

May 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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1st John 5:13-15 "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

We are sad to report the passing of **Shorty Preston** with the Riverside Road Church in Ozark last month, on April the 9th. Please remember Bonnie and all of their family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time. Please also remember those of our number who are ill or are continually battling diseases. **Barbara Rountree** is still not doing well.

They are running more tests but nothing has changed at this time. **Ruth Moore** and her daughter Denise are still struggling with Cancer. **Danny Krasser** continues to improve and work through issues as they arrive. May they continue to improve; and may each of us learn from the example that they set; on how to be a positive influence to everyone around us. It's been great to have **Jenna Lemons** with us for Sunday morning services; when she is able to attend. Please remember her and **Jane Gooch** in your prayers; and I'm sure that all would love to get a note or card of encouragement in the mail as well.

On April the 10th, the men of the congregation cooked Saturday morning breakfast for the ladies of the Church. The rumors of cold cereal and donuts were quickly put to rest, as those who came were greeted with fresh cooked sausage, bacon, eggs and pancakes. We are happy to report no bouts of food related illnesses, and all that were able to attend had a good time in fellowship with one another. On April the 18th, **Steve Wright** was with us to speak on Sunday morning and afternoon. It was good to have Steve and his family back with us again. It is also good to have **Bill Long** and **Eldon Cox** back with us as well.

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

Finally, just a few program schedule notes. Currently we have been going through the book of Revelation in the Sunday morning class. When this is concluded, we will be going through the life of Christ, in approximate chronological order. For this we will be merging the text of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John into an event based format, taking a look at each story as it appears. Hopefully this minor change in format will be educational and edifying to all that can attend. The Wednesday evening class will be going into the book of Acts; taking one chapter each week to study.

The True Constant in Life

“Change is inevitable. Change is constant.” This quote, from former British Prime Minister, Benjamin Disraeli, accurately describes our ever changing world that we live in. If you work in the health care industry, change has been a way of life for some time. This is most likely to continue for some time as health care reform, just passed by our nation’s government, is poised to have a major impact on the industry. If you earn your income from this industry, this can be a time of apprehension as it is difficult to project the true impact of these changes.

Sometimes change happens in other areas of our life that can cause great concern. A child can decide to “go a different route” and shun the teachings of his or her youth. A cherished friend can betray your trust and share your feelings and thoughts with others inappropriately. A spouse can determine that vows were conditional in nature and break what you thought were lifelong promises. We would rather that these things remained constant, but human beings are always subject to error, bad judgment and unreliability.

It is nice to have something in life that we can rely on. One of the big benefits of being a Christian is that God is completely reliable and does not change (Malachi 3:6). He has never broken one of his promises, and because of this faithfulness, he is completely worthy of our trust. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). If we make him the center of our lives, if we put our anchor in him, we will be able to persevere when others around us prove unreliable. Praise be to God for his steadfastness.

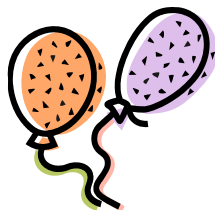
Another constant is the set of rules that we have been given to live by through his holy scriptures. These rules are not going to change and we can put our complete trust in that. We can spend our time and effort studying his word knowing that it will not change and our knowledge of it will not need to be modified with future updates. How nice is it that we do not have to worry about “Christianity Reform” being released by God that completely changes the rules. Sadly, some groups have not made this a practice and have updated or changed their religious practices. Many groups change frequently to attempt to accommodate the ever-changing needs of the general public. The end will justify the means claim many church leaders. When we attempt to change or modify God’s way, we go in the way of Cain (Jude 11) and worship God in the way WE want. This was not acceptable then and is not acceptable today. We must remember that God wants worshippers that are looking to worship him the way he has ordained, not the way in which makes us feel better or gives us pleasure. Let us be careful to not support or participate in the great apostasy away from the Lord’s church. If we remain constant, he will reward us for our faithfulness.

