

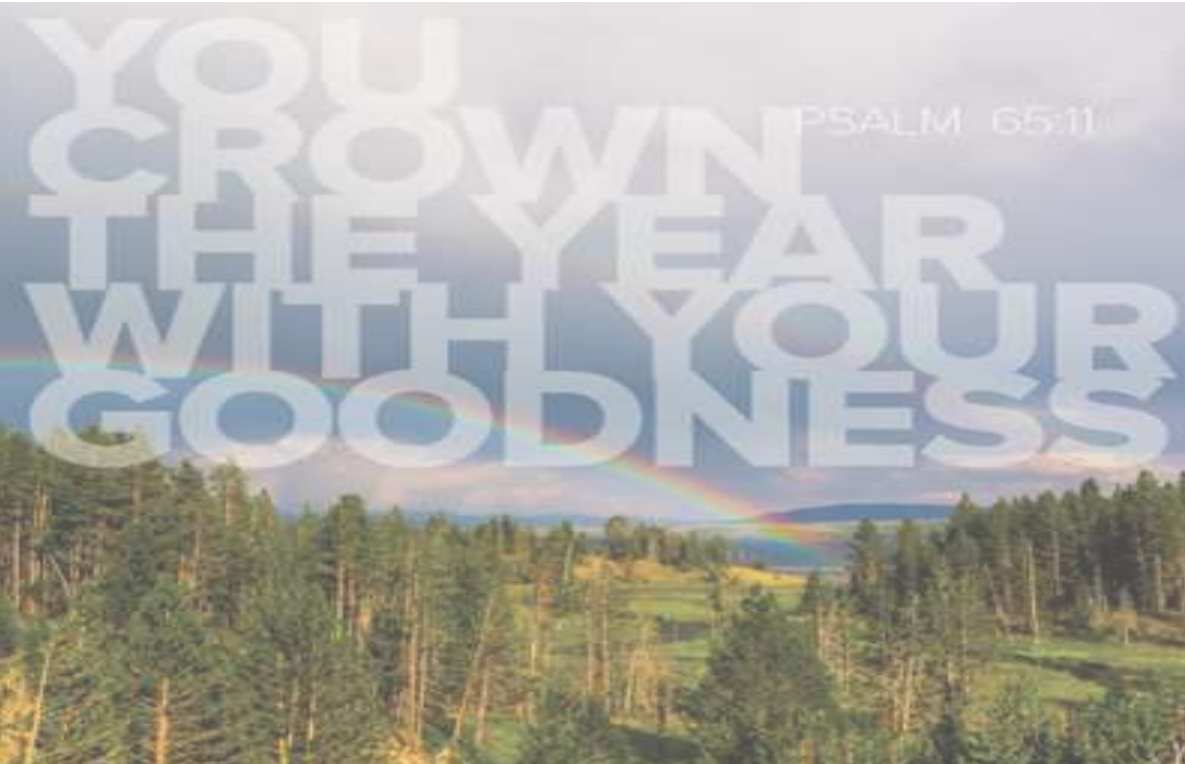
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:	
SUNDAY:	
Bible Classes	9:30 AM
AM Worship	10:25 AM
PM Classes and devotional	6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY:	
Ladies' Bible Class	10:00 AM
Bible Classes and Devo	7:00 PM

BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday, December 15
The Ark is Returned
1 Samuel 5-7:4
Wednesday, December 11
Israel wants a King
1 Samuel 8

God's Salvation Plan
HEAR the Gospel – Romans 10:17
BELIEVE on the Lord & His Word – Mark 16:16; John 8:24
REPENT of our sins – Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
CONFESS Christ – Matthew 10:32; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9-10
BE BAPTIZED for the remission of sins–Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21
LIVE a faithful, dedicated life –Revelation 2:10; James 1:12



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“Brain Rot” is Oxford Word of the Year

Each year the Oxford University Press, the publishing house responsible for producing the Oxford English Dictionary (considered by many to be the defining dictionary of the English language) puts out a word of the year. This year’s “word” is two words: “Brain Rot.” The “word” increased in usage in 2024 by 230%. The organization reports that over 37,000 people voted, and this “word” was the winner.

What is “Brain Rot?” It is an alleged deterioration of one’s mental state due to overconsuming frivolous online material. No doubt, many of us have spent time scrolling through different social media apps looking at memes and watching videos. It is this kind of thing that produces “brain rot.”

