

September 2026



# *Nixa Church of Christ*

## *News and Notes*

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

Location:  
313 N Main St

Mailing Address:  
PO Box 1521  
Nixa, MO 65714

On the web at:  
[www.nixachurchofchrist.org](http://www.nixachurchofchrist.org)  
E-mail:  
[nixachurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:nixachurchofchrist@gmail.com)

“To what purpose is  
the multitude of your  
sacrifices to Me?” Says  
the Lord.

“I have had enough of  
burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed  
cattle.”

“Wash yourselves,  
make yourselves clean;  
Put away the evil of  
your doings from  
before My eyes.

Cease to do evil, learn  
to do good;  
Seek justice, rebuke the  
oppressor;  
Defend the fatherless,  
plead for the widow.”

Isaiah 1:1, 16-17

- We look forward to Evangelist John Lee being with us to speak during our morning service on September 13th when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- We welcome Janice Heasley to our church family who placed membership on August 30th.
- 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 Apostasy.” 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?”
- 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](http://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](mailto:nixachurchofchrist@gmail.com) or our mailing address, PO Box 1521, Nixa, MO 65714.

---

## *Mercy*

When Jesus came upon Matthew, a tax collector, He said simply, “Follow Me.” Later sharing a meal with him, other tax collectors and “sinners” joined with them. The Pharisees seeing, asked His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” Matthew 9:11-13

The Pharisees, who claimed to know the law so well, were lacking something. Jesus told them to go and read again what God said through the prophet Hosea, “For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.” Hosea 6:6

Perhaps this is a question we should ask ourselves, do we know what this means? Is a brief statement recorded by one of the minor prophets all that important? It was to Jesus. Didn’t God institute the concept of sacrifice from the beginning? Yes, but only after the fall. Because of sin sacrifice would be necessary. The concept would have to be understood and practiced over a long period of time so at the appointed time, we would understand what God was going to do about sin. He was going to forgive. God didn’t need what was sacrificed. How could our creator need any physical thing from us? Because of sin sacrifice would be necessary. It didn’t bring forgiveness, merely carried it forward to a greater sacrifice to come.

As written by the Hebrew writer, “For the law, being a shadow of the good things to come, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.” Hebrews 10:1, 4 So though necessary because of sin, God never desired sacrifice but rather desired mercy.

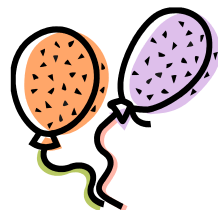
But what is mercy exactly? Strong’s associates these synonyms; kindness, goodness, loving kindness, faithfulness, and this fuller description; goodwill towards the miserable and the afflicted, joined with a desire to help them. Paul told the Galatians, “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23 Or we could just say “the fruit of the Spirit is mercy.” Another definition of mercy was; “Compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.” Like Joseph toward his brothers, like David toward Saul, like God toward us.

To the Ephesians Paul wrote, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:4-7 God’s mercy withholds the judgment we deserve, God’s grace is the unmerited favor, the gifts that pour out on us we do not deserve; His love, His forgiveness, His Holy Spirit, His only Son.

When the prophet Nathan pointed out to David the terrible sin he had committed for Bathsheba he wrote this psalm: “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.” For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise.” Psalm 51 David knew what God really wants, a broken heart, one that realizes we are helpless without Him, one reaching out for the love, the mercy and the grace He has to offer. As Jesus said, “Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.” Matthew 5:7

David Young

## 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 18 - Valor Estep

September 26 - Abby Young

### Mark your Calendar for September:

September 7 - Labor Day Holiday

September 6 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

September 13 - John Lee

September 13 - Carry In Dinner at Noon

September 14 - Ladies Class 6:30pm

September 8 and 22 - Men's Bible Study  
6:30pm (at Brian Young's)

### Coming in October: 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

"So which of these three do you  
think was neighbor to him who fell  
among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy  
on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do  
likewise."

Luke 10:36-37

### Program Schedule for September 2026:

#### - Sunday Morning -

| Date | Songs      | Read          | Announcements | Table        | Speaker      |
|------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 6    | D. Young   | G. McCleave   | D. Young      | Brownsberger | J. Allen     |
| 13   | M. Allen   | D. Carmichael | M. Allen      | B. Lee       | J. Lee       |
| 20   | J. Allen   | D. Gooch      | J. Allen      | A. Carter    | T. Allen     |
| 27   | J. Bennett | C. Allen      | D. Young      | J. Allen     | Brownsberger |

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

#### - Wednesday Evening -

| Date | Songs                                              | Teacher                                                                        |
|------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2    | Mutual Edification - D. Young (Theme: Forgiveness) |                                                                                |
| 9    | J. Bennett                                         | D. Young Hosea: His wife's unfaithfulness as a metaphor for our unfaithfulness |
| 16   | Brownsberger                                       | J. Allen Amos: God desires justice more than ritual (highlighting 5:18-24)     |
| 23   | T. Allen                                           | M. Allen Daniel: The prophecies of Daniel                                      |
| 30   | J. Allen                                           | A. Carter Daniel: Children's stories with advanced lessons                     |

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

# *Contact Information*

**Elders:**

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

**On the web at:** [www.nixachurchofchrist.org](http://www.nixachurchofchrist.org)

**E-mail:** [nixachurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:nixachurchofchrist@gmail.com)

**Bulletin Information:**

David and Pam Young

**Follow us on:** Facebook & X

# Church of Christ

PO Box 1521  
Nixa, MO 65714

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Permit # 20  
Nixa, MO 65714

