

THERE IS A RIVER WHOSE STREAMS MAKE GLAD  
THE CITY OF GOD, THE HOLY DWELLING PLACES  
OF THE MOST HIGH



Taryn O'Connell, peering over protective fence  
happy following morning assembly  
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

“Do not marvel at this, for an hour  
is coming, in which all who are in  
the tombs shall hear His voice,  
and shall come forth ...”

***John 5:28***

# February 11, 2018!

## Christ's Church

Meeting at  
30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman  
Comfort Inn — Butte

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Luke Jacobs

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Matthew Wilson

Communion Meditation — Shawn O'Connell

Preaching — Jay Wilson

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 7:00 p.m., **Butte - 7:30 p.m.**

M.C. — Jeff Landsgaard, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Jeff Landsgaard, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Chris Phillips, **Jay Wilson**



### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monthly fasting and prayer for evangelism — Sat. and Lord's Day, Feb. 10, 11

Monthly fellowship — Sat. Feb. 17 at 4:00 pm at Randall and Cherie Ferguson's. Potluck and games

Going away party and potluck for Cassie Farley before she leaves for Togo — Lord's Day Feb. 25 following assembly

Bible Bowl — Sat., March 10, 2018

Ladies' Advance — April 19-21, Hampton Inn, Great Falls, MT

Men's PEAKS — Thurs. - Sat. July 19-21, 2018 at Delmo Reservoir

Family Camp 2018 — Aug. 31 - Sept. 3, 2018 at Bozeman church property

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**This Wednesday, Feb. 14th —**

**7:00 p.m. — Some enlightenment from Ephesians — Phil Sutton**



Question of the week:

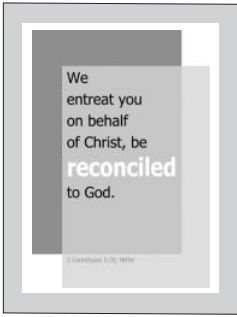
As a result of the Lord's passing over Egypt, what was to become of the future first born males of man and beast in Israel?

Last week's question: When the sons of Zebedee, through their mother, asked to sit at Jesus' right hand in the coming kingdom, he told them that they would drink the cup that he was about to drink. What immersion was the same as that cup? *Answer: Immersion of suffering (Matthew 20:20-23; Mark 10:35-40; Luke 12:50).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School — 94  
Morning Assembly — 111  
Evening Assembly — 62

Wednesday Night (2/7) — 66  
**Butte Lord's Day** — 19  
*Great Falls Lord's Day* — 44,67



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

## Which Aroma Will it Be?

Studies have shown that the deepest embedded memories in a person's life are often associated with the sense of smell. The fragrance of special flower at a wedding, the aroma of dump-lings cooking on a wood stove, the fresh scent of the air after the first shower following a long dry spell ... these all evoke the pictures and events surrounding those times. It is also important to remember that the Lord designed the sense of smell — not only the organs designed to be sensors for odors, and the nerves for their transmission, but also the way the brain itself processes those. A rose smells sweet because of the brain's way of handling the incoming nerve impulses, and a latrine has its unpleasant

odors for the same reason. Most people, without any sort of human programming, tend to perceive the same types of scents as savory, and they likewise tend to categorize others as fetid. The apostle Paul is going to use this nearly universal human experience to begin a fairly long, almost "stream consciousness," sidebar to his discussion on his concern for the Corinthians until he heard from Titus.

- **Sweet aroma** — In spite of the Corinthians' difficulties, and in spite of the time challenges and travail the apostle faced, he knew that God was working with him and through him. God "always leads us in triumph in Christ," he says. What a blessing to have true faith based on the promises of God as revealed now to us in the scripture, to know that the saint is always in a triumphant position so long as he follows the will of God! In addition to being led in victory, the apostle adds, "and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place" (2 Corinthians 2:14). For those whose spiritual nostrils are properly attuned, the knowledge of God being revealed through the apostle is like the fresh fragrance or savory smell. What a powerful and poignant picture!
- **Different perceptions** — The apostle is going to continue to use the ideas associated with the sense of smell to communicate the response of people to the gospel. "For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and those who are perishing," he states, noting that the sundry aromas ascend to the Majesty on high, "to the one an aroma of death to death, and to the other an aroma from life to life" (2 Corinthians 2:15,16). The non-Christians are those who are described as "perishing"; they, like Saul of Tarsus, could turn from their current lost position and be immersed into the body of Christ. To them the aroma of those who preach the gospel is like the flower whose bloom smells like rotten meat, "from death to death." By contrast, the Christians are described as those "who are being saved"; it is a process wherein they must be faithful until death, going triumphantly through whatever challenges and persecutions come their way. To them, the aroma of those who preach the gospel is like the pleasant aroma of lilacs in bloom, "from life to life."

*For saints, pro-claimers of the word are an "aroma from life to life."*

Jesus had warned disciples that "the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it" (Matthew 7:14). Most people, then, are going to have a poor or hostile view of those who proclaim and teach the gospel, regarding them as worthy of the scrap heap. But for those who hear and obey the word of God, those who preach and teach are highly regarded, and appreciated for their knowledge, their work, and their sacrifices for the sake of Christ and redemption of the lost. For the first, then, proclaimers of the word are an "aroma from death to death"; for the second, an "aroma from life to life." In either case, because of the gravity of what is at stake, "who is adequate for these things?" (2 Corinthians 2:16)

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