

God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne



Marian Nichols of Helena, Montana
enjoying the fellowship
2018 Ladies' Advance, Great Falls, MT

“After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). And a great multitude was following Him because of the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.”

John 6:1,2

May 27, 2018!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Davis Ashley, Josiah Sutton

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer meditation — Jeff Landsgaard

Communion Meditation — Nick Jacobs

Preaching — Davis Ashley

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Jason Shanahan, **George Stone**

Preaching — Phil Sutton, **Tom McDunn**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Lancaster, OH Family Camp — May 25-28

Butte Awards Ceremony — Tues. May 29 at Comfort Inn, entrance E

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

CO Family Camp — June 22,23 at Boyd Lake near Loveland, CO

Lima, OH rally — June 29-July 1

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

Bellevue, MI revival — Aug. 10-12

Family Camp 2018 — Aug. 31 - Sept. 3, 2018 at Bozeman church property. Theme: "Conversion in Immersion"

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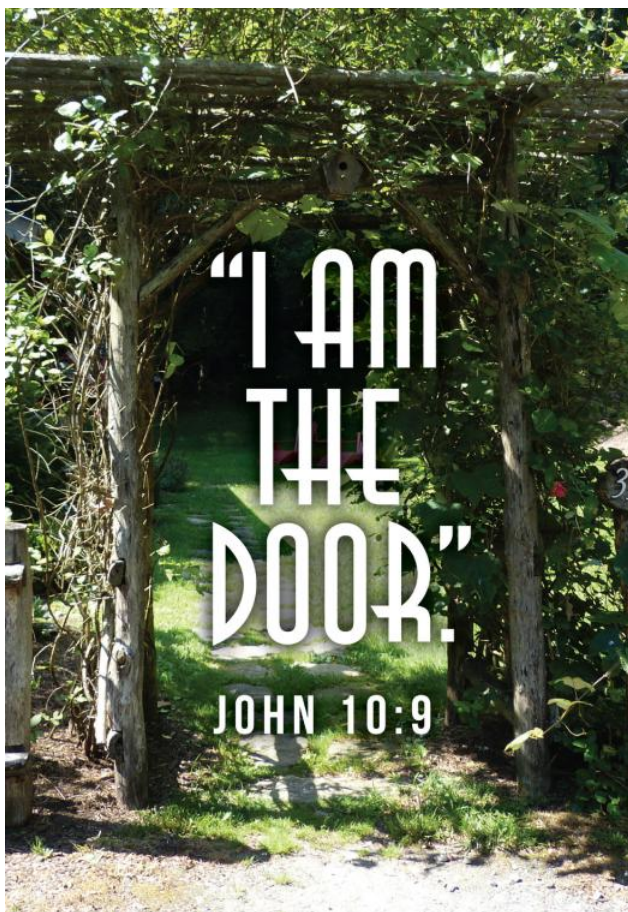
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This Wednesday, May 30th –

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



Question of the week:

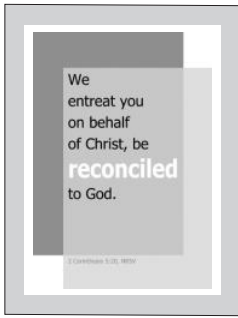
A couple of times Jesus said that He is the life. What does He also say about Himself to Martha before going to Lazarus' tomb?

Last week's question: When the Holy Spirit ceased to rest upon King Saul and transferred over to rest upon David, what happened to Saul? *Answer: An evil spirit terrorized him (1 Samuel 16:14).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 84
Morning Assembly – 102
Evening Assembly – 65

Wednesday Night (5/23) – 61
Butte Lord's Day – 21
Great Falls Lord's Day – 39,61



Physical Creation to the New Creation

The human mind is engineered in such a way that it can detect patterns of obvious design as contrasted to random workings of nature. The intelligent design movement, for example, has had to go to great lengths to try to define how mankind in general detect the difference between human-caused carvings on the wall of a canyon as contrasted to the natural erosion marks of water. Ordinarily such efforts would not be necessary. But the refusal of the atheist/evolution crowd to recognize that life absolutely had to be structured has driven proponents of design to identify the processes which humans go through basically instantaneously in recognizing the differences. The God who thus engineered the human mind to recognize the difference between design and natural randomness also ordered the human mind to recognize that the patterns set in motion in old testament writings must also be products of His design. Recognition of such patterns, called types or foreshadows, also causes the honest member of the human race to conclude that God must also be the author of the scriptures just as surely as He is the designer of life.

- ◆ **First day of creation** — God's first foreshadow is connected with the first day of creation. "The earth was formless and void," was the record handed down to Moses, "and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters" (Genesis 1:2). The narrative went on, noting the first recorded command of God: "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light" (Genesis 1:3). In connection with the command for light to begin shining on formless earth, God acted. "And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. And God called the light 'day,' and the darkness He called 'night' " (Genesis 1:4,5a). Having made the separation, and having named the opposites, God then brought this point to the fore: "And there was evening and there was morning, one day" (Genesis 1:5b).

*Shine,
Christian,
shine!!*

- ◆ **Paul's inspired parallel** — The apostle takes his readers back to the first day of creation, and then begins to point out how the physical creation was a foreshadow of the new creation. "For God who said, 'Light shall shine out of the darkness,' " affirms the apostle, "is the One who has shone in our hearts" (2 Corinthians 4:6). As the earth initially was formless and empty, so also the alien sinner is formless, empty, and in darkness. As the physical earth was formed out of water, so the alien sinner will be formed out of the waters of immersion into Christ. As the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters at the Creation, in the same fashion He hovers over the waters of immersion, entering the new creation as he comes up out of the water. For him it was "evening"—his past life—and now it is "morning"—the first day of his new life in Christ. As God separated the light from the darkness, just so the new saint is separated from the darkened and alienated world and has come into the light of a new life and fellowship with Jesus and His saints.

The God who said that light was to shine in the darkness is described as now shining "in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." In the heart of the Christian—in the inner man—there really is a light shining, just as surely as there was light shining on the first day of Creation. It is not metaphorical light; it is light! "You were formerly darkness," said Paul in another place, "but now you are light in the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8). The same light of the glory of God that is shining in the face of Christ is now shining in the inner man of the Christian, and it is transforming him into the likeness of that same glory. Shine, Christian, shine!