# Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises



Kathy Simpson of Billings, Montana, Christine Martin of Edmonton, Alberta, Gail O'Connell of Bozeman, Montana at 2018 Ladies' Advance, Great Falls, MT

"Do not think that I will accuse you before the Fathe; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope."

John 5:45

# May 13, 2018!



30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman Comfort Inn — Butte

## MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Josiah Sutton

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer meditation — Cliff Renner

Communion Meditation — Bob Edgar

Preaching — Jay Wilson

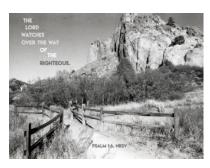
### **EVENING SCHEDULE:**

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, George Stone

Communion Meditation — Mike Kover, George Stone

Preaching — Gary DiPaolo, Jay Wilson



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bozeman Awards and Graduation ceremony — Friday, May 18, 7:00 pm at the Bozeman church building Butte Graduation ceremony — Sat., May 19, 4:00 pm at the Butte rodeo grounds

Great Falls Awards and Graduation ceremony — Tues. May 22, 7:00 pm at the Great Falls church building Missoula Awards and Graduation ceremony — Tues. May 22 at the Missoula church building

Billings Awards and Graduation ceremony — Wed. May 23 at Billings church building

Monthly potluck! — Lord's Day May 27 following assembly Badlands Family Camp — May 27-29, Hinebauch Ranch east of Glendive, MT

Butte Awards Ceremony — Tues. May 29

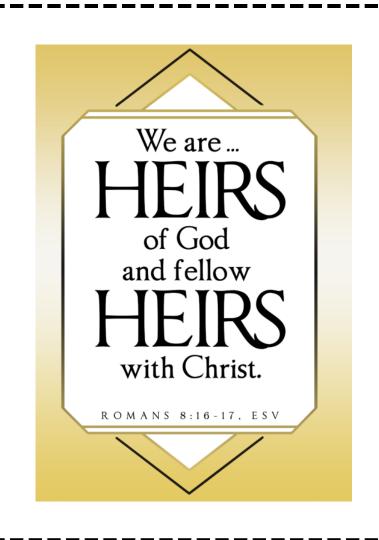
Montana Youth Camp — June 3-8 at Echo Valley Camp, Avon, MT. Theme: "Inside Out"

Men's PEAKS — Thurs. - Sat. July 19-21, 2018 at Delmoe Reservoir. Theme: "The Son of Man ..."

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

This Wednesday, May 16th -

7:00 p.m. — Teachings about Prayer and Fasting - Phil Sutton



Question of the week:

When Jesus spoke of those who would hear His word and believe in Him and thus have eternal life, He also spoke of those who would hear the voice of the Son of God and live. Who was He referring to ?

Last week's question: The last sections of the book of Judges chronicle Israel's descent into lawlessness and idolatry. Which tribe took an idol of silver north with them when they could not drive out the Philistines on the plain? *Answer: Dan (Judges 18:16-31).* 

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 100 Morning Assembly – 119 Evening Assembly – 63 Wednesday Night (5/9) - 71 Butte Lord's Day - 17 Great Falls Lord's Day - 49,81



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

# What the "god" of this World Does

Satan is the prince of darkness, the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. In His long war against the Almighty, he has made it his mission to confuse the sons of men, to get them to worship idols (or anything other than the true worship of God), and to turn away from fellowship with Christ. All the wars waged on the physical surface of this planet, all the destructive economic policies of nations, all the confusions of denominational false teachings, all the pressures of Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, all the personal and private disputes, all the forces of "the new world order" ... these are all part of the efforts of Satan, raised up against the knowledge of God revealed through Jesus Christ. Conscious of the scope of this warfare, Jesus

prayed on the west side of the Kidron before He crossed to Gethsemane: "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, even as You gave Him authority over all mankind, that to all You have given Him, He may give eternal life" (John 17:1,2). Because the glorification of Jesus — His ascension to glory — is the key mechanism in giving mankind eternal life, it is to be expected that Satan will do everything he can to attack the understanding of that glory.

**The gospel unveiled** — The apostle Paul labored intently in 2 Corinthians chapter three to establish what the saint sees in his inner man. "But we all," says he of those who have been properly immersed into Christ, "with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:18). With the veil of "the old man" removed, the new creation in Christ is ushered into fel-

lowship with the eternal God. In conjunction with the "mirror," the completed word of God - whose words are "spirit and are life" (John 6:63) — the Holy Spirit works with power in the inner man to transform the saint into the image of the One who created Him in Christ Jesus, that his fellowship with the Eternal and

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Shining One might be complete.

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scribed his efforts and the efforts of his fellow proclaimers to preach these tremendous truths honestly and completely, and it is implicit that they accomplished that goal. But in spite of their efforts, which could not have been done better, there were many who did not believe. "And even if our gospel is veiled," he then comments, "it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God" (2 Corinthians 4:3,4). What Satan does is to blind the mind; that is, he puts in motion temptation factors that — when yielded to — make it so the individual cannot reason correctly. Pressure from the so-called "scientific community" might be such that the individual cannot rationally process that what he sees in the world around him had to be created. Family ties might be so strong that the earthling cannot see that "baptisma" means immersion. Hence his mind spoken of as having been "blinded."

Regardless of what point the blinding occurs—whether on one end of the spiritual spectrum it is in failure to see that the Bible is the word of God, or whether on the other end it is an unwillingness to process the transforming power of the gospel of glory—the result is the same. The trapped man cannot see the "light of the gospel of the glory of Christ." This, then, is clearly what the entire battle is all about. This also is no mere intellectual side note; Paul and the Holy Spirit say that those who do not see this light of the gospel of the glory of Christ are perishing.

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