allen	B. Long
8	E. Cox	J. Herndon	J. Baysinger	Carmichael	C. Payne
15	T. Allen	Carmichael	T. Little	G. McCleave	T. Allen
22	B. Long	B. Moore	T. Allen	C. Payne	M. Allen
29	D. Young	C. Pickrel	E. Cox	Brownsberger	J. Allen



Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: R. Farthing (*Chronological Life of Christ*)

- Sunday Evening -

Date	Songs	Drill / Reading	Speaker
1	T. Dennis	Bring Uplifting Verse Night	
8	Brownsberger	G. McCleave (R)	J. Baysinger
15		Mutual Edification Night - J. Allen	
22	J. Allen	Book Study (John) - T. Dennis	
29	Brownsberger	B. Long & G. McCleave (2 speakers)	

- Wednesday Evening Class: Book of Acts by chapter

Date	Songs	Teacher	Reference
4	M. Allen	Carmichael	Acts 13
11	T. Allen	M. Allen	Acts 14
18	E. Cox	C. Payne	Acts 15
25	B. Long	E. Cox	Acts 16

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David Carmichael 725-6392
Eldon Cox 725-3335
Rex Farthing 725-0710
Travis Little 683-1426
Bob Moore 725-9710

Flowers for Ill or Bereaved:

Nadine Farthing & Connie Harp

Food for Ill or Bereaved:

Karen Carmichael

Greeters for August:

Greg & Cheryl McCleave

Table Preparation for August:

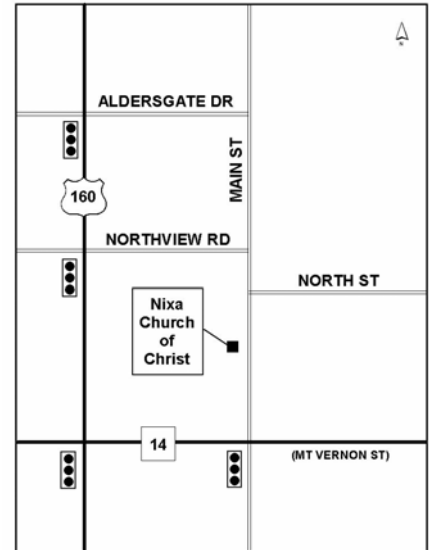
Rex & Nadine Farthing

Lock up of Building in August:

Wilburn Moore

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Nancy Moore & Shelly Allen



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