

October 2022



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

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

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Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel.

For He is the living God,
And steadfast forever;
His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed,
And His dominion shall endure to the end.

He delivers and rescues,
And He works signs and wonders

In heaven and on earth,
Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.
Daniel 6:25-27

- Please join us for our Fall Meeting planned for October 15-16. The theme we have chosen is “Important Numbers in the Bible.” Services Saturday at 3:30pm and 6:30pm and Sunday at 10:00am. Meals provided Saturday after 3:30pm service and Sunday at noon. Featured speakers are Clayton Cooper, Randy Tegtmeyer, John Morris, Jeffrey Allen, Brandon Lee, and Doug Twaddell.
- After the Saturday afternoon service on October 15, the evening meal will feature a fish fry by local caterer Harry Treece.
- After the Saturday evening service on October 15, weather permitting, we will offer a bonfire for additional singing and snacks at the David and Pam Young farm just south of Nixa. Directions will be provided.
- Please continue to pray for those who have been experiencing recent illnesses or medical procedures including Luanna Baysinger, Mary Jane Johnson, Ron Martin, Barbara Hutchinson, Clayton Moore, Shannon Allen, and McKenzie Trumble.
- Live streaming of our Sunday morning worship has moved from Facebook to 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.

One Angel

In Matthew the 26th chapter, Jesus and most of his disciples were in the Garden of Gethsemane praying, when Judas arrived with an armed group of people to take Jesus into custody. As they began to seize Jesus, we know that Peter comes to his defense; sword in hand. But Jesus tells him to put his sword away; that if this was to be a physical battle, that one sword would not stem the tide. That if this was to be an earthly battle, that Jesus had at his disposal as many as 12 legions of angels, that could immediately appear and fight for them. If a Roman Legion was about 5,000 to 6,000 men; then we would be talking about 60,000-70,000 angels appearing to rescue the Son of God. This is a number that is hard to imagine. Could the Romans or anyone have stood up to such a force? In some ways to us I think that this is a statement of hyperbole. It's a number that borders on an unimaginable amount and would be a force beyond comprehension. Sometimes, angels are portrayed as babies, or cute and cuddly; but I believe in reality that angels are an incredible force to be reckoned with. (2nd Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2nd Peter 2:11) Over and over in the Bible we have stories of what they were capable of doing.

In Exodus the 23rd chapter, we have the story of the Angel that would lead the Children of Israel in the wilderness. And they were told that this one angel would protect them; and guide them; but they were also warned to obey everything that he told them; and don't do anything to provoke him, because he would not forgive their transgressions. So do what he says, don't mess around with him; or you will quickly pay the price.

In Acts the 12th chapter, we have the story of Herod Agrippa who was threatening the apostles and the church; and was beginning to see himself as someone who was equal to God. And we are told that an angel of the Lord was sent and struck him dead.

In Daniel the 6th chapter, we have the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. And about how one angel came and shut all of the lion's mouths so that Daniel would be safe.

In Exodus the 12th chapter we have the conclusion of the 10 plagues in Egypt; the last of which was the death of the first born. Now it doesn't come right out and say it; but certainly, the implication was that an angel of the Lord was sent here, and would be seeking out any home that did not have blood over the door posts; and that nothing would be able to stand in his way. And to that end, we know that thousands of young Egyptians died that night, to facilitate their exodus from Egypt.

In 2nd Samuel the 24th chapter, we have the story of David, and the consequences of his sin when he decided to count the people; and apparently to see how great his kingdom had become. And in the end, one angel kills 70,000 Israelites.

And finally, we have the Assyrian siege of Jerusalem in 2nd Kings the 19th chapter. And when all seemed lost, and the surrounded city seemed destined to be captured and destroyed. One angel appears and kills 185,000 Assyrian soldiers overnight.

