

September 2023



Nixa Church of Christ

News and Notes

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

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“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

- Thanks to Evangelist Rick Sparks for being with us to speak on August 20th.
- We look forward to Evangelist Tad Morris being with us to speak on September 17th when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry in dinner after services.
- We are very pleased to welcome James and Lorelee Bennett who have placed their membership with our congregation.
- Please pray for those with special needs including Luanna Baysinger, Barbara Hutchinson, 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.

I'm So Happy

"I'm so happy and here's the reason why - Jesus took my burdens all away." Stanton Gavitt was one happy man, and he wanted to share the reason with everyone. So he wrote this song, (Blue, 312) hoping others would feel the same way and want to sing it too. Jesus took his burden of sin away, in fact for all of us. All who believe in Him. When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden, the burdens of life began. God told them, "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it, all the days of your life. For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:17,19 The burden of sin for them was a physical burden. They were ousted from a garden of paradise to a life of hard labor, a death sentence if you will.

Then Lamech had a son and he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed." Gen 5:29 God was not pleased with His creation. "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Gen 6:5, 8 The burden brought mercy, because Noah walked with God. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. What God commanded Noah did; according to all that God commanded him. Gen 6:9, 22 Why did Lamech say, "This one will comfort us?" Because Noah and his family would be the first to see God's merciful side revealed, the first to experience the grace of God, the comfort of knowing God was saving them, while the unbelieving were perishing.

One man believed in the Lord so much that God blessed him and said "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." Gen 15:5 But for years Abraham and Sarah had no children. Finally as God promised they had a son. Abraham was 100 years old, Sarah in her nineties when Isaac was born. How happy were they? God took that burden away.

But a few years later righteous Abraham would be put to the ultimate test. God called out to Abraham and said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." Gen 22:2 What must have gone through Abraham's mind? Take my only son, the one you promised me, and kill him now? How will I explain if I come back alone? What will I tell Sarah? He might have wondered, but never questioned God's plan. He just obeyed.

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son to carry; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. Finally Isaac asked, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." When they came to the place which God had told him, Abraham built an altar, placed the wood in order; and bound his son and laid him up on the wood. But when Abraham stretched out his hand with the knife to slay his son he was stopped by a voice from heaven. "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Gen 22:6-12

Abraham passed the test. His faith was beyond question. His burden was taken away. What joy he must have felt. Even Isaac must have understood and been in awe of his father and his Lord. Surely he could have run away from his aged father. He was obedient to his father and to God's will. What they didn't know was the picture of sacrifice this would provide for all time. A Father's willing sacrifice of his only son would come another day, another time, and become the final sacrifice needed for all mankind. Jesus would carry the burden of sin for all mankind to the cross, and make the ultimate sacrifice.

The Letter to the Hebrews says, "As it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him, He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. Hebrews 9:27-28 Jesus first incarnation was for sin, our sin. When He returns it will be for salvation, our salvation.

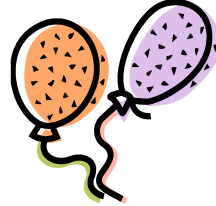
"Now I'm singing as the days go by, Jesus took my burden all away."

David Young

Calendar Events

Birthdays in September:

- September 4 - Shelly Allen
- September 6 - Leslie Waterworth
- September 7 - Samantha Johnson
- September 12 - Sharla Smith
- September 17 - Ruth Moore
- September 17 - Jay Scott
- September 26 - Abby Thompson
- September 30 - Kevin Farthing



Anniversaries in September:

September 30 - Tom and Della Dennis

Mark your Calendar for September:

- September 3 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am
- September 4 - Labor Day Holiday
- September 11 - Ladies Class 6:30pm
- September 17 - Tad Morris
- September 17 - Carry In Dinner at Noon

Mark your Calendar for October:

October 14-15 - Fall Meeting at Ozark

Coming Soon in 2023:

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

“And Abraham believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

Genesis 15:6

Program Schedule for September 2023:

- Sunday Morning -

Date	Songs	Read	Announcements	Table	Speaker
3	Brownsberger	G. McCleave	D. Carmichael	B. Young	M. Allen
10	M. Allen	D. Gooch	M. Allen	J. Allen	B. Lee
17	J. Allen	A. Carter	J. Allen	Brownsberger	T. Morris
24	D. Young	J. Gooch	D. Young	B. Lee	C. Allen

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: T. Allen (*1 Thessalonians*)

- Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
6	M. Allen	D. Young (<i>The Beatitudes - Matthew 5:1-12; Luke 6:20-26</i>)
13	Mutual Edification - J. Allen (<i>Theme: Forgiveness</i>)	
20	Brownsberger	M. Allen (<i>Christians like Children - Mt 18:1-5; Mk 9:33-37; Lk 9:46-48</i>)
27	T. Allen	T. Dennis (<i>The Pharisees and Defilement - Mt 15:1-20; Mk 7:1-23</i>)

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

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David Young

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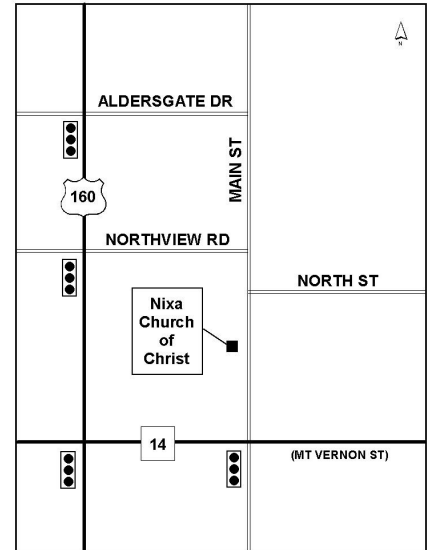
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