

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants.”

-- Deuteronomy 30:19



Ladies from Christ's Church in the Flathead
enjoying some fellowship following the Grand Canyon presentation
Kalispell, MT

“God...will render to every man according to his deeds: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life”

Romans 2:6,7

Win one more in 2024 - "...he who is wise wins souls" - Proverbs 11:30

April 28, 2024

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls
Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Kaiden Reijgers

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Justin Shanahan

L.S. - Herb Burnell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Corban Icenogle

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Cody Kruck

L.S. - Steve Durnan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

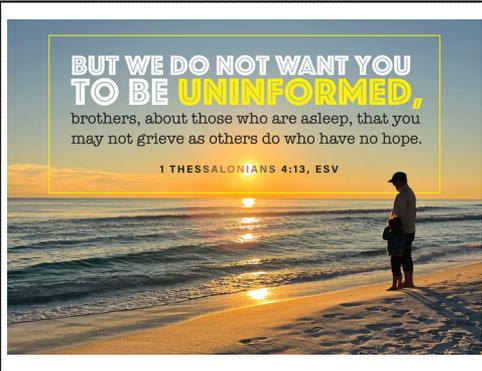
Bozeman

April prayer/potluck: April 27-28.

Theme: Brunch

Butte

May 19 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Mentally Tough series

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson

*Congratulations to **Roberta Beute**, who immersed into Christ on Wed. April 24, by Annette Zech*

Great Falls

May 5 - fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: Chinese

May 4 - "Growing God's Flowers"

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

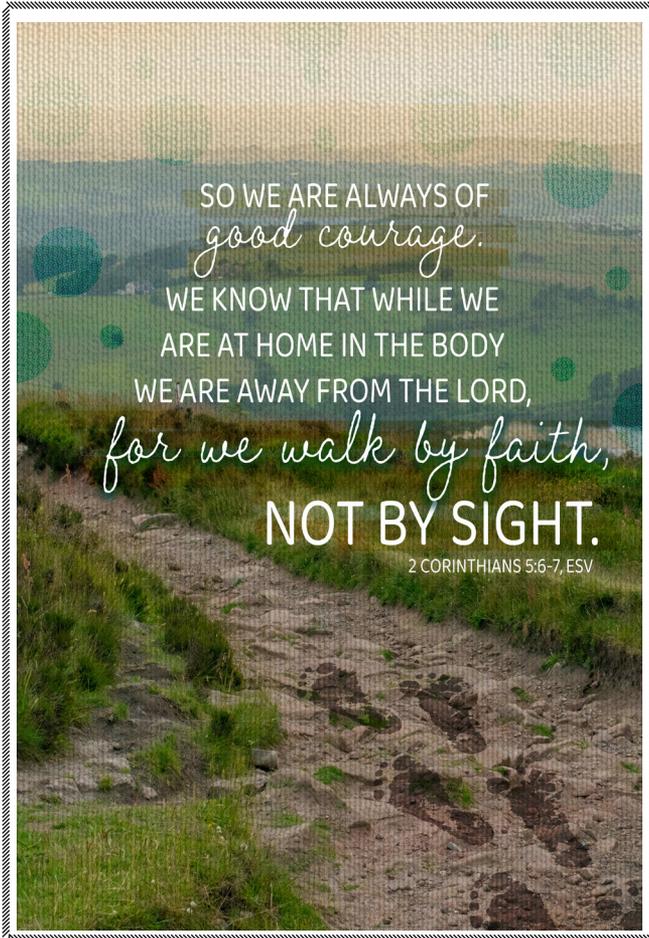
Lancaster Family Camp - Memorial Day Weekend

Badlands Family Camp - Memorial Day Weekend

Montana Youth Camp - June 9-14 (Fishtail, MT)

Men's "Peaks" - July 25-27, 2024

Family Camp - Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2024



Question of the week:

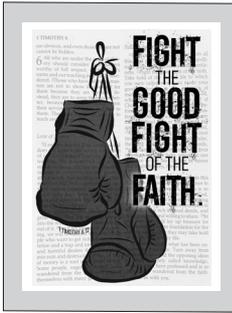
When Jesus appeared to the disciples in the evening of the day when He rose from the dead, what did He say would be preached, beginning from Jerusalem?

