

June 2023



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

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

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“Then Solomon stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying: “Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.”

1 Kings 8:55-56

- Thanks to Evangelist Louis Garbi for being with us to speak on May 21st. After our fellowship meal we celebrated the graduations of Raegan Allen from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia and Samantha Johnson from Missouri State University. Raegan will continue her education with a Masters degree program at City College in London, England. Sam has accepted an elementary teaching position with Springfield Public Schools.
- We look forward to Evangelist John Lee being with us to speak on July 2nd when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry in dinner after services.
- Please pray for those with special needs including Brenda Bogard, Curt Horton (Pam Young’s brother), Barbara Hutchinson, John Derhammer, Clayton Moore, 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.

Set Your Mind On Things Above

“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.” (Col 3:2) A bible verse that you might say is “short and sweet;” easy to remember, easy to memorize. But perhaps not so easy to live by.

Paul told the Corinthians that along with all the physical challenges of his ministry he also felt a “daily pressure”...an “anxiety for all the churches.” (2 Cor 11:28) The church at Colossae was no different. There was false teaching creeping in, a heresy. Paul warned against a philosophy calling for the worship of angels as intermediaries between God and man (Col 2:18), at the same time insisting on the strict observance of certain Jewish requirements, and proclaiming it all to be part of the Gospel of Christ. Paul reminded them that the Gospel is not a philosophy of human origin, but a truth delivered to us from God himself through his Son, and that the legalistic requirements of the Jewish law were “taken out of the way, and nailed to the cross.” (Col 2:13-14) “Set your mind on things above,” don’t be led astray by false teaching.

Paul uses a special imagery to point out that they were through Christ “circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.” (Col 2:11-12)

Before Christ, circumcision, the removal of flesh, was a necessary act to be part of God’s chosen people. The circumcision of Christ is rather the spiritual removal of sin from our hearts, and baptism the response that essentially leaves our sins in that tomb where Jesus laid. Like Jesus left those burial garments behind for others to ponder, we leave our sins behind, frustrating Satan, but bringing joy to our creator.

We are able to do this through our “faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.” God raised Jesus up, to sit at his right hand. And likewise Jesus raises us up with him to the Father.

Such is our hope, the wonder of eternity. Paul writes, “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” (Col 3:1-4)

Now Paul is addressing perhaps the most important thing we need to know after we accept Christ. He has raised us up, but what do we do now? Consider ourselves saved and go on about our business? We have a life to live. How should we go about it now?

Paul says we “died, and our life is now “hidden.” When we were buried with Him in baptism, our sinful life was washed away, buried, hidden from the Father like a body six feet under.

Here is what Paul told the Roman church regarding that next step, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” (Rom 6:1-4)

We have a new life now, we have hope, more than just hope, a promise that there is more to this life than what we see here, a promise of a great reward for those who “seek those things which are above”, who “set” their “mind on things above.” John wrote, “And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.” (1 John 2:25)

David Young

Calendar Events

Birthdays in June:

- June 5 - Brian Young
- June 8 - David Carmichael
- June 8 - David Young
- June 11 - John Derhammer
- June 23 - Joshua Martin



Anniversaries in June:

- June 1 - David and Karen Carmichael
- June 1 - Paul and Sondra Johnson
- June 28 - Jeff and Lisa Allen

Mark your Calendar for June:

- June 4 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am
- June 5 - Ladies Class 6:30pm
- June 18 - Father's Day

Coming Soon in 2023:

- July 2 - John Lee
- July 23 - Wade Stanley
- August 20 - Rick Sparks
- September 17 - Tad Morris
- November 19 - John Lee
- December 17 - Doug Twaddell

“But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:8-9

Program Schedule for June 2023:

- Sunday Morning -

| Date | Songs | Read | Announcements | Table | Speaker |
|------|----------|---------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| 4 | J. Allen | D. Carmichael | J. Allen | C. Allen | C. Payne |
| 11 | D. Young | B. Young | D. Young | J. Gooch | J. Allen |
| 18 | J. Allen | K. Farthing | J. Allen | B. Lee | T. Dennis |
| 25 | T. Allen | G. McCleave | T. Allen | B. Young | C. Allen |

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

- Wednesday Evening -

| Date | Songs | Teacher |
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| 7 | J. Allen | D. Young (Jesus restores sight to Bartimaeus- Mt 20:29-34, Mk 10:46-52, Lk 18:35-43) |
| 14 | Mutual Edification - J. Allen (Theme: Time) | |
| 21 | T. Allen | M. Allen (Parable of the lowest seat at the feast - Luke 14:7-14) |
| 28 | M. Allen | T. Dennis (Jesus heals boy with an unclean spirit-Mt 17:14-20, Mk 9:14-29, Lk 9:37-43) |

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

Contact Information

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Michael Allen

Tom Allen

Tom Dennis

Deacons:

Jeff Allen

David Carmichael

David Young

Flowers for Ill or Bereaved:

Lisa Allen

Food for Ill or Bereaved:

Karen Carmichael

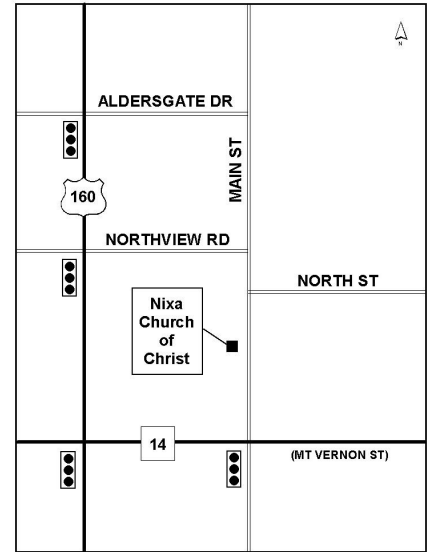
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