



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

Meeting Times:

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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“And Joshua said, “Alas, Lord GOD, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all—to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, that we had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the Jordan! O Lord, what shall I say when

Israel turns its back before its enemies? For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear it, and surround us, and cut off our name from the earth. Then what will You do for Your great name?”

Joshua 7:7-9 NKJV

- Thanks to Evangelist Wade Stanley for being with us to speak on December 7th.
- We look forward to Evangelist John Morris being with us to speak during our morning service on January 18th when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- We are pleased to share that Shea Estep and Velvet Clay were united in marriage on December 20 with David Carmichael officiating. Then each were baptized on the following Monday by Michael Allen. We welcome Shea and Velvet to our congregation.
- We are also pleased to share that Jeremy Onstott, fiancé of Morgan Allen, was baptized on December 28 by Michael Allen. We welcome Jeremy to our congregation.
- Please continue to pray for those with special needs including Darby Allen, Jean Deason, Charley Payne, 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 Little Things

The Lord told Joshua to "be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9). Everything was going well for Joshua from that point on. Crossing Jordan? Finally! A lot of water, but no problem. Jericho? Just follow the Lord's instructions for a week and everything will fall into place. Next, little Ai. When Joshua's scouts reported back to him saying, "the people of Ai are few, you will not need to send everyone into battle, 2,000 or 3,000 is all that will be needed," it looked like it would be another easy day. But when Joshua realized Israel was soundly defeated, he "tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord," trying to make sense of what just happened. Possibly Joshua thought, I don't understand. God! how could you let this happen? Did you bring us here to fail? I thought You were going to be with me/us? I am so confused.

Joshua remained prostrate before the ark of the Lord until evening. You can read what he was thinking in Joshua 7:7-9

Joshua, who had been encouraged by both Moses and the Lord, is now weak, afraid and as dismayed as anyone could be, thinking the Lord was now not with him and that the entire nation of Israel would be cut off and perish.

Where had they failed? How could they be so soundly defeated by little Ai?

Overconfidence may have been a factor in that loss. After the massive victory at Jericho they may have become confident in their own abilities to do it again. But their success would not be guaranteed by their past victory. Victory for them would come only by obedience to what God had required of them.

We know the real reason for Israel's failure at Ai. God said, "Abstain from the accursed things , lest you become accursed..." (Joshua 6:18) Sin had separated Israel from God. When you read the sixth chapter of Joshua, verse 18 may not stand out as much as all the other strategic details concerning how Israel would march around Jericho, shout and sound the trumpet after seven days but, those 9 little words would become a major factor for Israel at Ai and afterward.

For us, that accursed thing....the thing that can separate us from God is; not doing exactly what He tells to do. It may be us thinking we can do things a little differently than He tells us. It may be us thinking we can handle things without His help. It could be we aren't paying close enough attention to what God has told us to guide us through things He knows will come our way.

Let's let the lesson of the defeat at Ai remind us how every little thing that God warns us about can affect the big things in our life and our relationship with Him.

And when you fail, "Get up, and sanctify yourself" through the One who came to save us from our sinful ways. Jesus, God's gift to us.

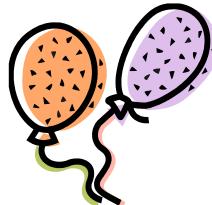
Barry Brownsberger

Birthdays in January:

January 12 - Deanna Maples
 January 13 - Chris Allen
 January 14 - Shea Estep
 January 20 - Elaine Holt
 January 24 - Gale Maples

“Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 1:10-11 NKJV

Calendar Events**Anniversaries in January:**

Jan 27 - Barry & Marilyn Brownsberger

Mark your Calendar for January:

January 1 - New Year's Day
 January 4 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am
 January 12 - Ladies Class 6:30pm
 January 13 and 27 - Men's Bible Class 6:30pm (at Brian Young's)
 January 18 - John Morris
 January 18 - Carry-in Dinner at Noon
 January 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Coming Soon in 2026

February 15 - Dan Huff
 March 8 - Wade Stanley
 April 19 - Jeff Yost
 May 31 - Doug Twaddell

Program Schedule for January 2026:**- Sunday Morning -**

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
4	D. Young	D. Gooch	D. Young	G. McClease	M. Allen
11	Brownsberger	C. Allen	D. Carmichael	B. Young	J. Gooch
18	J. Bennett	A. Carter	D. Young	D. Gooch	J. Morris
25	J. Allen	J. Gooch	J. Allen	C. Allen	T. Allen

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: B. Lee (Story of Jesus through the Harmony of the Gospels)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
7	J. Bennett	D. Carmichael (<i>Deborah's role as a prophet and Judge of Israel, Judges 4</i>)
14	T. Allen	J. Allen (<i>What is a prophet? What role do they play? Fulfillment of prophecy</i>)
21	D. Young	Brownsberger (<i>Nathan and his role, how he spoke the truth, 2 Samuel 7 & 12</i>)
28	Brownsberger	J. Bennett (<i>Elijah emerges to confront the nation and more, 1 Kings 17 & 18</i>)

Wednesday Evening Study: A more extensive study of the prophets, specific stories and concepts

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Lisa Allen

Food for Ill or Bereaved:

Cheryl McClease

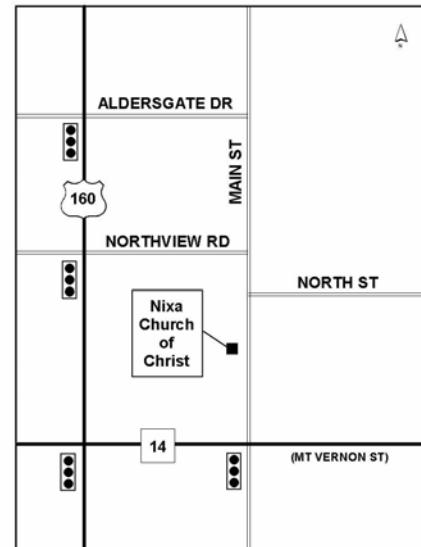
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