

January 2024



## *Nixa Church of Christ*

### *News and Notes*

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

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“Belshazzar, you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified.  
Daniel 5:22-23

- Thanks to Evangelist Doug Twaddell for being with us to speak on December 17th.
- Winter warmup! Please join in for a chili supper (or favorite soup) in the church fellowship room on January 27th 6:00pm.
- We look forward to Evangelist Dan Huff being with us to speak during our morning service on February 18 when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- Please pray for those with special needs including Nancy Moore, Barbara Hutchinson, Clayton Moore and Shannon Allen.
- 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.
- Our website at [www.nixachurchofchrist.org](http://www.nixachurchofchrist.org) offers a variety of resources including audio messages from our visiting evangelists and last years weekend meeting. 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.

## *The Cattle on a Thousand Hills*

For the last couple of years, the news has been replete with wars and rumors of wars amongst several nations. In the wake of this carnage, there has been much debate regarding the rightful ownership of contested areas. Which government owns this strip of land? Or who has historically controlled that shipping route? These questions have conquered the global airwaves, thereby sparking heated discussions in the geopolitical sphere.

What is often missing in these conversations, however, is any mention of the One who truly owns it all to begin with. In Psalm 50, God makes an incredibly emphatic statement about the world:

**"Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof." – Psalm 50:10-12**

From this scripture, we understand that God is the true owner of all things in this world – from the smallest protozoan to the greatest beast in the wilderness. Every drop of water, every blade of grass, every mountaintop – it belongs to the Lord who created them. Nations may stake a claim here, or conquer a province there – but in reality, their provenance is secondary to God's. Do these nations honor the Lord who created their realms?

On a finer level, this principle also applies to us as individual Christians. We often speak of "our" home, or "our" vehicle, or "our" career – but do we ever pause and give reverence to the one who created and sustains all of the systems necessary to make those things possible? Or do we pridefully look inward, and think that these things are purely our own doing?

God holds your very breath in His hands [Daniel 5:23], so we should not neglect to acknowledge Him for our many blessings = from the physical things like our health and finances to less-tangible things like our relationships and talents. Rather than using these things for purely selfish ends, we should rather seek to honor God and bless those around us with them. After all, as Jesus famously taught, it is more blessed to give than to receive [Acts 20:35].

The epistle from James further reminds us:

**"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." – James 1:17**

What fascinating words "variableness" and "shadow of turning" are. James employs an astronomical metaphor to teach that God does not change in his good, providing nature. Celestial bodies appear to shimmer and cast shadows as they move, whereas God does not change with time. He is forever the Father of lights, and the source of all the good and perfect gifts we have.

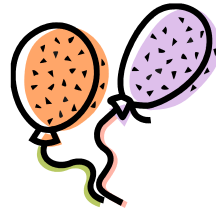
This year, let's commit to honoring God and helping our neighbors with the good and perfect gifts we've been allotted in this life. Rather than being inordinately concerned with world conflicts or personal possessions, let's keep in mind that God is the one who owns the cattle on a thousand hills. It's all in His control.

Josh Gooch

# Calendar Events

## Birthdays in January:

- Jan 12 - Deanna Maples
- Jan 13 - Chris Allen
- Jan 20 - Aiden Farthing
- Jan 20 - Elaine Holt
- Jan 24 - Gale Maples



## Anniversaries in January:

- Jan 27 - Barry & Marilyn Brownsberger

## Mark your Calendar for January:

- January 1 - New Year's Day
- January 7 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am
- January 8 - Ladies Bible Class 6:30pm
- January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 27 - Chili Supper 6:00pm

## Looking Ahead in 2024:

- February 18 - Dan Huff
- March 17 - Doug Twaddell
- March 31 - Wade Stanley
- April 21 - Louis Garbi
- May 19 - John Lee
- June 23 - John Morris

“I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Acts 20:35

## Program Schedule for January 2024:

### - Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
7	J. Allen	G. McCleave	J. Allen	B. Young	J. Gooch
14	M. Allen	D. Gooch	M. Allen	G. McCleave	Brownsberger
21	Brownsberger	J. Gooch	D. Carmichael	D. Gooch	B. Lee
28	T. Allen	C. Allen	T. Allen	C. Payne	J. Allen

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: M. Allen (2 Timothy)

### - Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
3	T. Allen	D. Carmichael ( <i>Why isn't faith only enough?</i> )
10	D. Young	T. Dennis ( <i>I am the vine - John 15:1-11</i> )
17	Mutual Edification	M. Allen ( <i>Theme: Hope</i> )
24	M. Allen	J. Bennett ( <i>Why are worship services necessary?</i> )
31	Brownsberger	B. Lee ( <i>Why don't we have faith healers and speaking in tongues?</i> )

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**Food for Ill or Bereaved:**

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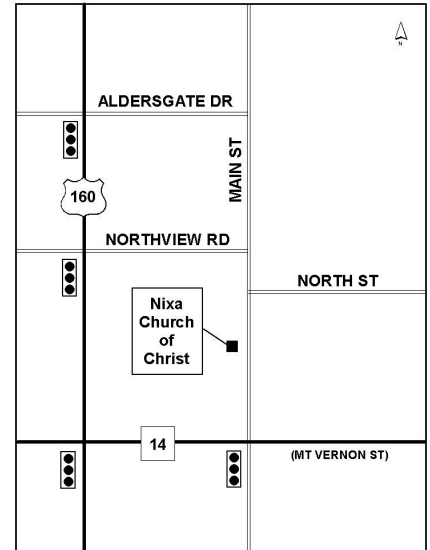
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