

February 2025



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

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

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“And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,
“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”
Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

Genesis 3:22-24

- Thanks to Evangelist John Morris for being with us to speak on January 19th.
- We look forward to Evangelist Dan Huff being with us to speak during our morning service on February 16 when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- Thanks to Clayton Moore and Kevin Farthing for clearing the snow from the parking lot and the sidewalks.
- Thanks to all for attending our business meeting on January 26th. We appreciate the interest and support that was shown. Also thanks to those who provided food and drinks for everyone.
- Please pray for those with special needs including Jean Deason, Mary Jane Johnson, Nancy Moore, Nadine Farthing, Devin McCall, Clayton Moore, Ruth Moore, Jerry Moore, Shannon Allen, Chuck Waterworth, 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.

Be My Valentine

Jesus warned his disciples that persecution would come their way, "If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you." (John 15:20) Indeed we read about Christian martyrs such as Stephen and James in the book of Acts. Paul was a persecutor himself before he became one of the persecuted. "For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." (1 Cor 15:9)

Christians came under heavy persecution for over two centuries from the Roman government until Christianity was finally legalized in 313 AD. One Christian priest, Valentine of Rome, was imprisoned for secretly performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to other persecuted Christians. According to legend, Valentine fell in love with the daughter of his jailer, and he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution, which was carried out on February 14, AD 269. The story endured, a feast day was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496, and by the 14th century the day was associated with courtly love. Couples began to exchange flowers, gifts, or special greeting cards called "valentines."

God made known from the beginning his plan for mankind, when He said, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24) Malachi describes this union as a covenant, "She is your companion and your wife by covenant." (Malachi 2:14) And Jesus said, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'? What God has joined together, let not man separate." (Matthew 19:4-6)

God's plan provides for romantic love, blessed by God, to be fulfilled in the marriage covenant. Solomon wrote of the love he felt for his bride, "Come, my beloved, let us go out into the fields and lodge in the villages; let us go out early to the vineyards and see whether the vines have budded, whether the grape blossoms have opened and the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give you my love." (Song of Solomon 7:11-12)

Love can be expressed in many other ways from familial love to companionable love to brotherly love, but perhaps the apostle John said it best, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." (1 John 4:7-8)

How do we know this? How has God shown us what love is? Just keep reading, "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1 John 4:9-11) Valentine's Day is a day for celebration of romantic love, but without God's love what would there be to celebrate? As the apostle Paul wrote, "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

David Young

Calendar Events

Birthdays in February:

Feb 8 - Della Dennis

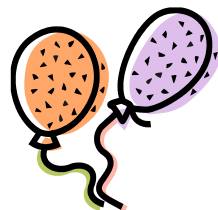
Feb 9 - Tom Allen

Feb 12 - Suzanne Scott

Feb 15 - Jeff Allen

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

Ephesians 5:25-27



Mark your Calendar for February:

February 2 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

February 3 - Ladies Bible Class 6:30pm

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 16 - Dan Huff

February 16 - Carry-in Dinner at Noon

February 17 - President's Day

Coming Soon in 2025

March 16 - Tad Morris

April 13 - Doug Twaddell

May 4 - John Lee

June 8 - Louis Garbi

June 29 - John Lee

July 13 - Jeff Yost

August 10 - Rick Sparks

September 21 - Doug Twaddell

Program Schedule for February 2025:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
2	Brownsberger	K. Farthing	D. Carmichael	D. Gooch	C. Payne
9	D. Young	D. Gooch	D. Young	C. Allen	Brownsberger
16	J. Allen	C. Allen	J. Allen	J. Gooch	D. Huff
23	J. Bennett	C. Moore	M. Allen	Brownsberger	T. Allen

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: M. Allen (1, 2 Peter)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
5	Mutual Edification	M. Allen (Theme: Love/Heart)
12	M. Allen	J. Bennett (Daniel Chapter 5)
19	J. Bennett	D. Young (Daniel Chapter 6)
26	Mutual Edification	J. Allen (Theme: Heavenly Home)

Wednesday Evening Study: Chapter by chapter study of the Book of Daniel

Contact Information

Elders:

Michael Allen

Tom Allen

Deacons:

Jeff Allen

David Carmichael

David Young

Flowers for Ill or Bereaved:

Lisa Allen

Food for Ill or Bereaved:

Cheryl McCleave

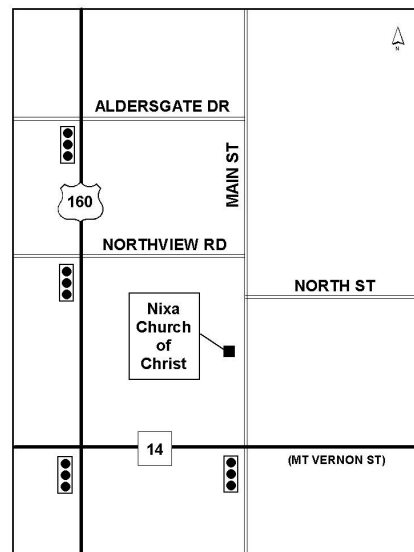
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