

April 2024



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

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

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Then Job answered the Lord and said: "I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You. Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

Job 42:1-2, 5-6

- Thanks to Evangelist Doug Twaddell for being with us to speak during our morning service on March 17 and also Wade Stanley speaking for us on March 31.
- We look forward to Louis Garbi being with us to speak during our morning service on April 21 when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- Best wishes and prayers for the Ron Martin family as they relocate to the Joplin, MO area.
- Congratulations to Jeff and Lisa Allen on becoming Grandparents! Jamison Michael Carney was born on March 24th in Arkansas to Shelby and Michael Carney.
- Congratulations to Lauren Allen and Joshua Sherman on their recent engagement.
- Please pray for those with special needs including Chuck Waterworth, Nadine Farthing, Shannon Allen, Barbara Hutchinson, and Clayton Moore.
- Live streaming of our Sunday morning worship is available on YouTube. To watch simply go to YouTube and search for "Nixa Church of Christ." If you subscribe to our channel, you will get an email when our services are going live or view later if you prefer.

Youthful Advice

In the Book of Job we find in the 31st Chapter that Job had ended his defense and given an oath that he was not guilty of the sins he had been accused of by his friends. Job's three friends were silent, appalled that Job had dared to speak so boldly to God. They were sure that God's judgement for Job was coming soon. But God too was silent. No fire from heaven, no voice spoke in divine wrath.

Surprisingly, the next voice we hear is from a young man named Elihu. Respecting his elders, he had listened to it all and was now ready to speak. "I am young in years and you are old; Therefore, I was afraid to tell you what I think. I thought age should speak, and increased years should teach wisdom. But it is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding."(32:6-8)

Though Elihu had a bit of youthful conceit in his words and reproved Job for his attitude, he sincerely wanted to help Job. "Behold, I belong to God like you; I too have been formed out of the clay. Behold, no fear of me should terrify you, nor should my pressure weigh heavily on you." (33:6-7)

Unlike Job's friends, he wasn't trying to prove that Job was a sinner, but that Job's view of God was wrong. Instead, Elihu said that God does not necessarily send suffering to punish us, but to keep us from sinning. "Then he opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction, that He may turn man aside from his conduct, and keep man from pride. He keeps back his soul from the pit, and his life from passing over into Sheol."(33:16-18) In other words Elihu was saying that suffering may be a preventative and not punitive, much like Paul's experience with his thorn in the flesh. (2 Cor. 12:7-10) Later, Elihu would reiterate this helpful insight to Job saying that God used suffering to open men's ears to draw them to Himself. But as long as Job kept complaining, he was turning away from God rather than drawing near to Him. (36:15-21)

Finally, just before God speaks to Job, Elihu tells Job that behind every storm God is there in all His splendor for us to see. "Listen to this, O Job, Stand and consider the wonders of God." (37:14) Elihu was no doubt wise beyond his years and teaches us that wisdom is not assigned to age but is given by God. As we get older we get set in our ways, but we should always be receptive to the voice of youth.

David Carmichael

Calendar Events

Birthdays in April:

- April 1 - Laynie Carter
- April 3 - Andrew Carter
- April 3 - Lorelee Bennett
- April 6 - Morgan Allen
- April 20 - Ron Martin
- April 24 - Mary Jane Johnson
- April 29 - Nadine Farthing



Anniversaries in April:

- April 3 - David & Pam Young

Mark your Calendar for April:

- April 1 - Ladies Class 6:30pm
- April 7 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am
- April 21 - Louis Garbi
- April 21 - Carry-in Dinner at Noon
- April 27 - 90th Birthday Open House for Nadine Farthing 2-4pm

Coming Soon in 2024:

- May 19 - John Lee
- June 23 - John Morris
- July 14 - Rick Sparks
- August 11 - John Lee
- September 15 - Tad Morris
- October 19-20 - Fall Meeting

“After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations. So Job died, old and full of days.”

Job 42:16-17

Program Schedule for April 2024:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
7	T. Allen	D. Carmichael	T. Allen	G. McCleave	Brownsberger
14	D. Young	K. Farthing	D. Young	B. Young	J. Gooch
21	J. Allen	B. Young	J. Allen	D. Gooch	L. Garbi
28	J. Bennett	A. Carter	M. Allen	D. Carmichael	B. Lee

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: J. Allen (Philemon)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
3	Brownsberger	D. Carmichael (<i>Acts 1 - The Ascension of Jesus</i>)
10	D. Young	T. Allen (<i>Acts 2 - The Day of Pentecost</i>)
17	M. Allen	J. Bennett (<i>Acts 3 - The Lame Man is Healed</i>)
24	J. Allen	C. Payne (<i>Acts 4 - Peter and John Arrested</i>)

Contact Information

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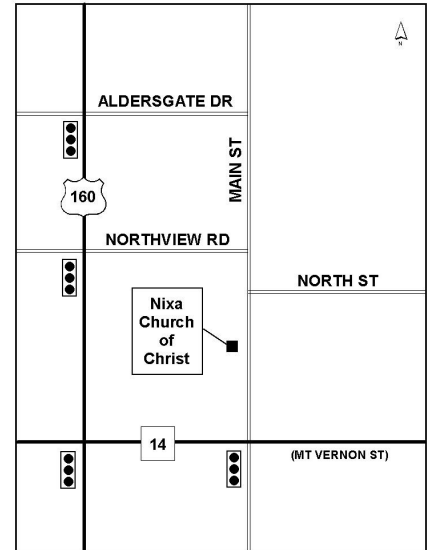
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