

October 2025



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

Meeting Times:

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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“Then the Lord said to him: “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

1 Kings 19:15-18

- Thanks to Evangelist Doug Twaddell for being with us to speak on September 21st.
- We look forward to the 2025 Harvest of Blessings Fall Meeting, hosted by the Ozark Riverside Road congregation on Oct 18th and 19th featuring local and out of town speakers.
- Thanks to James Bennett for leading discussion of the “Kingdom of God” at the Men’s Bible study.
- 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.

Kissing the Calf

Hosea 6:6 “For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.”

God’s message through the prophet Hosea focused on the spiritual infidelity of the people, and was centered on the two statements that we see in chapter 6, verse 6. In that God wanted the people to be loyal to Him, and He wanted them to have a strong knowledge of what He expected from them; in regards to worship. And this premise seemed to be summed up within two unusual verses that we have in Hosea. In Hosea 13:2, when speaking against idolatry, Hosea makes the statement: “Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves!”

In other words, let the idolator show his level of devotion and adoration by physically kissing the idol. Not something that just anyone would consider; but spoke to the level of commitment that seemed to be present toward idolatry at that time. This and so many other thoughts within the major and minor prophets were devoted to the issue of idolatry, and it’s easy to feel that things like this are long since past. But they are not as removed as one might think. To discover this, all one needs to do is visit your local home interior store, and count the number of different idols that are being used today as decorations. And though they might seem to be an innocent décor choice, they represent a larger issue than just the teetering idol that Jeremiah 10 mentions. Within the 10 Commandments we are told to have no other gods before God. And so the notion of idolatry takes in more than just an object, it’s also the idea of placing things ahead of God; and having them as number one in our lives. And with this, anything that we place above God or put in place of God becomes an idol to us; not just a statue on a shelf.

The other statement that caught my eye was in Hosea 3:1, where Hosea talks about those “who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans.”

This verse is addressing those that look to the practices of idolatry and other religions with a wishful eye. They seem to be ones that were followers of God, but were either led away by these things, or wanted to incorporate them into their worship of God. But the idea that we need to consider is this. Do we worship for ourselves or do we worship for God? And I think that to a certain degree that the answer to both of these questions would have to be yes. Just looking at how edification is presented in the Bible tells us that part of our worship is to build each other up. But that can only be done through the construct of following the written word of what God has told us, what HE wants for worship. And while raisin cakes may not sound very appetizing to me, they represent a larger concept of serving God in the manner that He has requested. The bottom line, is that none of us would want God to tell us that we had been unfaithful to Him, or that we hadn’t bothered to take the time to find out what His instructions for us are. That WE had longed for the raisin cakes of the pagans, or that WE were guilty of kissing the calf. And with that, the prophetic words of Hosea are just as applicable today as they were many, many years ago. In that God wants the same things from us today. One, that we put Him first in our lives; and two, that we study His word so that we have a knowledge of what He has asked us to do.

Michael Allen

Calendar Events

Birthdays in October:

October 3 - Cheryl McCleave

October 9 - Levi Carter

October 12 - Shannon Allen

October 19 - Darl Gooch

October 24 - Jean Deason

October 28 - Barbara Hutchinson

October 30 - Charles Payne

“Who is wise?

Let him understand these things.

Who is prudent?

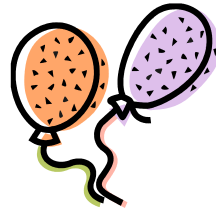
Let him know them.

For the ways of the Lord are right;

The righteous walk in them,

But transgressors stumble in them.”

Hosea 14:9



Anniversaries in October:

October 20 - Jerry and Ruth Moore

Mark your Calendar for October:

October 5 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

October 6 - Ladies Class 6:30pm

October 13 - Columbus Day Holiday

October 7 and 21 - Men’s Bible Study
6:30pm (at Brian Young’s)

October 18-19 - Fall Meeting at Ozark

Services:

Saturday - 4:00pm, Dinner - 5:30, 7:00pm

Sunday - 9:30am, Lunch - 11:45, 1:30pm

Coming Soon in 2025

November 16 - John Lee

December 14 - Wade Stanley

Program Schedule for October 2025:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
5	J. Bennett	C. Allen	D. Young	G. McCleave	B. Lee
12	Brownsberger	A. Carter	M. Allen	D. Gooch	J. Bennett
19	J. Allen	B. Young	J. Allen	C. Allen	Brownsberger
26	M. Allen	G. McCleave	M. Allen	B. Young	J. Allen

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: D. Carmichael (Jude, Revelation)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
1	T. Allen	D. Carmichael (Being like Phillip)
8	M. Allen	Brownsberger (Being like Stephen)
15	J. Allen	T. Allen (Being like John)
22	J. Bennett	J. Gooch (Being like Barnabas)
29	Mutual Edification	D. Young (Theme Praise)

Wednesday Evening Study: New Testament character studies

Contact Information

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Tom Allen

Jeff Allen

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Greg McClease

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Lisa Allen

Food for Ill or Bereaved:

Cheryl McClease

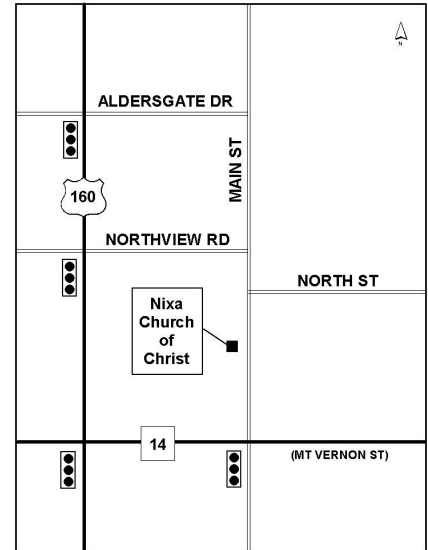
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