

Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

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

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"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer." 2 Thessalonians 1:3-5

- Thanks to Evangelist Rick Sparks for being with us to speak on August 10th.
- We look forward to Evangelist Doug Twaddell being with us to speak during our morning service on September 21st when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- Thanks to Josh Gooch for leading discussion of the Book of Jonah 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.

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Two Different Paths - Choose Wisely

II Thessalonians 1:7-8 - ...and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (NKJV)

Paul's words here give comfort to Christians that rest is coming to those who are weary, those that are going through tribulations or those that are being persecuted for being Christian. That promise of rest is cherished by all those who have submitted themselves to an obedient faith in Jesus Christ. However, the second part is a sobering reminder. Verse 8 is not one we often see embroidered on pillows or framed on walls. It's direct, weighty, and sobering. Yet it carries a vital truth that all must not ignore: when Christ returns, judgment will come—not arbitrarily, but with divine justice. And Paul identifies two distinct groups who will face this judgment.

1. Those Who Do Not Know God

This refers to those who have never given God much of a second thought. Those individuals who are too busy, those that don't really think being religious is something that fits into their lifestyle. Whether through indifference, ignorance, or rejection, they live apart from the knowledge of His character, His holiness, and His love. This isn't just about lacking information—it's about not having an appropriate appreciation for the Creator. Scripture tells us that God has revealed Himself through creation, conscience, and the gospel. To not know Him is to remain spiritually blind, disconnected from the very source of life.

2. Those Who Do Not Obey the Gospel

This second group is even more sobering. These are individuals who may believe in God but just have intellectually refused to submit to the gospel. They've heard the good news of Jesus Christ—His death, resurrection, and offer of salvation—but have chosen not to respond in obedience. This group may have been misled by false teaching that belief is the only requirement God has. It is an important reminder that the gospel is not merely a message to be admired; it is a call to surrender, to repentance, and to transformation. To disobey it is to reject the very lifeline God has extended to humanity. We must obey what God has commanded, regardless of what the religious teachers of the world may preach.

☐ What This Means for Christians

As believers, these verses should stir both gratitude and urgency. Gratitude, because we have been rescued from judgment through Christ. Urgency, because many around us still fall into one of these two categories. Our mission is clear: to make God known and to proclaim the gospel with clarity, compassion, and conviction.

Let these verses not be a source of fear, but a catalyst for action. May we be faithful in our witness, bold in our love, and unwavering in our commitment to the truth. Judgment is real—but so is grace. And until Christ returns, we have work to do.

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Calendar Events

Birthdays in September:

September 4 - Shelly Allen

September 6 - Leslie Waterworth

September 12 - Sharla Smith

September 17 - Ruth Moore

September 17 - Jay Scott

September 26 - Abby Young

September 30 - Kevin Farthing

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work."

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Mark your Calendar for September:



September 1 - Labor Day Holiday

September 7 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

September 8 - Ladies Class 6:30pm

September 21 - Doug Twaddell

September 21 - Carry In Dinner at Noon

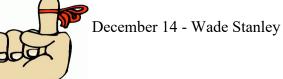
September 9 and 23 - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm (at Brian Young's)



Coming Soon in 2025

October 18-19 - Fall Meeting at Ozark

November 16 - John Lee



Program Schedule for September 2025:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
7	T. Allen	J. Gooch	J. Allen	J. Bennett	M. Allen
14	J. Bennett	A. Carter	D. Carmichael	D. Young	T. Allen
21	M. Allen	G. McClease	M. Allen	A. Carter	D. Twaddell
28	D. Young	D. Carmichael	D. Young	M. Allen	C. Allen

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: J. Allen (III John, Jude)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher		
3	M. Allen	J. Allen (Being like Jacob)		
10	Brownsberger	B. Lee (Being like Elisha)		
17	Mutual Edification - J. Allen (Forgiveness)			
24	D. Young	A. Carter (Being like Jonah)		
Wednesday Evening Study: Old Testament character studies				

Contact Information

Elders: Deacons: Flowers for Ill or Bereaved:

Michael Allen Greg McClease Lisa Allen

Tom Allen David Young

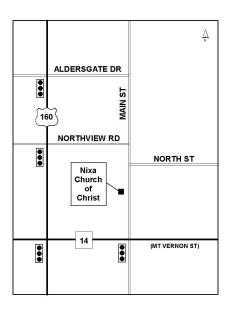
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