Last week's question: What city was located within the borders of Benjamin bounded on the southwest by the valley of Hinnom as the territory was allotted in the days of Joshua? *Answer: Jerusalem (early called "Jebus" because of the Jebusites who lived there until David drove them out -- Joshua 18:16).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 80
Morning Assembly – 115
Evening Assembly – 63

Wednesday Night (4/24) – 52
Butte Lord's Day – 23
GF Lord's Day – 65,81 Wed. - 62



Jewels from Jude

The Faith “Once for All Delivered”

Pontius Pilate, in his response to Jesus, is a great example of the world as a whole. When Jesus stated, “Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice,” Pilate’s response was, “What is truth?” (John 18:37,38). As far as the world in general is concerned, there is no truth, at least philosophically. The ongoing warfare against truth is warfare against Jesus’ pronouncement, “I am the way, and *the truth*, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me” (John 14:6).

It follows that there is ongoing warfare against the idea that the apostle Paul expressed, that there is “one faith” (Ephesians 4:5). The only way to be saved is to adhere to that one faith, and anyone who turns away from that faith, or who twists its terms, will be lost for all eternity. It is true now, and it was true in the time of Jude as

destructive influences were working inside the church of the first century.

- **Common salvation** – Jude’s initial desire was to write an encouraging letter talking about all the spiritual blessings in Christ. “Beloved,” says he of the saints of “like precious faith” (2 Peter 1:4 NKJV), “while I was making every effort to write to you about our common salvation...” (Jude 1:3). The scripture reveals that the commission of one sin separates an individual from God, and in the process he ends up in the snare of Satan. What a tremendous blessing it is to be “delivered from the domain of darkness” and to be “transferred into the kingdom” of Christ (Colossians 1:13). This “common salvation,” then, is to be held in high appreciation, and greatly rejoiced in by those who have been truly obedient to the gospel.
- **“The faith”** – Jude continues his thought: “I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith.” What the scripture calls “the law of Moses” was the system of thought tied to that which began to be delivered on Mt. Sinai. By contrast, “the faith of Christ” is the system of thought tied to that which was delivered by Christ through the apostles. It is “the apostles’ doctrine”; it is the system also termed “grace.” For the penitent believer who has confessed Christ as the Son of God, his salvation begins at his immersion into Christ. The saint, having arisen from the waters of immersion to walk in newness of life, is now being educated in “everything pertaining to life and godliness” (2 Peter 1:3). What he is to believe and how he is to conduct himself is all part of “the faith.” And those terms and conditions are to be contended for earnestly in a world that is desperately trying to rip everything about that faith to shreds.
- **“Once delivered”** – This faith, says Jude, “was once for all delivered to the saints.” This faith was delivered only one time, during the time of the early church by the apostles. The completion of the New Testament or new covenant writings was the unchangeable print version of what the apostles had been teaching in their seeking and saving the lost and in their educating and exhorting the saints. This is an extremely significant point in God’s communicating His truths to mankind; it makes it clear that any future claimants to apostleship or having revelations from heaven are false.

The saint needs to step into the fight and contend “earnestly”

The pressures to compromise “the faith” have been strong or subtle, but they have been there since its truths first started to be proclaimed. Nearly all the epistles as well as the book of Acts have strong warnings about deviating from the message delivered through the Holy Spirit to Jesus’ chosen apostles. That faith is going to have to be held onto tightly by the believer himself, but he also needs to step into the fight and contend “earnestly” for this system of thought. The brethren need to contend for the faith in their personal Bible studies in converting the lost. The brethren need to contend for the faith inside the churches. And, where possible, the brethren need to contend for the faith in the public forum. The “appeal” has been made!

JAY WILSON