

September 2024



# *Nixa Church of Christ*

## *News and Notes*

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

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“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16

- Thanks to Evangelist John Lee for being with us to speak during our morning service on August 11th.
- We look forward to Tad Morris being with us to speak during our morning service on September 15th, when he will deliver two messages. We will also have a carry-in dinner at noon.
- Congratulations to Luanna Basinger on her 90th birthday celebrated on August 25th.
- Please pray for those with special needs including Della Dennis, Clayton Moore, Devin McCall (Pam and David Young’s grandson), Chuck Waterworth, Shannon Allen, Barbara Hutchinson, and John Derhammer.
- 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.

## *The Wise and Foolish Builders*

Jesus often spoke in parables. About 1/3 of all Jesus teaching was in the form of parables. Jesus took earthly situations that the hearer could relate to and beside it laid down a parallel spiritual meaning. The word means “to place beside, or to cast alongside.” It puts the known next to the unknown so that learning can take place. It can usually be identified by use of the word “like”. Those that had open hearts could often easily understand the meaning. Those that had closed hearts or minds probably would not.

In his “Sermon on the Mount” Jesus described what is blessed in the sight of God, a new kingdom not of this world, a new covenant between God and man, and how a godly person should think, act, speak, and pray. He said “seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all the things you will need in this world will be added to you” Matt 6:33. He also said “Not every one who says to me ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father” Matt 7:21.

Then Jesus said, “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall: for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell: and great was its fall.” Matt 7:24-27

So what was Jesus parallel spiritual meaning? Was he talking about home building or life building? Whoever hears the word of God has a choice. He or she can act wisely and seek to do God’s will, or act foolishly and follow their own will. A wise man would build on the rock that is the almighty God.

David said “The Lord is my rock and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;” Ps 18:2. What is stronger than solid rock? We sing “On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.” David also prophesied that “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Ps 118:22.

Peter referred to this prophecy when speaking to Jewish leaders in Acts 4:10-12, “let it be known to you, and to all the people of Israel; Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, this is the stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone. Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” The Jewish leaders were building in the sand. Jesus had told Peter that “upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” Matt 16:18. This rock was the fact just spoken by Peter, that he believed “Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Paul said “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” I Cor 3:11.

When we hear the word of God and are obedient to it we are wisely building on the best foundation for life both now and in eternity. Our lives should be built around the two great commandments of Jesus: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matt 27:37-39.

The foolish man would hear the word of God but choose to follow their own will. Jesus said “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, but in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” Matt 6:19-20. Are we not flooded daily with the temptations of this world? If we don’t dig deeply into God’s word and understand his plan for us will we not be swept away by sin? Build wisely, it will be worth it!

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 Young

September 30 - Kevin Farthing



“And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

Matthew 7:28

### Mark your Calendar for September:

September 1 - Leaders Meeting 8:30am

September 2 - Labor Day Holiday

September 9 - Ladies Class 6:30pm

September 15 - Tad Morris

September 15 - Carry In Dinner at Noon

September 21 - Ruth Moore Birthday

Party and Fish Fry - 4pm

### Coming Soon in 2024:

September 15 - Tad Morris

October 19-20 - Fall Meeting

December 15 - John Lee

### Program Schedule for September 2024:

#### - Sunday Morning -

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

Teacher for Adult Class in the Auditorium: C. Payne (Hebrews, James)

#### - Wednesday Evening -

Date	Songs	Teacher
4	M. Allen	J. Allen (Acts 18 - Paul in Corinth)
11	T. Allen	J. Bennett (Acts 20 - Paul begins to head home)
18	J. Bennett	M. Allen (Acts 21 - Paul arrives at Jerusalem and is arrested)
25	Brownsberger	D. Young (Acts 22 - Paul speaks to the people)

## Contact Information

### Elders:

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Tom Allen

### Deacons:

Jeff Allen

David Carmichael

David Young

### Flowers for Ill or Bereaved:

Lisa Allen

### Food for Ill or Bereaved:

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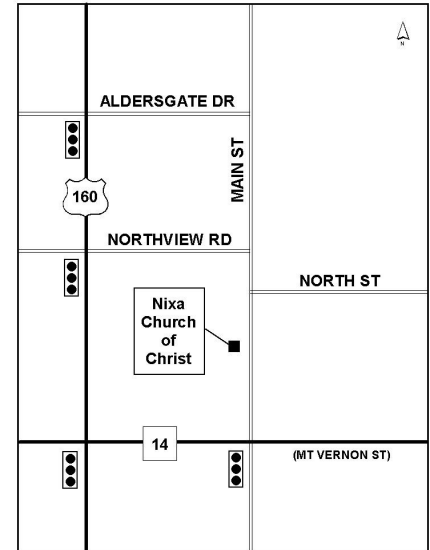
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