

December 2025



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

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

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“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”
Romans 6:12-14 NKJV

- Thanks to Evangelist John Lee for being with us to speak on November 16th.
- We look forward to Evangelist Wade Stanley being with us to speak during our morning service on December 7th when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- Thanks to Tim Bratcher, Smart Road Church and Dwain Stoops, Riverside Road Church for framing and enabling us to display an original roof tile from our church building built in 1912.
- Please keep in your prayers Greg Lindstrom, son-in-law of Jay and Suzanne Scott, for full recovery from facial injuries suffered from a pitching machine accident.
- Please also 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.

The Parable of the Truck Drivers

When Loralee and I lived in Ohio, one of the elderly brothers there told a story about hiring truck drivers. I don't know if he originated the story or just liked it enough to tell it often. He repeated it enough that it finally stuck with me, and 25 years later I still remember it. Based on the definition of a parable that I was taught as a child, an earthly story with a heavenly meaning, I would like to present the truck driver parable to you.

There were three truck drivers competing for the same job. In their private individual interviews, they were only asked the following one question. "If you are driving a truck load of goods on the mountainside how close can you get to the edge?" The first driver said, "I can get within two feet of the edge." The second driver, after thinking he probably needed to be closer than the first, said "I could get within one foot of the edge." The third driver said, "I would stay as far from the edge as possible." In this parable the interviewer is God. The truck drivers are Christians, and the edge of the mountain is sin. The result of falling off the edge of the mountain is death. Eternal death is also the result of our life if we spend it in sin. "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23) "and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15).

We need to stay as far away from sin as we can. Jesus emphasizes this point when he states "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell." (Matthew 5:28-30 NKJV)

Jesus is telling us to stay far away from adultery, don't even think about it in your heart. Stay away from lusts of the eye because it can lead to sin. Jesus tells us to cut off our hand if that will keep us from sinning and being cast into hell. His message is clear, stay away from sin! Paul also tells us to stay away from sin. "Flee fornication." (I Corinthians 6:18) "Flee from idolatry." (I Corinthians 10:14) "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness." (I Timothy 6:9-10)

So, Paul tells us not just to stay away from sin, but to flee, or run away from sin and chase after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience and gentleness. As we travel down life's highway let's remember the words of Jesus; "strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (Matthew 7:14). We can't spend our journey deviating towards sin. We need to stay on the narrow path, the way that leads to eternal life in heaven with God. Steer your life far away from sin!

James Bennett

Calendar Events

Birthdays in December:

December 8 - Dave Deason

December 13 - Lisa Allen

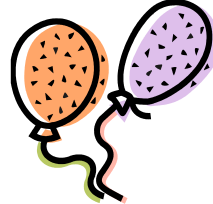
December 18 - Sandy Ingram

December 19 - Alesia Carter

December 23 - Debbie Krasser

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV



Anniversaries in December:

December 7 - Joshua and Lauren Sherman

December 16 - Benny and Brenda Bogart

December 24 - Gale and Deanna Maples

Mark your Calendar for December:

December 1 - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm

December 2 and 16 - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm (at Brian Young's)

December 7 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

December 7 - Wade Stanley

December 7 - Carry In Dinner at noon, theme: Italian

December 25 - Christmas Day

Coming Soon in 2026

January 18 - John Morris

February 15 - Dan Huff

March 8 - Wade Stanley

Program Schedule for December 2025:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
7	D. Young	C. Allen	D. Young	J. Bennett	W. Stanley
14	J. Allen	A. Carter	J. Allen	D. Young	B. Lee
21	T. Allen	B. Young	D. Carmichael	M. Allen	J. Bennett
28	M. Allen	G. McCleave	M. Allen	A. Carter	J. Allen

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: Brownsberger (Revelation)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
3	J. Bennett	J. Allen (<i>Being like Matthew</i>)
10	T. Allen	A. Carter (<i>Being like John the Baptist</i>)
17	M. Allen	B. Lee (<i>Being like Apollos</i>)
24	Mutual Edification - J. Allen (<i>Theme: Gifts from God</i>)	
31	D. Young	G. McCleave (<i>Being like Peter</i>)

Wednesday Evening Study: New Testament character studies

Contact Information

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Michael Allen

Tom Allen

Jeff Allen

David Carmichael

Deacons:

Greg McClease

David Young

Flowers for Ill or Bereaved:

Lisa Allen

Food for Ill or Bereaved:

Cheryl McClease

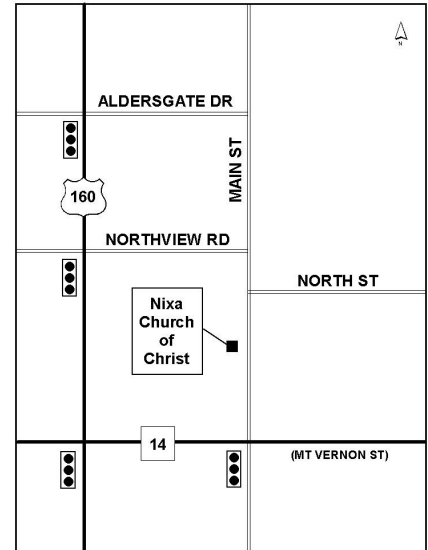
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