

July 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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*Isaiah 53:3-6* "He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

We are saddened at the passing of **Roy Harris** on Friday, June 11th. He visited the group here at Nixa several times over the years; and it's easy to see from the stories that were told about him, how he influenced those by the work that he did, and inspired those through the songs that he wrote.

We are happy to report that **Glenn Frazier** is out of the hospital. She fell on May 31st and broke a bone in her shoulder. Since this, she has relocated to The Neighborhoods at Quail Creek, which is at 1514 W Lark St in Springfield. She is in the Dogwood Section,

Room 14. We are also glad that others who have been in the hospital recently, (**Barbara Rountree, Jack Herndon & Eli Choate**) are now able to be back with us.

Our latest report is that **Danny Krasser** continues to get better and better. Please remember all of these people in your prayers, including **Ruth Moore** and her daughter **Denise Maples Moore**; as well as our shut-ins; **Jane Gooch** and **Jenna Lemons**; who attends when she is able.

Our Vacation Bible School recently concluded, with evangelist **Doug Twaddell** officiating. The meeting was successful, and a special thanks to all those who volunteered their time and resources as teachers and helpers.

There are 2 big meetings coming up in July; the Bible Campout Meeting in Eminence, Missouri on July the 5th through the 9th; and the Two Week Summer Study in Vandalia, Iowa on July the 25th through August the 6th. Several of our number will be traveling to both of these meetings. Please remember them in your prayers; that Lord willing they will have safe travel.

Finally, we have a reminder that we have included monthly, as we take a look back at this congregation's history. **Chuck Waterworth** is looking to update his book on the history of the Nixa Church of Christ; dealing with events that happened from November 1998 to present. He is looking for information regarding Gospel meetings, VBS, births, marriages and deaths among the membership; as well as baptism's and additions. If you have information on these topics, as they pertain to your family; please take the time to jot down this information and get it to him, and help us record these events.

The original book can be viewed at:

[http://apostlesdoctrine.files.wordpress.com/2009/04/nixa\\_church\\_history.pdf](http://apostlesdoctrine.files.wordpress.com/2009/04/nixa_church_history.pdf)

## *TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?*

### *John 6:66-69*

The day after feeding the 5,000 Jesus taught about Himself being The Living Bread which came down from heaven. Hearing this many of his disciples said, this is a hard saying, who can hear (understand) it? From that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him. Then Jesus said unto the twelve, will you go away also? To that Peter answered him, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that you are that Christ, the Son of the living God.

During Christ's time on Earth many followed him for different reasons. To be fed, to be healed, out of curiosity, or like Peter, because they honestly believed he was the promised one. When the multitude learned that His coming was for spiritual reasons and not for material reasons, and that his kingdom was not of this world, many decided that what Jesus was offering was just not worth it. Jesus believed in giving a man a free will so he could have the control to make decisions for himself. He forces no one to follow him yet wishes that all will. He offers so much that it should be an easy decision. But few find his ways attractive. He prefers a few who truly believe over a multitude who come only for the show. To Jesus quality is better than quantity. Peter made many mistakes but he had the right heart. He lied, denied, and followed afar off. But he truly believed and wanted to serve Him. He showed that power in his sermon on Pentecost.

Many leave Jesus today. They eagerly come to hear Him but when their life does not miraculously turn around their commitment slowly fades. Maybe it is because of tribulation or persecution concerning belief in the gospel. Maybe it's because of the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches that chokes out the word. The world is full of attractions that beckon us to them. Our job and responsibilities to others that depend on us can take so much of our too little time. Our carefree friends (of the world) can undermine our righteous ways and leave us thinking their ways aren't so bad. And even our lazy ways can cause us to rest on our past accomplishments. Although there is only one way to the kingdom of God, there many ways to the kingdom of Satan. Let's not fall for his tricks.

Let's recommit ourselves to Jesus. Let's answer His question, "will you also go away" with a humble NO! asking Him for his help and strength to resist the wiley ways of Satan. Every time when things are going so well with us or when things fall apart around us, let's say NO! we will not go away. Let's say that we will strive to grow closer to Him. Closer, because we know he is our only hope in good times as well as bad.

