

July 2023



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

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

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“If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.”

2 Timothy 2:11-13

- We look forward to Evangelist John Lee being with us to speak on July 2nd and Evangelist Wade Stanley on July 23rd. Each will deliver two messages followed by a carry in dinner after services.
- We extend our condolences and request prayers for the Ruth Moore family after the passing of her brother Rex Wallace on June 11th.
- Please pray for those with special needs including Nancy Moore, Luanna Baysinger, Barbara Hutchinson, Shannon Allen, and Curt Horton (Pam Young’s brother).
- 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 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 or our mailing address, PO Box 1521, Nixa, MO 65714.

Mark and Demas

In Colossians the 4th chapter, Paul sends his final greetings to the church, along with a list of others that wished to be included as well. Two of the men that we see on this list are Mark and Demas. At this time they were both in Rome working with Paul; but at other points in history they were men that had taken entirely different spiritual paths.

We are probably the more familiar with Mark. A close relative of Barnabas, we remember him as the author of the second book of the New Testament. This was the man that accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey; and then left for home partway through. This was the man that Paul and Barnabas argued over before the start of the second missionary journey, because Paul had lost confidence in him. An argument that ultimately led to Paul and Barnabas splitting up and going their separate ways.

But now, things are quite different. Paul is in prison in Rome, and the conditions are not good; but Mark hasn't left him. He's still there. And even during Paul's second imprisonment in Rome, Paul writes in 2nd Timothy 4:11 that having Mark with him was profitable for the ministry. A dramatic change from the way things started.

Then we have the other person from Colossians 4; Demas. We only see Demas referenced in 3 places in the New Testament. In Colossians and Philemon he is listed as one of those that sends their greetings. But In 2nd Timothy 4:10; right next to the verse about how great we find Mark doing, we have a very sad verse about the status of Demas. Here Paul notes that he had forsaken him; having loved the present world.

Having the choices of these two men bookended within these two passages; in a way reminds me of the parable of the two sons in Matthew 21. A parable where a father asks both his sons to help him work. One says he would help and then doesn't. One declines the offer but helps in the end. Mark and Demas seem to follow this pattern. Demas was a faithful follower and helper, but in the end chose the things of this world over his service to God. Mark, on the other hand, initially told Paul that he was leaving; only to return and remain faithful to the end. From what we're told, the story ends there; but hopefully it wasn't the final chapter for Demas; and that eventually he was able to see the error of his ways.

To me, it's interesting the verses that we have about spiritual endurance within the books of Mark and 2nd Timothy. In Mark 13:13 he records the words of Jesus "He who endures to the end shall be saved". As I read this, I wonder if this verse had a special place in the heart of Mark; knowing the path he had taken in life. We also have 2nd Timothy 2:12 where Paul writes, "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him". And as we see from Colossians 3, we can set our affections on things above; or on things of this earth. And with each life decision, we stand at a signpost, with the inherent opportunity to dramatically change our spiritual life. At times like this, it's always good to remember why we are here, and that our ultimate goal is an eternal home in Heaven. And no matter what wrong turns we have taken in our life; what's most important isn't what we said we were going to do; but what we wind up doing in the end.

Michael Allen

Calendar Events

Birthdays in July:

July 5 - Darby Allen

July 8 - Danny Krasser

July 16 - Sondra Johnson

July 21 - Karen Carmichael

July 28 - Jerry Moore

July 30 - Bennie Bogard



Mark your Calendar for July:

July 2 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

July 2 - John Lee

July 2 - Carry In Dinner at Noon

July 4 - Independence Day

July 10 - Ladies Class 6:30pm

July 23 - Wade Stanley

July 23 - Carry In Dinner at Noon

Coming Soon in 2023:

August 20 - Rick Sparks

September 17 - Tad Morris

November 19 - John Lee

December 17 - Doug Twaddell

“We rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.”

Romans 5:2-4

Program Schedule for July 2023:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
2	Brownsberger	D. Gooch	D. Carmichael	D. Young	J. Lee
9	M. Allen	A. Carter	M. Allen	G. McCleave	T. Dennis
16	D. Young	C. Allen	D. Young	D. Gooch	J. Gooch
23	J. Allen	J. Gooch	J. Allen	M. Allen	W. Stanley
30	T. Allen	D. Krasser	T. Allen	D. Carmichael	Brownsberger

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

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
5	D. Young	Brownsberger (The Transfiguration of Jesus- Mt 17:1-13, Mk 9:2-13, Lk 9:28-36)
12	Mutual Edification	- T. Allen (Theme: Freedom)
19	M. Allen	D. Carmichael (The Rich Young Ruler - Mt 19:16-26, Mk 10:17-27, Lk 18:18-27)
28	Brownsberger	T. Allen (The Triumphant Entry - Mt 21:1-11, Mk 11:1-10, Lk 29-38, Jn 12:12-25)

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

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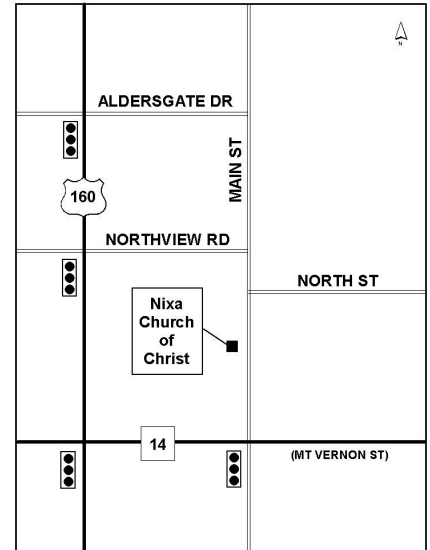
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