

October 2026



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

Meeting Times:

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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"Now Martha said to Jesus,
"Lord, if You had been here, my
brother would not have died.

But even now I know that
whatever You ask of God, God
will give You."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother
will rise again."

Martha said to Him, "I know
that he will rise again in the
resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the
resurrection and the life. He who
believes in Me, though he may
die, he shall live. And whoever
lives and believes in Me shall
never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I
believe that You are the Christ,
the Son of God, who is to come
into the world."

John 11:21-27

- Thanks to Evangelist John Lee for being with us to speak on September 13th.
- Please join us for our Fall Meeting on October 17-18. The theme is "Back to the Bible." Saturday speakers are Doug Twaddell, "The Church as Jesus Built It," and Louis Garbi, "The Great Apostacy." The Sunday speakers are Doug Twaddell, "The Reformation," and Rick Sparks, "The Restoration Movement highlighting the work of Barton Stone & Alexander Campbell." In the afternoon, Rick Sparks will continue, "Highlighting the Work of Daniel Sommer and Carl Ketcherside," and "Is the Restoration Plea Valid Today?"
- We are very pleased to share that Wayne Creed was obedient to the gospel and baptized on September 22 by David Carmichael. We welcome him to our church family.
- Please continue to pray for those with special needs including Ruth Moore, Leslie Waterworth, Lisa Allen, Darby Allen, Jean Deason, Charley Payne, Brenda Bogard, Nancy Moore, Nadine Farthing, Clayton Moore, Jerry 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 Seven I AMs of Jesus

While Jesus was conducting his ministry here on earth, he referred to himself in a number of different ways. One expression that was used several times was the phrase, “I AM.” He would then apply an addition to the phrase to complete the thought and to give it the emphasis or to modify it to express the emphasis he wanted to make. Each of the cases was usually related to a physical event that had just occurred.

1. I AM the Bread of Life – John 6:35: The physical event that had just occurred was the miracle of the feeding of the 5000 recorded in John 6:1-15. The spiritual message that Jesus was trying to get across to these people was that he is the only source of nourishment for the spiritual body, just as the bread was for the physical body. It is in Jesus alone that our spiritual hunger is satisfied.
2. I AM the Light of the World – John 8:12: Mankind needs light in order to move around and function in our physical life. We use the sun by day and the moon and artificial light by night to be able to function in our physical life. Jesus applies this principle to our spiritual life. He is the only source of spiritual light. Without his spiritual light we can only wander around in darkness. With his light we can see the path to salvation. Jesus uses this “I AM” statement in John 9:5 after his disciples had brought him a man who was blind. He then healed the blind man and restored his sight. This statement highlights Jesus as the source of truth and guidance in a world darkened by sin.
3. I AM the Door – John 10:9: What does a door provide to the physical man? It provides a source of access. With that access the physical man can enter into the building. Jesus is telling us that he is the only source or access for the spiritual man to achieve salvation. Anyone who tries to enter other than through the door, Jesus calls “a thief and a robber.” John 10:1
4. I AM the Good Shepherd – John 10:11: The country, at that time, raised a lot of sheep. Therefore, it was important to have a reliable person to protect the flock from robbers and predators. Someone who was just a hireling would be more concerned about his own safety rather than the safety of the sheep. Jesus calls himself “the good shepherd” rather than a hireling. A good shepherd would put the safety of the flock before his own safety. When Jesus calls himself “the good shepherd” he is saying that he is the caring and sacrificial leader. This was shown by the fact that he was willing to lay down his life on the cross for the benefit of mankind.
5. I AM the Resurrection and the Life – John 11:25: Jesus made this statement after he had raised Lazarus from the dead. By raising Lazarus Jesus would show his power over life and death. The statement assures believers of eternal life through faith and obedience to him. Jesus showed his power over the physical life and with that power it also shows his power over our spiritual life.
6. I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life – John 14:6: Jesus had comforted his disciples and told them that they should not worry about their salvation. They responded by saying they didn’t “know the way.” Jesus then told them what they had to do, just follow him, because his way was the only way to achieve salvation. He was the sole pathway to God. This underscores the necessity of faith in Christ for reconciliation with the father.
7. I AM the True Vine – John 15:1: The vine is the source of fruit, and Jesus being a true vine, produces good fruit. Again, Jesus is telling us that it is only through him that good fruit can be produced. This fruit is also enhanced by God who supports the vine.

We need to remember that it is only through Jesus that we can achieve salvation. His “I AM” statements show the need for us to put our trust in him.

Calendar Events

Birthdays in October:

October 3 - Cheryl McCleave

October 9 - Levi Carter

October 12 - Shannon Allen

October 16 - Mary Allen

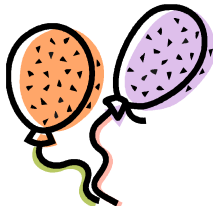
October 19 - Darl Gooch

October 24 - Jean Deason

October 25 - Aurora Estep

October 28 - Barbara Hutchinson

October 30 - Charles Payne



Anniversaries in October:

October 20 - Jerry and Ruth Moore

Mark your Calendar for October:

October 4 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

October 5 - Ladies Class 6:30pm

October 12 - Columbus Day Holiday

October 6 and 20 - Men's Bible Study
6:30pm (at Brian Young's)

Fall Meeting

October 17 - 4:30pm Service, Fish fry

October 18 - 10am Service, Basket
Dinner, 2pm Service

Coming Soon in 2026

November 15 - John Lee

December 13 - Louis Garbi

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:5-6

Program Schedule for October 2026

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
4	Brownsberger	A. Carter	D. Young	G. McCleave	C. Allen
11	M. Allen	J. Gooch	M. Allen	B. Young	D. Young
17-18	Fall Meeting				
25	D. Young	B. Young	D. Young	D. Carmichael	J. Gooch

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: J. Bennett (*Story of Jesus through the Harmony of the Gospels*)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
7	M. Allen	G. McCleave <i>Haggai: Rebuild the Temple!</i>
14	J. Bennett	J. Gooch <i>Malachi: The King is coming</i>
21	D. Young	D. Carmichael <i>Habakkuk: If you trust the planner, trust the plan</i>
28	Brownsberger	J. Allen <i>Zechariah: Zechariah's call and vision of hope (Chapters 1-6)</i>

Wednesday Evening Study: A more extensive study of the prophets, specific stories and concepts we see with them individually.

Contact Information

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Michael Allen
Tom Allen
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Deacons:

Greg McCleave
David Young

Flowers for Ill or Bereaved:

Lisa Allen

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Cheryl McCleave

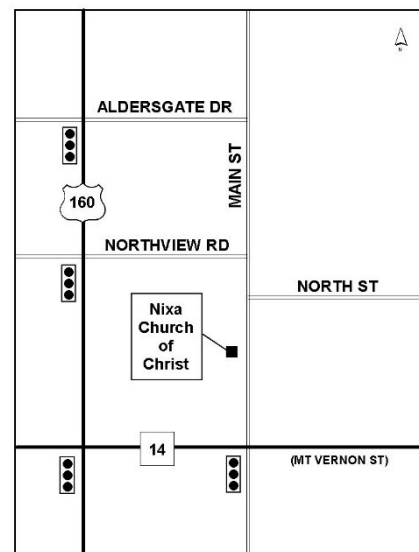
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