While the word usage may be novel to many, the attitudes and motivations behind it are not. Luke wrote about the Athenians in Acts 17:21, “For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.” In man’s never-ceasing efforts to cure boredom, there is a constant desire to “tell or hear some new thing.” What is the main issue? Boredom is the inability of oneself to entertain oneself. Do you see the problem?

We are selfish and we always want ourselves to be satisfied and gratified. Can this world satisfy us? It cannot. Jesus said, “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26). Whether one is pursuing wealth, entertainment, beauty, power, education, or whatever, the motivation is the same. One’s self is at the center of one’s desires. Our focus must shift from self to Jesus. Only then may we truly find ourselves (Matthew 16:25).

God bless you, and I love you.
Kevin Cauley

SERVANTS December 15, 2024

Announcements ...Dave Conley

LORD’S TABLE: Jamey Thomas
Micah Thomas..... Justin Arsenault

AM Songleader Tyler Orbison

AM PRAYERS ... PM PRAYERS

Blake Tyndell.....Jim Patterson
Justin Arsenault

PM Songleader: Scott Overstreet

PM Communion: Jamey Thomas

Prepare and fill communion trays for December:
Mary Lynn and Bettie

SERVANTS December 22, 2024

Announcements ...Dave Conley

LORD’S TABLE: Jamey Thomas
Micah Thomas..... Justin Arsenault

AM Songleader Jim Patterson

AM PRAYERS ... PM PRAYERS

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Jody Thomas

PM Songleader: Jamey Thomas

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Visitor Cards are picked up Sunday mornings after announcements by
Deacon Tyndell and Parker Orr.

If you cannot serve, please call
John D. Thomas-903-490-5572.



OUR FAITH IN ACTION
SUNDAY, December 8, 2024

Bible Class	61
AM Worship	96
Evening worship	44
Contribution	\$3,596.75
Average to Date	\$3,027.40
Budget to Date	\$3,127.00
Wednesday, December 4	
Bible Class	44



Peanut Butter
H2R item
canned cream corn

(Some) Things for which I am Grateful to God pertaining to my position at the New Boston church of Christ.

- 1. My expedited daily walk in the Light as He is in the Light and the consequent cleansing by the blood of Christ.
- 2. My brethren who daily show their care and love for one another.
- 3. The opportunities that arise for teaching and evangelism on a moderate basis.

Reminders

- 1. Don’t forget Ladies Bible class is on break for all of the month of December. They will resume in 2025 on the 8th of January.
- 2. Please be careful in travels as we bring this year to a close! God keep us safe!

Gratitude Chain Reaction

2 Corinthians 8 begins with Paul telling the brethren in Corinth about the brethren in Macedonia. No, he was not tale-bearing, and the significant detail for our understanding in verse one is the “grace of God”. Later, in chapter 9, verse 8, he says “God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye....may abound to every good work.” While Paul in this inspired epistle says much plainly, he implies more. The good thing that God has done for the Macedonian brethren in providing for them, he has done more richly for the Corinthian brethren. The expectation and boasting of Paul has been that the Corinthians can/should/will do more than their poorer brethren to support the Judean Christians. He offers encouragement in these chapters to bring this to fruition. He offers an explanation of his further expectations and prognosis in closing chapter 9, verses 12-15. The “exceeding grace of God” imparted unto the Corinthians is said to be the reason why their brethren “long after” them. The action-to my mind at least-conveys an unusual kind of nostalgia. To lexicons, it is an intense craving or desire to have possession.

There is much good done by the brethren through their desire to help one another, not the least of which is the continual resurgence of gratitude. They are grateful to one another and to God, and as the nature of fondness or nostalgia recurs in the patterns of memory, so these repetitions of gratitude echo from the past to God very much in the present.

Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days.

Ecclesiastes 11:1

- 4. The satisfaction of seeing brethren grow spiritually, knowing I contributed in some small way.
- 5. Timely updates on the well-being and recovery of loved ones
- 6. Our elders, who shoulder so much of the burden of operation/execution for the church.
- 7. Our young families with children to help grow and learn.
- 8. The trusty appliances and implements of the building that have stood the test of +50 years of use!
- 9. The Conleys and others who take care of the grounds and facilities here, helping us all get more use out of this place!
- 10.The living that is afforded me by the church here.
- 11.Rocky, the canine herald next door.

