

October 2023



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

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

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“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- Thanks to Evangelist Tad Morris for being with us to speak on September 17th.
- We look forward to the Fall Meeting being hosted by the Ozark congregation on October 14th and 15th. This year’s theme will be “This is the Way - Walk It!” Speakers for the program are Blake Harvey, Will Eggleston, Michael Allen, Jay Graham, Eric Owens, and Camden Anderson.
- Please pray for those with special needs including Pam Young, Barbara Hutchinson, Sharla Smith, Clayton Moore and Shannon Allen.
- 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.
- 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.

Am I Mature?

Am I mature? At first glance nearly all of us will quickly say of course I am. I hope that's true but I know I'm more mature in some areas than others. As I've brainstormed some of what constitutes maturity according to the bible, I want to share a limited list of those qualities.

I recently heard it said that emotions make life fun, but logic provides us protection. Mature people seem to operate off of scripture and God's character, not feelings. Emotionally mature people are very often mature within their spiritual life. These people are often described as self-controlled. Those who let the fruit of the Spirit guide their conduct. They are the best at implementing the golden rule. This crowd stops and thinks before they do anything. They're an example of **James 1:19, "which says be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."** Following this verse alone would reduce the number of stupid decisions we make in our lives. For years the famous IQ has been a measure by which people measure themselves. I think emotional IQ would be a better measuring stick for most of us. What's our emotional intelligence? You can be sure that most spiritually developed people probably score high on the emotional IQ.

Mature people also shut up and listen, to which James was addressing in verse 19. Are we more interested in ourselves or other people? We've all had coffee with someone who did 95% of the talking about themselves. It's exhausting and not a representation of what an established Christian should be like. A post on social media once that said, "An immature Christian is hard to please and easy to offend." **Luke 6:45 says "a good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."** Controlling your mouth has a lot to do with what's in your heart, especially on social media. Everyone is a hammer looking for a nail. **Proverbs 15:1 says "a soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."** Mature people allow others to point out their flaws.

Mature people are humble and here to serve. Not being known or noticed. They don't demonize and scold everyone and everything they disagree with. They display love as outlined in 1 Corinthians 13. They're kind, patient, not boastful, lovers of truth, and seek after God's glory, not their own. These Christians don't boast that they "have discernment" or "are humble." They show it. They don't need praise from people. They do what they do to please God. When they make a bad decision, they have enough humility to know they need to make things right and admit they were wrong.

They have self-awareness. A spiritually mature person can read the room and has the insight to know how they sound to other people. They can hold themselves accountable in discussions and know when they need to step back. They realize they are an ambassador of Christ, and that their actions and words have consequences. They have enough insight to know how their actions and words affect others. James 3 has a lot to say about controlling our tongue. He compares the tongue to a rudder that controls an entire ship. Verse 5 says the tongue is a small thing that boasts great things. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire." **James 1:26 says, "If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless."**

In short, they exemplify **Galatians 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."** So by their fruit, you will recognize them.

Brandon Lee

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



“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13

Anniversaries in October:

October 20 - Jerry and Ruth Moore

Mark your Calendar for October:

- October 1 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am
- October 2 - Ladies Class 6:30pm
- October 9 - Columbus Day Holiday
- October 14-15 - Fall Meeting at Ozark

October 14 - Ozark

Afternoon Service - 3:30pm, Meal After
Evening Service - 6:30pm

October 15 - Ozark

Morning Service - 9:30am, Meal After
Afternoon Service - 1:30pm

Coming Soon in 2023:

- November 19 - John Lee
- December 17 - Doug Twaddell

Program Schedule for October 2023:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
1	T. Allen	C. Allen	T. Allen	D. Young	T. Dennis
8	M. Allen	K. Farthing	M. Allen	G. McCleave	J. Gooch
15	J. Allen	D. Carmichael	J. Allen	D. Gooch	Brownsberger
22	D. Young	B. Young	D. Young	D. Carmichael	T. Allen
29	T. Allen	A. Carter	T. Allen	C. Allen	J. Bennett

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: J. Allen (2 Thessalonians)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
4	D. Young	D. Carmichael (<i>Jesus heals on the Sabbath - Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6 Luke 6:6-11</i>)
11	J. Allen	T. Allen (<i>Jesus gives example of prayer - Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:2-4</i>)
18	Mutual Edification - M. Allen (<i>Theme: Praise</i>)	
25	M. Allen	J. Bennett (<i>Pharisee and the Tax Collector - Luke 18:9-14</i>)

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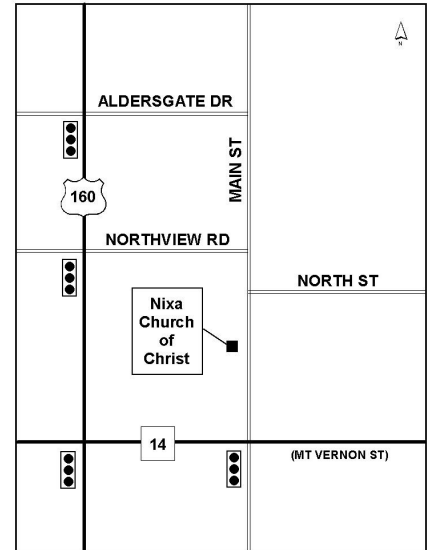
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