When He says, I will never leave you or forsake you (Heb 13:5) and I am with you always (Matt 28:20) why would we leave some one like that? A friend that sticks closer than a brother (Prov 18:24) is something most do not have. II Peter 1:4 tells us that He has given us exceeding great and precious promises. Many of our promises go unfilled. Who better than Jesus can make good on everything he promises. He laid down his life for us. (I John 3:16). He bought us with a price (I Cor 6:20). The price of His life. He gave us power to be Sons of God (John 1:12) and not only that heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ (Rom 8:17) His Kingdom is everlasting (II Pet 1:11) He died for our sins (I Cor 15:3). Can we truly read these sayings of Jesus and still say we will go away also? I can't and you know you can't either. If you are not absolutely sure go to a mirror. Look yourself square in the eye and ask yourself the question "TO WHOM SHALL I GO"? There are only two answers. One is Jesus the other is anything other than Jesus.

Barry Brownsberger

# Calendar Events

## Birthdays in July:

- July 5 Darby Allen (2004)
- July 8 Danny Krasser
- July 14 Rayma Young
- July 16 Sondra Johnson
- July 21 Karen Carmichael
- July 28 Jerry Moore
- July 31 Jack Herndon



## Mark your Calendar for July:

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 5 Bible Campout Meeting begins - Eminence
- July 11 Leaders Meeting at 5:00
- July 18 Carry in Dinner at Church
- July 25 Two Week Summer Study Begins
- July 28 Newsletter Folding after services

A farmer was working outside and decided to take a break under the shade of a walnut tree. And as he was sitting under this tree, he happened to look out on a pumpkin patch that was growing nearby. And he noticed the huge pumpkins that grew in the patch and how they were supported by this frail little vine; and he also saw the tiny walnuts that grew on the tree, and how they were supported by enormous and incredibly sturdy branches. And he said to himself, "Boy, God sure messed up when he



made these two. He should have put the pumpkins with the big, sturdy branches, and the small walnuts with fragile vines. That would make a whole lot more sense". About that time a walnut fell and hit him on the head. To which he replied, "I'm sure glad that wasn't a pumpkin".



We have to be very careful when we begin to think that we can see things better than God can; that we have some sort of special insight into the world. If we are looking to Jesus as "the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2); then we have to be willing to follow his wishes and not our own, if we are going to have any chance at obtaining eternal life.

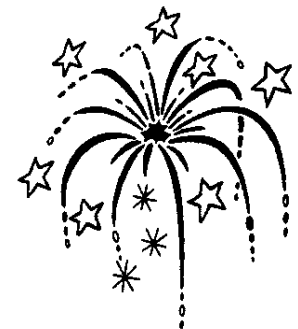
*Don't forget...  
The Ladies Bible Study and Kross Kids  
have been postponed until August.*



## Program Schedule for July 2010

### - Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Speaker	Table	Announcements
4	T. Dennis	C. Pickrel	M. Allen	T. Allen	E. Cox
11	M. Allen	Waterworth	G. McCleave	B. Long	Carmichael
18	J. Allen	G. McCleave	T. Dennis	T. Little	R. Farthing
25	A. Owen	R. Martin	B. Long	R. Farthing	Brownsberger



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

### - Sunday Evening -

Date	Songs	Drill / Reading	Speaker
4	T. Dennis	Book Study ( <i>Isaiah</i> )	J. Allen
11		Mutual Edification Night	M. Allen
18	T. Allen	Dual Speakers	(Brownsberger & J. Allen)
25	J. Allen	Bible Reading	( <i>Mark 9:30-16:20</i> )

### - Wednesday Evening Class: Book of Acts by chapter

Date	Songs	Teacher	Reference
7	B. Long	Brownsberger	<i>Acts 9</i>
14	M. Allen	B. Long	<i>Acts 10</i>
21	E. Cox	T. Allen	<i>Acts 11</i>
28	B. Long	J. Allen	<i>Acts 12</i>

# Contact Information

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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 July:

Rex & Nadine Farthing

## Table Preparation for July:

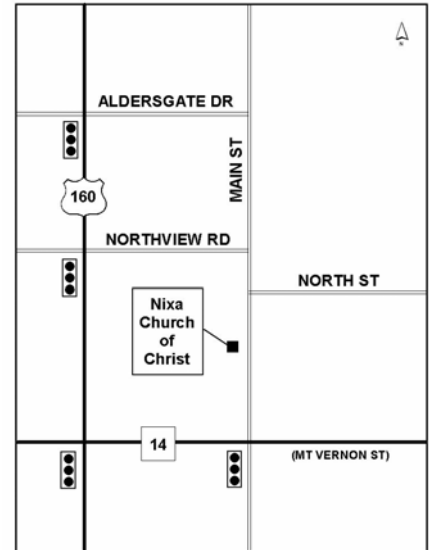
Greg & Cheryl McCleave

## Lock up of Building in July:

David Carmichael

## Bulletin Information:

Nancy Moore & Shelly Allen



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