

*May 2024*



# *Nixa Church of Christ*

## *News and Notes*

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

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“Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.”  
2 Timothy 4:9-11

- Thanks to Evangelist Louis Garbi for being with us to speak during our morning service on April 21.
- We look forward to John Lee being with us to speak during our morning service on May 19 when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- We sadly share that sister Mary Ellen Moore passed on April 22 with services on April 30. She was a member here for almost 70 years.
- Please pray for those with special needs including Ruth Moore, Chuck Waterworth, Nadine Farthing, Shannon Allen, Barbara Hutchinson, Clayton Moore and the Martin family.
- 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](http://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](mailto:nixachurchofchrist@gmail.com) or our mailing address, PO Box 1521, Nixa, MO 65714.

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## *THE TALE OF TWO MEN*

During the time when Paul was traveling spreading the gospel, he had several different traveling companions. Some of those companions were from cities where Paul had visited as he was preaching the Gospel. Others came from cities and churches that were established and still others were relatives of people who were traveling with Paul.

One of Paul's early traveling companions was John Mark. Mark is first mentioned in Acts 12:12, where he is called the son of Mary. Mary's house is where Peter went after he was released from prison by an Angel. (Acts 12:12) This house may have been a meeting place for the church at that time and would have been a natural place for Peter to go after being freed from prison. Mark's reputation must have been good, because Paul and Barnabas took Mark with them when they returned to Antioch after delivering the contribution to the church in Jerusalem. (Acts 12:25) Colossians 4:10 records that Mark was Barnabas's cousin. Mark's reputation is further strengthened when Paul and Barnabas decide to take him on their First Missionary Journey. (Acts 13:5) However, things don't go well. After they had completed their work in Cyprus, the group went to Perga. It was at this point that John quit the team. He returned to Jerusalem. The scriptures do not give the reason. However, whatever the reason was, because Mark had left them, Paul refused to take Mark with them on their next journey.

Another of Paul's traveling companions was Demas. He is first mentioned in the scriptures in Colossians 4:14. There Paul identifies him, along with Luke, as being with him in Rome. The Book of Colossians was written by Paul when he was in prison in Rome. By including Demas in the list of people with him, it would show that Paul considered him to be an important part of the work. Paul again includes Demas in his group of people to mention in Philemon 1:24. In fact, at that location, Paul calls him, "my fellow laborer."

What we have are two men who helped Paul spread the gospel. One is called a fellow laborer and the other just quit the team. The question is what happens next.

Paul had refused to take Mark again because he left them before the job was complete. However, Barnabas, his cousin, was willing to take Mark. (Acts 15: 37) Paul took Silas instead and went through Syria while Barnabas and Mark went back to Cyprus. This is the last mention of Mark until he is included in Paul's greetings in three of his letters. It is obvious that between Paul's refusal to take Mark and Paul's greeting in Colossians 4:10 and Philemon 1:24, that Mark had made a change. A change from being a quitter to one who "is profitable to me for the ministry." (2 Timothy 4:10) Mark had returned to being someone that Paul could depend on.

When we left Demas, Paul was calling him a fellow laborer. Now time has passed and how has Demas reacted? The next mention we have of Demas is also recorded in 2 Timothy 4:10. It has been approximately two or three years since Paul's first prison stay and Demas has changed. Instead of being the "fellow laborer" that Paul had mentioned in his first prison writings, Demas has now forsaken Paul. Paul said that he, "having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica." Demas had valued his present life as being more important than service to Christ. He had traded his future home in heaven for the present world.

We started out with two men and their stories. Both served Christ in the beginning by helping Paul as he preached the Gospel to the Gentiles. Then they both abandoned their mission. Both turned their back on their service to Christ. However, while one loved the present world, the other made a return trip back to serving Jesus. With that final change, Mark was again profitable to Paul.

We all need to remember that we may have bumps along the way in our service to Christ and the church. However, we should also remember that after those bumps are taken care of, we need to get our life back on track, so somebody will be able to say, about us, that we are profitable to them as we help them to spread the gospel.

Tom Allen

## Calendar Events

### Birthdays in May:

May 4 - Brandon Lee

May 11 - Angelica Martin

May 14 - Marilyn Brownsberger

May 20 - Jordan Kinder

“At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me.

May it not be charged against them!

But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.”

2 Timothy 4:16-17



### 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

### Mark your Calendar for May:

May 5 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

May 6 - Ladies Class 6:30pm

May 19 - John Lee

May 19 - Carry-in Dinner at Noon

### Coming Soon in 2024:

June 23 - John Morris

July 14 - Rick Sparks

### Program Schedule for May 2024:

#### - Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
5	D. Young	J. Martin	D. Young	J. Bennett	T. Dennis
12	Brownsberger	G. McCleave	D. Carmichael	C. Allen	J. Allen
19	J. Bennett	C. Moore	M. Allen	A. Carter	J. Lee
26	M. Allen	D. Gooch	M. Allen	J. Gooch	J. Bennett

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: T. Allen (Hebrews)

#### - Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
1	J. Allen	C. Payne (Acts 4 - Peter and John Arrested)
8	J. Bennett	Brownsberger (Acts 5 - Ananias and Sapphira)
15	T. Allen	J. Gooch (Acts 6:1 - 7:29 - Stephen Accused)
22	J. Allen	B. Lee (Acts 7:30 - 7:60 - Stephen's Defense)
29	Brownsberger	J. Allen (Acts 8 - The Work of Phillip)

## Contact Information

### Elders:

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:

Cheryl McCleave

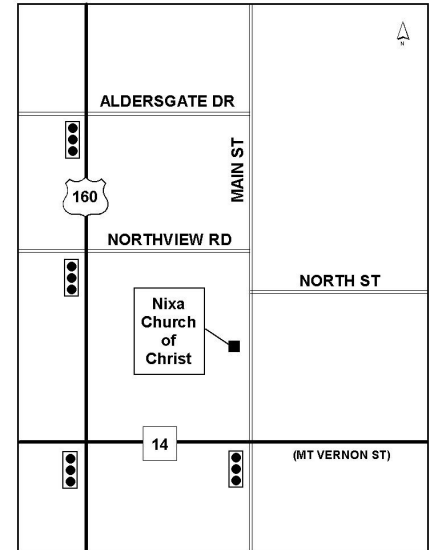
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