



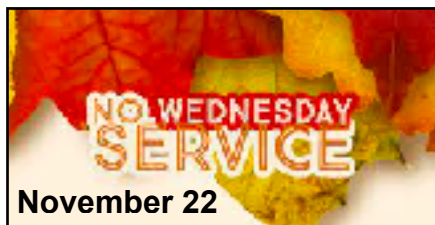
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME Ends November 5

Don't forget to turn your clocks back due to Daylight Saving Time ending, so you will be to church on time. Remember, we FALL back in the FALL.



November 19

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving lunch immediately after the service. This is a great time of fellowship so mark your calendars now to attend. There will be a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center Desk for you to sign up and bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish.



November 22

Enjoy time with your family and give thanks to the Lord together for His many blessings. We will not be having service on this evening.



It is now time to start collecting items for Operation Christmas Child. You can help by bringing in NEW gift items for the children to pack boxes with, pack your own box as a family, OR both! There is a basket in the foyer for your donations.



Your participation is much appreciated to make this mission a success. Please have all items / boxes turned in by **November 15**.



OFFICE CLOSED

November 22 - 26

The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen on Monday, November 27, at 9:00 am.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Sharon Long

Join me in welcoming this fun-loving lady, Susie Horton, and her sociable son, Adam Thompson, who have been coming to New Life for a little less than a year. They live in St. Marys and grew up in New Knoxville. For years, Susie and Adam attended the First United Church of Christ, then later, attended Faith Alliance in New Bremen. Susie has four children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild living in New Knoxville, Versailles, and Detroit. Adam lives with his mom, and attends Benchmark Day Services in St. Marys. Susie loves reading and listening to audio books. Adam loves to sing, has an amazing voice, letters, and is very social. They serve the body of Christ by being volunteers in need. Susie enjoys writing letters, and is very social. They serve the body of Christ by being volunteers in need. Susie administrative love to serve in the area of helps.



They have no pets, but love to travel to Tennessee, especially Cades Cove in the Smoky Mountains. When asked what she would do if she won \$1 million dollars, Susie reports she would donate a great portion of it, and make sure her family was well taken care of.

Some things we didn't know about this awesome family is that Adam was not expected to live past 2 years old, but God had a different plan. He's now 34 years old! Susie said she was Homecoming Queen at her high school in 1984. Some Christ-like traits are very evident in Susie's and Adam's lives, such as always being thankful and appreciative of others. If you haven't met Susie and Adam, make sure you greet them at the next church service. They are a valuable addition to our church family!

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Discipleship 2: November 5, 12, 8:00 - 9:15 am

Discipleship 3: November 12, 8:00 - 9:15 am



"A SPIRIT OF STUPOR"

Sharon Long

I was awakened from sleep a few days ago with an urgent word, a firm voice saying, "a spirit of stupor". Having remembered reading this, I turned to Romans 11 where it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear." I felt the Lord saying to the church, awake you who are being lulled to sleep.

"Therefore, let us not sleep as others do; but let us watch and be sober." (1 Thess. 5:6). If you have ears to hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to His church. Now is not the time to be on the fence, now is

them back to Him. We must not slumber, we must rise up, we must run to Him, we must have fresh oil along with our filled lamps, we must be ready and prepared, for even now judgement is beginning at the house of God.

The definition of the word stupor, according to Webster's Dictionary and the Greek definition via Strong's Concordance, is a condition of greatly dulled or completely suspended sense or sensibility; the absence of spontaneous movement, greatly diminished

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not the time to be playing games. The Lord speaks to His people in Isaiah 29:13, saying, "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of Me is based on merely human rules they have been taught." God repeated this again in Mark 7:6 and Matthew 15:8-9. God is not playing games. Ezekiel (Ez. 12:1-2) prophesied to a rebellious people who had "eyes to see but could not see and ears to hear but could not hear." And all the while, God having a redemptive purpose to draw

responsiveness to stimulation; and a state of extreme apathy or torpor. Because of their rebellion, God gave them a spirit of stupor. May we repent of any rebellion, may our eyes and ears be opened and ready to follow His voice. The enemy's ploy is to "wear out the saints of the Most High", to make us tired of fighting, to lull us to sleep. NO! We will not stop fighting the good fight! We will run the race to win! "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." (Ephesians 5:14).