

May 2022



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

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

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“By humility and the
fear of the Lord
Are riches and honor
and life.
Thorns and snares are
in the way of the
perverse;
He who guards his soul
will be far from them.
Train up a child in the
way he should go,
And when he is old he
will not depart from
it.”
Proverbs 22:4-6

- Thanks to Evangelist John Morris for being with us to speak on April 17th.
- We look forward to Evangelist Louis Garbi being with us to speak during our morning service on May 15th. He will deliver two messages; one during the 10:00am portion of the service, another during the 11:00am portion. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- Congratulations to our Nixa High School graduates, Class of 2022; Darby Allen, Morgan Allen, and Joshua Martin. We will have a graduation celebration in our fellowship room on May 1, 2:30pm
- We are now streaming our Sunday morning worship “live” on our Facebook page. The video will also be posted and available for viewing at any time convenient for you.
- We are planning to host a Fall Meeting this year on the weekend of October 15-16. More information soon to come!
- We extend our condolences and request prayers for the Waterworth and Landes family after the passing of Barbara Landes on April 18th.
- Please continue to pray for others who have been experiencing recent illnesses or medical procedures including Nancy Moore, Jean Deason, Abby Thompson, Sondra Johnson, Clayton Moore, Shannon Allen, and McKenzie Trumble.
- 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.

Lessons from Rehoboam in the book of Proverbs

What's interesting to me, is reading through the book of Proverbs, with a knowledge of how things eventually turned out for the descendants of Solomon; namely his son that assumed the throne at the time of his death; Rehoboam. Solomon was probably Israel's greatest king; one of the richest men who ever lived; and no doubt was the wisest man who ever lived; but; he was also a dad. A dad that through his writings showed a strong level of concern regarding the spiritual decisions and life choices of his son. A lot of various wisdom is given within the book of Proverbs; but regarding his son(s), there seemed to be several recurring themes. To stay away from evil companions. To not allow himself to be seduced into an improper relationship. To not forget the instructions of his father, and the laws of God. And the benefits of work instead of laziness. Beyond this, there are several verses that seem to speak directly to Rehoboam. In 1st Kings 12:8, we have the defining story of Rehoboam that he is usually remembered for; and that was his rejection of the advice from his older advisors; and the acceptance of advice from those closer to his own age. Their advice was against a much needed financial relief, in favor of a tax increase. And this decision to increase the tax burden, caused the 10 tribes of Israel to rebel and form their own government; essentially splitting the country in two.

With this in mind, listen now to the words of Solomon as seen in the book of Proverbs; and the continual written instructions to his son that seemingly went ignored. (1:5) *"A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,"* (3:27) *"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so."* (10:2) *"Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,"* (11:14) *"Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety."* (12:15) *"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise."* (12:26) *"The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray."* (13:20) *"He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed."* (13:34) *"Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people."* (16:18) *"Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."* (18:21) *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit."* (19:20) *"Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days."* (28:16) *"A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor, But he who hates covetousness will prolong his days."* (29:2) *"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan."* We are told that the events surrounding the division of Israel and Judah were all a part of God's plan (1st Kings 12:15 & 24); but how differently the kingdom of Rehoboam might have turned out; if he had listened to his father; and sought God with all his heart. One vital verse that we see in the book of Proverbs is (3:5-6) *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."*

We may have limited abilities to trace our lineage back to only a few generations; but in a way we are all the children of Solomon. And the personal instructions that he gave to his son, are still applicable to all of us today. Seek wisdom; but seek it from the Lord. Trust in God to lead us down the path of righteousness. Because the kingdom that God has given us, is much better than any kingdom that we can create, when we try to do things on our own.

Michael Allen

Calendar Events

Birthdays in May:

May 4 - Brandon Lee

May 6 - Laura Cox

May 11 - Angelica Martin

May 14 - Marilyn Brownsberger

May 20 - Jordan Kinder

Anniversaries in May:

May 15 - Ron and Rowena Martin

May 18 - Andrew and Alesia Carter

May 20 - Dave and Jean Deason

May 24 - Greg and Cheryl McCleave

May 28 - Paul and Rosanna Bivens

May 29 - Paul and Andy Cox



Mark your Calendar for May:

May 1 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

May 1 - Graduation Party for Darby Allen, Morgan Allen and Joshua Martin 2:30pm

May 8 - Mother's Day

May 15 - Louis Garbi

May 15 - Carry In Dinner at Noon

May 15 - NHS Graduation MSU 5:30pm

May 30 - Memorial Day

Coming Soon in 2022:

June 12 - Tad Morris

July 3 - John Lee

July 10 - Jay Graham

August 21 - Rick Sparks

October 16 - Doug Twaddell

Program Schedule for May 2022:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
1	D. Young	C. Allen	D. Young	B. Lee	T. Dennis
8	J. Allen	D. Gooch	J. Allen	A. Carter	M. Allen
15	Brownsberger	J. Gooch	D. Carmichael	D. Gooch	L. Garbi
22	T. Allen	A. Carter	T. Allen	D. Carmichael	B. Lee
29	D. Young	D. Carmichael	D. Young	Brownsberger	C. Allen

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: C. Payne (2 Corinthians)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
4	Brownsberger	T. Allen (Parable of the Unjust Steward - Luke 16:1-8)
11	D. Young	Brownsberger (Parable of the Lost Sheep - Matt 18:12-14, Luke 15:4-7)
18	Mutual Edification - J. Allen	(Theme: Patience, Enduring)
25	M. Allen	D. Carmichael (Parable of the Hidden Treasure - Matthew 13:44)

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

Contact Information

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Tom Dennis

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Jeff Allen

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David Young

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Lisa Allen

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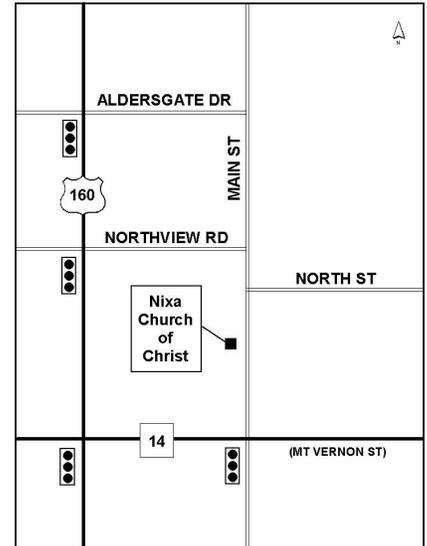
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