So, knowing this, let's go back to the Garden of Gethsemane; to the time when Jesus tells Peter to put away his sword; that if he wanted, he could call 12 legions of angels. Did Jesus need this many angels to come to his aide? And I think that the answer to this is obviously NO. He could have called 10,000 angels; but all he would have ever needed; was JUST ONE. One angel would have been enough. One angel, could have come in and neutralized any threat to our Lord and Savior; defeated any foe; and emerged victorious in any battle. And that's the point that Jesus is making here. What happened on that day was not about the conquest of an earthly battle; it was about something much larger than that. The appearance of one angel, or thousands of angels was not what kept Jesus from being freed from crucifixion and death. Jesus could have removed himself from the situation at any time; with one thought given; or one word spoken. But it wasn't angels or Romans or the Jewish mob or anything else that kept him on the cross that day; it was his love for us. And as he was arrested, and beaten, and accused, and scourged, and nailed to the cross; and put to death; he could have stopped what was going on at any time; but he didn't; because he felt that we were worth it; because he loved us. Let us hope that we live our lives in such a way that demonstrates our appreciation for this sacrifice and for this love. So that one day, when Christ returns with the entire Heavenly host of angels, (Matthew 25:31; Hebrews 12:22) we can be found worthy in the eyes of God.

Michael Allen

Calendar Events

Birthdays in October:

October 2 - Mary Ellen Moore

October 3 - Cheryl McCleave

October 9 - Levi Carter

October 12 - Shannon Allen

October 19 - Darl Gooch

October 24 - Jean Deason

October 28 - Barbara Hutchinson

October 30 - Charles Payne



Anniversaries in October:

October 20 - Jerry and Ruth Moore

Mark your Calendar for October:

October 2 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

October 10 - Columbus Day

October 15 - Fall Meeting at Nixa

Afternoon Service - 3:30pm, Meal After

Evening Service - 6:30pm

Bonfire Fellowship - 8:00pm

October 16 - Fall Meeting at Nixa

Morning Service - 10am, Meal After

Coming Soon in 2022:

November 20 - John Lee

But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?"
Matthew 26:52-53

Program Schedule for October 2022:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
2	J. Allen	C. Allen	J. Allen	G. McCleave	Brownsberger
9	M. Allen	B. Young	M. Allen	J. Gooch	T. Allen
16	Fall Weekend Meeting in the Ozarks - October 15 and 16				
23	D. Young	G. McCleave	D. Young	J. Allen	C. Payne
30	Brownsberger	K. Farthing	D. Carmichael	D. Gooch	B. Lee

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: T. Dennis (Galatians)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
5	D. Young	B. Lee (<i>Parable of the Faithful Servant - Matt 24:45-51, Luke 12:42-48</i>)
12	Mutual Edification - M. Allen (<i>Theme: Praise</i>)	
19	J. Allen	T. Allen (<i>Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard - Matthew 20:1-16</i>)
26	M. Allen	J. Allen (<i>Par. of the Lamp on the Stand - Mt 5:14-15, Mk 4:21-22, Lk 8:16, 11:33</i>)

Contact Information

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Jeff Allen

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David Young

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Food for Ill or Bereaved:

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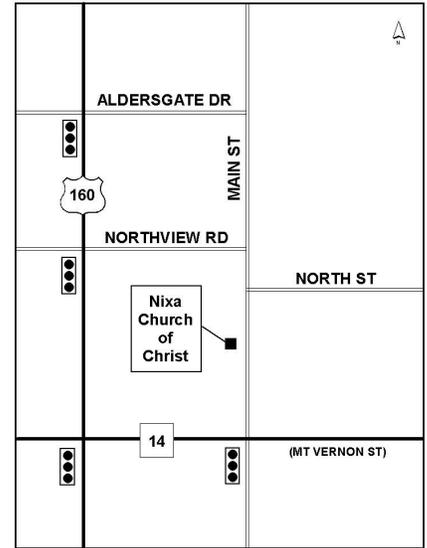
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