

December 2022



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

Meeting Times:

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.”

Matthew 12:40-41

- Thanks to Evangelist John Lee for being with us to speak on November 20th. His messages are available as audio files on our website at www.nixachurchofchrist.org. We look forward to his next visit on January 22nd when he will again deliver two messages and we will have a carry in dinner after services.
- Our website offers a variety of resources including audio messages from our recent weekend meeting and from our visiting evangelists going back a number of years. There are also links to VBR (Video Bible Reading), The Gospel Message, and our newsletters.
- Please continue to pray for those who have been experiencing recent illnesses or medical procedures including Danny Krasser, Luanna Baysinger, Mary Jane Johnson, Ron Martin, Barbara Hutchinson, Clayton Moore, Iva Lea Meek, Shannon Allen, and McKenzie Trumble.
- 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.
- 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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The book of Jonah has always been a favorite of many over the years, not only because it has a really good story; but also because of the many lessons that can be taken from its text. To that end, there is one word that appears four times in this book, that seems to have a big impact on the actions of Jonah, and that is the word prepared. In this story, it tells us that God prepared four things that directly interacted with Jonah at that time. In chapter 1, verse 17 it tells us that God prepared a great fish that swallowed Jonah. And for three days and three nights this great fish not only held Jonah captive; but no doubt also kept him safe from the perils of the sea; and transported him to a location that was probably a lot closer to Nineveh. Jonah emerged a changed man; but ultimately still had a few issues to resolve. After arriving in Nineveh and successfully preaching to the people there, he became angry with his success and was in need of another life course correction from God. And as Jonah sat outside the city, God prepared a plant (4:6) that would give him shade; and then God prepared a worm (4:7) to destroy the plant; and prepared a strong hot wind (4:8) that would bring home the point to him, that he should care more about the souls within the city, than for a plant that made him comfortable.

But as we take a step back and look at this story in the whole; there also seems to be something else that was prepared by God in this story; that wasn't named specifically. And that was the environment in which everything came together to create change within the people of Nineveh. There was a reason that Jonah didn't want to go to this city. It was the capital city of what would essentially be their enemy, the Assyrians. Later writings would talk about the siege of Jerusalem by Sennacherib as he worked to conquer the region. The entire book of Nahum is devoted solely to the sins of Nineveh and what the judgement against them would be. One can understand Jonah's hesitation in traveling to this city; based on the assumption that they would never repent, and that his life might very well be in danger the minute he started delivering his message. But probably the bottom line was that Jonah didn't want them to repent. And even though Jonah might not have been personally prepared to deliver his message; we know that the people of this city were ready to hear what God had to say. It was the right person at the right location at the right time that allowed this monumental change to happen. And whether we consider him ready or reluctant; in the end he was successful.

As we transfer this lesson towards us today, we know that we need to always be ready to discuss the Gospel with anyone who will listen. Because we never know what has transpired beyond our line of sight. We never know what has been prepared without our knowledge. We can't look at evangelism from the viewpoint of only identifying problems; listing out reasons why we will surely fail in our efforts. Maybe just beyond all the obstacles that we see, God has prepared a way for us so that they will succeed. Maybe we too can be the right person at the right location and at the right time; to make a monumental difference in the eternal lives of others.

Michael Allen

Calendar Events

Birthdays in December:

- December 8 - Dave Deason
- December 13 - Lisa Allen
- December 18 - Sandy Ingram
- December 19 - Alesia Carter
- December 23 - Debbie Krasser
- December 24 - Charles Waterworth



Anniversaries in December:

- December 16 - Benny and Brenda Bogart
- December 24 - Gale and Deanna Maples



Mark your Calendar for December:

- December 4 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am
- December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- January 1 - New Year's Day



Coming Soon in 2023:

- January 22 - John Lee
- February 19 - Dan Huff
- March 19 - Doug Twaddell
- April 16 - John Morris
- May 21 - Louis Garbi



But the Lord said, "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left?"

Jonah 4:10-11

Program Schedule for December 2022:

- Sunday Morning -

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

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: C. Payne (Ephesians)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
7	J. Allen	D. Young (Jesus turns water into wine - John 2:1-11)
14	M. Allen	T. Dennis (Parable of the wheat and tares - Matthew 13:24-43)
21	Mutual Edification - D. Young (Theme: Gifts from God)	
28	T. Allen	M. Allen (Temple tax in fish's mouth - Matthew 17:24-27)

Wednesday Evening Study: Lessons from Parables, Miracles and stories of Jesus

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David Young

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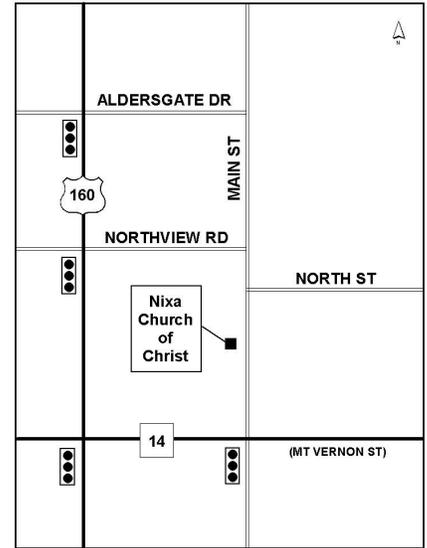
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