

## Nixa Church of Christ

### News and Notes

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

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"But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith."

Romans 3:21-25

- Thanks to Evangelist Jeff Yost for being with us to speak on July 13.
- We look forward to Evangelist Rick Sparks being with us to speak during our morning service on August 10 when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- Our condolences to the family of Chuck Waterworth who passed on July 22nd at the age of 98 years. He was a member here for 54 years and served as an elder for many of those. He also wrote a book called "History of the Nixa Church of Christ."
- Thanks to Elaine Holt for the birthday party and fish fry to celebrate Jerry Moore's 90th.
- We are pleased to share the announcement of engagement for Morgan Allen and Jeremy Onstott.
- Please continue to pray for those with special needs including Charley Payne, Bennie and Brenda Bogard, Nancy Moore, Nadine Farthing, Devin McCall, Clayton Moore, Jerry and Ruth Moore, Shannon Allen, Barbara Hutchinson, and John Derhammer.
- We offer live streaming of our Sunday morning worship on YouTube or for later viewing. Our website at www.nixachurchofchrist.org offers a variety of resources including audio messages from our visiting evangelists. There are also links to VBR (Video Bible Reading), The Gospel Message, and our newsletters.
- If you know of someone who would like to be added to our mailing list or have change of address. please let us know by email at nixachurchofchrist@gmail.com or our mailing address, PO Box 1521, Nixa, MO 65714.

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## Finish the Thought

Sometimes we quote part of a Bible verse and repeat it over and over without revealing the full context of its meaning. One such quote is part of Romans 3:25, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." While Paul is explaining that there is no distinction between Jews and Greeks regarding sin (Romans 3:9-26), and though it is true that we have all sinned, it can be misunderstood when pulled out of context. By itself, it is a quote without hope and may make some feel that they can never be found righteous in God's eyes. Others might think that it is useless to try to please a God that has already condemned the sinful, not knowing that ,"there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)

But to complete Paul's thought we need only to read the next verse (3:24), "being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus." Paul explains that justification is a gracious gift God extends to the repentant and believing sinner, regardless of their works. He emphasizes justification by using the Greek root word for justification over 30 times in the book of Romans. Though Paul describes the sinful nature of man in detail (Romans 1:21-32), his message is one of hope and redemption to those who have faith in Jesus regardless if they are Jew or Greek. (Romans 3:26, 28, 30)

Recognizing that we are sinful is only a first step on the path to salvation. When we realize the source of our justification is through faith in Christ, then our introduction and access into God's grace is revealed. "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into the grace in which we stand; and we exalt in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:1) Knowing that there is an alternative to a sinful life is up to us to tell to those who would listen. As the apostle Paul puts it, "How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" And how are they to hear without someone preaching." (Proclaiming the gospel) (Romans 10:14)

We should always finish the thought the inspired writer intended so that the gospel message is complete and encouraging to those who desperately need it. "For while we were still weak, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly." (Romans 5:6)

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## Calendar Events

#### **Birthdays in August:**

August 5 - Greg McClease

August 7 - Brenda Bogard

August 20 - Clayton Moore

August 22 - Pam Young

August 23 - Barry Brownsberger

August 24 - Raegan Allen

Justification - from Greek δικαιόω or dikaioō; to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent: — free, justify, be righteous. to render righteous or such he ought to be

#### **Anniversaries in August:**

August 10 - Jay and Suzanne Scott

August 12 - Michael and Shelly Allen

August 24 - Danny and Debbie Krasser

August 28 - Chris and Shannon Allen

#### Mark your Calendar for August:

August 3 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

August 4 - Ladies Class 6:30pm

August 10 - Rick Sparks

August 10 - Carry In Dinner at Noon

August 12 and 26 - Young Men's Bible Study 6:30pm (at Brian Young's)

#### **Coming Soon in 2025**

September 21 - Doug Twaddell

November 16 - John Lee



#### **Program Schedule for August 2025:**

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
3	M. Allen	C. Allen	M. Allen	D. Gooch	Brownsberger
10	J. Allen	D. Carmichael	J. Allen	C. Allen	R. Sparks
17	D. Young	B. Young	D. Young	J. Gooch	J. Bennett
24	J. Bennett	K. Farthing	D. Carmichael	Brownsberger	J. Allen
31	Brownsberger	C. Moore	M. Allen	J. Allen	J. Gooch

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: T. Allen (1 John)

#### - Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher			
6	J. Bennett	D. Young (Being like Samson)			
13	J. Allen	M. Allen (Being like Hezekiah)			
20	Mutual Edification - M. Allen (Faith)				
27	T. Allen	J. Bennett (Being like Elijah)			
Wednesday Evening Study: Old Testament character studies					

## Contact Information

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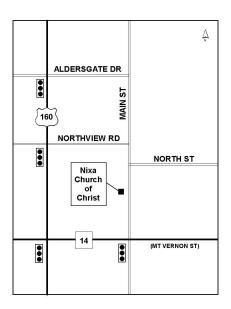
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