Jeffrey Allen

Calendar Events

Mark your Calendar for May:

- May 2 Ladies Bible Study at 5:00
- May 2 Leaders Meeting at 5:00
- May 2 Kross Kids at 5:00
- May 9 Mother's Day
- May 15 Nixa Sucker Day
- May 16 Carry in Dinner at Church
- May 22 Graduation Party at Nixa City Park
- May 26 Newsletter Folding after services



Birthdays in May:

- May 11 Angelica Martin (2004)
- May 16 Dakota Williams
- May 20 Jordan Allen
- May 21 Ruth Moore (Wilbern)

Anniversaries in May:

- May 14 Ron & Rowena Martin (1998)
- May 20 Dave & Jean Deason (1961)
- May 24 Greg & Cheryl McCleave (1975)
- May 26 Fred & Emily Woodward

Program Schedule for May 2010

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Speaker	Table	Announcements
2	M. Allen	B. Moore	T. Dennis	C. Payne	G. McCleave
9	T. Dennis	G. McCleave	E. Cox	Brownsberger	D. Carmichael
16	E. Cox	Waterworth	J. Baysinger	G. McCleave	Brownsberger
23	J. Allen	C. Pickrel	Brownsberger	T. Dennis	B. Moore
30	A. Owen	R. Martin	J. Allen	D. Carmichael	T. Little

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: T. Allen (*Finishing up the book of Revelation*)

- Sunday Evening -

Date	Songs	Drill / Reading	Speaker
2	Mutual Edification Night - E. Cox		
9	J. Allen	Bible Reading (<i>Mark 1 to 9:29</i>)	
16	Brownsberger	J. Allen (D)	J. Baysinger
23	T. Allen	C. Payne & M. Allen (<i>2 speakers</i>)	
30	Brownsberger	Q & A Night - T. Dennis	

- Wednesday Evening Class: Book of Acts by chapter

Date	Songs	Teacher	Reference
5	E. Cox	T. Allen	<i>Acts 1</i>
12	M. Allen	J. Allen	<i>Acts 2</i>
19	T. Dennis	E. Cox	<i>Acts 3</i>
26	J. Allen	C. Payne	<i>Acts 4</i>

Don't forget...
 Vacation Bible School is coming up fast. Classes will be nightly, June 14th to the 18th; from 6:30 to 8:30 each evening.
 Doug Twaddell will be in charge, and the lessons theme will be "Rivers of Blessings". There will be classes for the young people, as well as the adults. Now is the time to think about who you might like to ask to attend with you, so that we can make this as successful as possible.

Don't forget...
 Alecia Harp will be graduating from Nixa High School on May the 16th (3:00 pm) at JQH Arena in Springfield. The Party for our graduate will be on May the 22nd (5:30 pm) at the Nixa City Park.



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Rex Farthing 725-0710
Travis Little 683-1426
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Flowers for Ill or Bereaved:

Nadine Farthing & Connie Harp

Food for Ill or Bereaved:

Karen Carmichael

Greeters for May:

Jeff & Lisa Allen

Table Preparation for May:

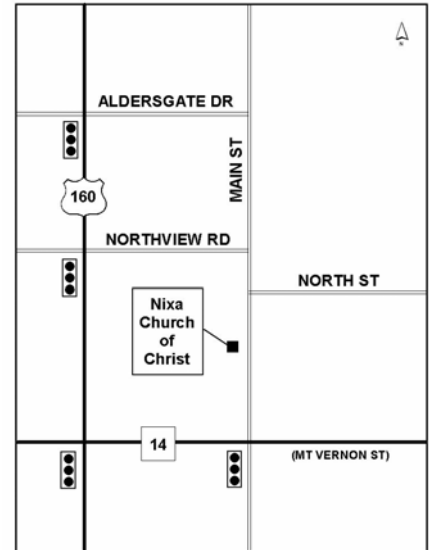
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Lock up of Building in May:

Tom Allen

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Nancy Moore & Shelly Allen



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