

## Nixa Church of Christ

### News and Notes

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

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Thus says the Lord: For I will defend this city, to save it For My own sake and for My servant David's sake.' Then the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned home, and remained at Nineveh. Now it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place. Isaiah 37:34-38

- Thanks to Evangelist Dan Huff for being with us to speak on January 19th.
- We look forward to Evangelist Tad Morris being with us to speak during our morning service on March 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 again clearing the snow from the parking lot and the sidewalks after another winter storm!
- Members are encouraged to submit names for consideration as additional elders and/or deacons. Please provide this information to the elders in writing including your signature by March 9.
- Please pray for those with special needs including Chuck Waterworth (hip replacement), Jean Deason, Mary Jane Johnson (surgery), Nancy Moore, Nadine Farthing, Devin McCall, Clayton Moore, Ruth Moore, Jerry Moore, Shannon Allen, Barbara Hutchinson, and John Derhammer.
- Our condolences to the David Landes family. David was the son-in-law of Chuck Waterworth and uncle to Leslie Waterworth.
- 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.

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## God Gives Us Victory

In Ecclesiastes the 9th chapter, Solomon has a short story tucked into his thoughts on wisdom, about an unknown man that saved a city. "There was a little city with few men in it; and a great king came against it, besieged it, and built great snares around it. Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that same poor man." Ecclesiastes 9:14-15

Within chapter 9, Solomon discusses the value of wisdom; and also about how the underdog sometimes can emerge victorious; even in the most unlikely of circumstances. And the world is filled with sports metaphors that we could insert here; but you get the idea. Sometimes events happen that you don't expect; and the end result is not what anyone predicted. But in this story from Ecclesiastes chapter 9; very little information is told to us here; but so much can be inferred from what we are given. A small city under siege has little hope of survival in the face of a mighty army. And no matter how strong the walls are, in many cases it's only a matter of time before the inevitable happens.

And just as we have the destruction of Jerusalem from Babylonian forces in 2nd Kings 25; on the other side of this we also have Jerusalem miraculously saved from the Assyrian army in Isaiah 37. We have the unexpected fall of Jericho's walls in Joshua chapter 6, and we have the siege of Samaria where the Syrians were miraculously run off in 2nd Kings chapter 7. Each of these three examples gave us unexpected endings to what no doubt seemed to be foregone conclusions. But what else did they all have in common? God was on their side. Could anyone have foreseen 185,000 of Sennacherib's forces being wiped out in one evening by an angel of the Lord? Would anyone have expected Jericho's walls to fall down as the result of marching? Did anyone believe Elisha when he told them that the Syrian army would quickly flee?

And the answer to these questions is probably no; but the principle given to us in these stories can most definitely be applied to us today. And we may or may not find ourselves in a literal siege situation; but day in and day out we are assaulted by the forces of sin, and it's only through the help of God that we can emerge victorious. Some verses to consider are:

Psalm 118:6 "The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

We also have: Romans 8:31 "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

At times it may seem that we are on our own. That everything seems to be stacked up against us. And maybe we've run the problems of this life over and over in our minds; without an obvious solution; and we just don't see any way of possibly moving forward. But with God on our side; there's always a way.

No doubt there are many stories that we could look at that point to how one influential person was able to motivate a group towards unexpected success; or as we see in this story, how one man was able to use his wisdom to overcome insurmountable odds. And with this we can see that at different times; that 1 person can make a difference in how things turn out. But no matter what happens in our lives, we know that 1 God, will always make a difference. God plus us will always be a majority.

Michael Allen

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## Calendar Events

#### Birthdays in March:

March 12 - Michael Allen

March 15 - Jack Bennett

#### **Anniversaries in March:**

March 13 - Josef and Jordan Kinder

"Then I (Solomon) said:
"Wisdom is better than strength.
Nevertheless the poor man's wisdom
is despised,

And his words are not heard. Words of the wise, spoken quietly, should be heard

Rather than the shout of a ruler of fools.

Wisdom is better than weapons of war;

But one sinner destroys much good."

Ecclesiastes 9:16-18

## Program Schedule for March 2025:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
2	T. Allen	D. Carmichael	J. Allen	J. Allen	C. Allen
9	M. Allen	B. Young	M. Allen	J. Bennett	J. Gooch
16	Brownsberger	A. Carter	D. Carmichael	D. Young	T. Morris
23	D. Young	J. Gooch	D. Young	A. Carter	M. Allen
30	J. Allen	G. McClease	J. Allen	C. Payne	B. Lee

*Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium:* Brownsberger (1, 2 Peter)

### - Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
5	D. Young	M. Allen (Daniel Chapter 7)
12	J. Allen	B. Lee (Daniel Chapter 8)
19	Mutual Edification -	D. Young (Theme: Evangelism)
26	T. Allen	J. Allen (Daniel Chapter 9)









### Mark your Calendar for March:

March 2 - Leaders Meeting 8:30 am

March 3 - Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm

March 9 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 9 - Submit Names for Elders and Deacons Consideration

March 16 - Tad Morris

March 16 - Carry-in Dinner at Noon

March 20 - First Day of Spring

### **Coming Soon in 2025**

April 13 - Doug Twaddell

May 4 - John Lee

June 8 - Louis Garbi

June 29 - John Lee

July 13 - Jeff Yost

## Contact Information

Elders: Deacons: Flowers for Ill or Bereaved:

Michael Allen Jeff Allen Lisa Allen

Tom Allen David Carmichael

David Young Food for Ill or Bereaved:

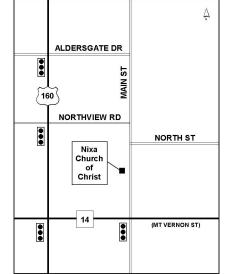
Cheryl McClease

David and Pam Young

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