

March 2024



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

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

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“Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.”

Hebrews 12:12-14

- Thanks to Evangelist Dan Huff for being with us to speak during our morning service on February 18.
- We look forward to Doug Twaddell being with us to speak during our morning service on March 17 when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- We also look forward to Wade Stanley being with us to speak during our morning service on March 31 when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- Prayers and condolences to Doug and Jill Twaddell on the passing of their daughter Alyssa. Please also pray for others with special needs including Angelica Martin, Chuck Waterworth, Nadine Farthing, Shannon Allen, Barbara Hutchinson, and Clayton Moore.
- 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.

Hangry

In Hebrews the 12th chapter, the writer is cautioning about spiritually giving up. And in verse 16 he uses the example of Esau from the book of Genesis. That in a moment of weakness, he gave up; and he was willing to sell his promise for a small amount of food; trading a temporary gain for something that he could never replace. In this he fell short of what he was promised, just like we might fall short of what we have been promised; if we give up too easily. One verse that seems to go along with this is:

Proverbs 24:10 If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.

The word faint here is not a literal statement; at least in the context of what the writer is talking about here. He's not telling us that it's shameful to lose consciousness when the going gets tough; rather he's addressing a person's propensity to give up when things get difficult.

Esau lived in a different time back then. There were no grocery stores or fast-food restaurants for him to go to; so quick access to food was not the same as it was today. But even if there was nothing else to eat, no doubt there were many other things that he could have used, to try and bargain with Jacob; other than his birthright. But instead of trading something less valuable for food; he gave up in a difficult situation. In this, his "day of adversity" was certainly subjective; when compared to what others in the Bible endured. Job persevered when his day of adversity took away his health, wealth and family. Paul persevered over and over again in the face of mortal threats and through the pain of beatings and abuse. Joseph succeeded time and time again, when situations continually went against him. And even if we narrow down our examples to just hunger, we see the Children of Israel in the wilderness complaining continually about their food, versus Jesus fasting in the wilderness for 40 days; only to persevere through temptation from Satan.

So what is the day of adversity for us? And as each of us examine this individually, there are a lot of different things that might push us toward our breaking point. For some it might be dealing with major conflicts and adversity; and for others it might be something small or simple. Not that long ago, the word Hangry was added to the dictionary. Having been around for several years, it was officially added recently to describe the condition of mood change due to hunger. The idea being that when we are hungry, that sometimes people let their emotions get the better of them, to the point that they are not making the best decisions. And whether we might classify Esau as Hangry, I'll let you be the judge of that. But the lesson that it presents for all of us, is staying true to who we are in the face of adversity; and making sure that no matter what happens that we persevere spiritually. It would be easy to look at current events in the world today and see them as the day of adversity. There are many people who are almost in a state of absolute panic, because this world is all that they have. As events unfold, will people look to us for spiritual answers, if we faint in the face of this adversity? For Christians, it's not a time to complain about what's wrong in the world; but a time to lead by example. A time to show others that our faith and hope are stronger than the problems of this world. A time to be refined by fire and not consumed by it. A time to focus more on God, rather than the day-to-day issues in the world.

Psalms 94:12-14 Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, And teach out of Your law, That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked. For the LORD will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.

For Christians, this is what we look forward to; rest from the days of adversity. A time when we can look back and be satisfied that we were able to persevere; and receive our eternal inheritance that the Lord has promised. So as we face life's issues; always remember to stay strong. The reward is worth the effort.

Michael Allen

Calendar Events

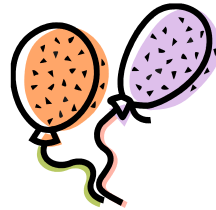
Birthdays in March:

March 12 - Michael Allen

March 15 - Jack Bennett

Anniversaries in March:

March 13 - Josef and Jordan Kinder



“For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.”

Hebrews 12:3-4

Mark your Calendar for March:

March 3 - Leaders Meeting 8:30 am

March 4 - Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm

March 10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 17 - Doug Twaddell

March 17 - Carry-in Dinner at Noon

March 20 - First Day of Spring

March 31 - Wade Stanley

March 31 - Carry-in Dinner at Noon

Coming Soon in 2024:

April 21 - Louis Garbi

May 19 - John Lee

June 23 - John Morris

July 14 - Rick Sparks

August 11 - John Lee

Program Schedule for March 2024:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
3	T. Allen	A. Carter	T. Allen	Brownsberger	C. Allen
10	D. Young	G. McCleave	D. Young	J. Allen	S. Wright
17	J. Allen	D. Gooch	J. Allen	D. Young	D. Twaddell
24	M. Allen	J. Gooch	M. Allen	J. Bennett	T. Allen
31	Brownsberger	C. Allen	J. Allen	B. Lee	W. Stanley

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: B. Lee (Titus)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
6	M. Allen	D. Young (<i>Why we observe the Lord's Supper weekly?</i>)
13	T. Allen	T. Dennis (<i>New Testament worship, what do we follow from the Old law?</i>)
20	Mutual Edification -	J. Allen (<i>Theme: Witnessing</i>)
27	J. Allen	M. Allen (<i>Why we don't have a located preacher?</i>)

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David Young

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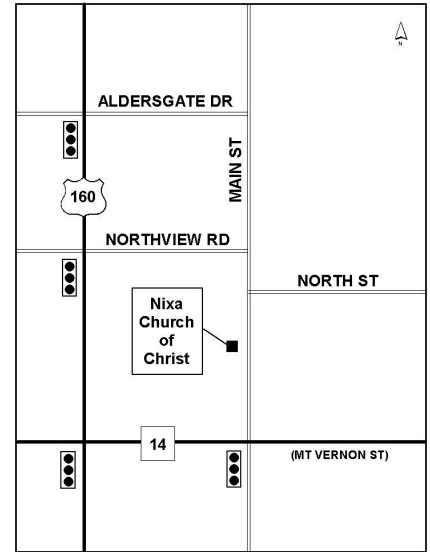
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