

## Bible Class Lesson Texts:

Sunday, October 2  
*Elijah's Talk with God; Elisha Begins his work*  
1 Kings 19

Wednesday, October 5  
*Gospel Meeting w/ Barry Haynes.*

*Happenings in God's Family* is the weekly bulletin of the New Boston church of Christ. We hope to grow as close as family ought to be, to help one another as family should, and share in the destiny of Heaven as fellow-inheritors. So we strive to exhort one another daily, strengthening and encouraging one another. Our goal and focus is eternal life, yet we diligently attempt always to help one another while we can with trials, temptations, and all tribulations of this life. Our efforts along the way are effectual. (1 Corinthians 15:58).

### God's Salvation Plan

Divine Love:	John 3:16
God's Grace:	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood:	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel:	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith:	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance:	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession:	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism:	1 Peter 3:21
Christian Work:	James 2:24
Christian Hope:	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance:	Revelation 2:10

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Monday - Friday 8a-12p

### SERVICES

SUNDAY:	Wednesday:
Bible Class 9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible class 10AM
Worship 10:25 AM	Bible Classes 7:00 PM
Worship 6:00 PM	

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## Happenings in God's Family



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### It m\May Draw a Crowd- Barry Haynes

The city of Butte, Montana had a problem when the large strip mine in the area closed down in 1992. They were left a 500-acre, 900-foot-deep lake of stagnant water filled with a amalgamation of toxic metals and acidic mine waste—known as the Berkley Pit. An overflow of the pit would be an immediate danger to the entire community. Elaborate steps had to be to be taken to scare away waterfowl with loudspeakers, firecrackers and a boat, since some geese that had touched down there for a drink there had been found dead, their insides scoured with burns and sores.

So what could they do with a pit of toxic water? Simple, sell tickets! The city found out that people would pay to come in and see the mess. One chamber official called it the "biggest tourist draw in southwest Montana." They even plan to increase the ticket prices because attendance has been so high.

It goes to show that people can be drawn in to see anything. Sadly, many churches have fallen victim to this philosophy. These churches have the idea that "bringing in people". justifies false doctrines about worship and the authority of scriptures.

It doesn't matter if it does bring in people; you still have a dangerous problem. Just because people will flock to see something doesn't make it safe or good. Unscriptural worship is like a toxic waste that can eat away the children of God in worldly self seeking people. Just because it may draw a crowd does not make it right.

1. Our **Fall Gospel Meeting** with Brother Haynes of Hope, AR, is this week. Let's resolve to attend as much as possible.
2. Ladies' Night Out will fall on October 11.
3. Our men's breakfast will be October 15 this month.
4. Potluck will be October 16th after morning worship
5. Youth Activity is set for the 23rd at 11:30, or upon dismissal from morning worship.

### Freedom

When I was in Kindergarten, the teacher made it clear to us that she was granting a special circumstance for a few seconds: "You can do whatever you want to do." I remember a couple of boys, on the first second we entered that very short period, began (resumed?) a physical contest of wills right there in the classroom. Everyone else just watched in dumbfounded silence. Reflecting on this exercise, I am struck by a few things:

1. She only had limited authority to begin with.
2. We were only 5, and (most) didn't know what to do with what we were offered.
3. A resubmission to her will and authority was given a definite timeframe.

There are some similarities to details given in Acts 17, where Paul proclaimed that God had winked at ignorance, but now commands all men everywhere to repent. God as our Creator has the right and power to command us. His authority is asserted and declared in His will, but it will be finally carried out in the Judgment. There are any number of things we may choose to do with out lives, but there's no getting around the absolute will of God. He will punish evil and bless the good.

Man has a singular option for a worthwhile life: serving the Creator. Focusing on this one target, casting aside baggage and sin, counting "all things but loss", is all for the excellency of being in the few chosen and blessed by God in that Day. Just as Kevin preached last Sunday from Matthew 6:33, we "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." After all HE is the one with authority and the ability to bless. He will do so according to His will. It's up to us to recognize, respect, and submit to that will. jp

### Please Pray for

Geraldine Browning  
 Keith & Helen Clark  
 Debbie Crawford  
 Blake Drinkard  
 Stephen Fillingame  
 Don Grider  
 Mary Hankins  
 Vinson Hardage  
 Cayden Harris  
 Marc Higgs  
 Brandon Kumpy  
 James Love  
 Glenda May  
 Henry Murray  
 John Powell  
 Faith Salfen  
 Winnie Tucker  
 Robin Upson  
 Gerald Watkins  
 Tim White.  
 David Perkins  
 Mendi Shirley  
 Glenda Lambert  
 Sandra Conley

Be not highminded, but fear: (Romans 11:20b)

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;(1 Timothy 6:17)

Pantry Item: Canned fruit

### **Servants, October 2, 2022**

Announcements: Dave Conley.

<b>AM Prayers</b>	<b>PM Prayers</b>
Jerry Yates	Scott Overstreet
Jim Patterson	Jody Thomas

### **AM Communion and offering**

Ernest Shelton	Doug Wages
Jimmy Smith	

PM Communion: Jody Thomas

### **Servants, October 9, 2022**

Announcements: Dave Conley

<b>AM Prayers</b>	<b>PM Prayers</b>
Dave Conley	Ben Dooley
Johnny Thomas	Justin Tyndell

### **AM Communion and offering**

Ernest Shelton	Doug Wages
Jimmy Smith	

PM Communion: Jody Thomas

*If for some reason you cannot serve, please call John D. Thomas-903-490-5572*

### **OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

#### **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

PM Bible Class -----67

#### **SUNDAY, September 25, 2022**

AM Bible class ----- 58

AM Worship----- 92

PM Worship----- 39

Contribution----- \$3,711.50

Average to Date ----- \$2,874.36

Budget ----- \$2,950.00