

**THE PRINCES OF THE PEOPLE HAVE  
ASSEMBLED THEMSELVES AS THE  
PEOPLE OF THE GOD OF ABRAHAM**



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**“And Jesus went up on the  
mountain, and there He sat with  
His disciples. Now the Passover, the  
feast of the Jews, was at hand.”**

***John 6:3,4***

# June 3, 2018!

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Phil Sutton, Luke Jacobs

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Mike Kover

Communion Meditation — Chris Gothard

Preaching — Davis Ashley

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Scott Schweitzer, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Chris Phillips, **Nick Jacobs**

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THEREFORE  
WE DO NOT  
LOSE  
HEART.  
2 CORINTHIANS 4:16, NIV

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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"

**Monthly fasting and prayer for evangelism** — Sat. and Lord's Day June 9,10

**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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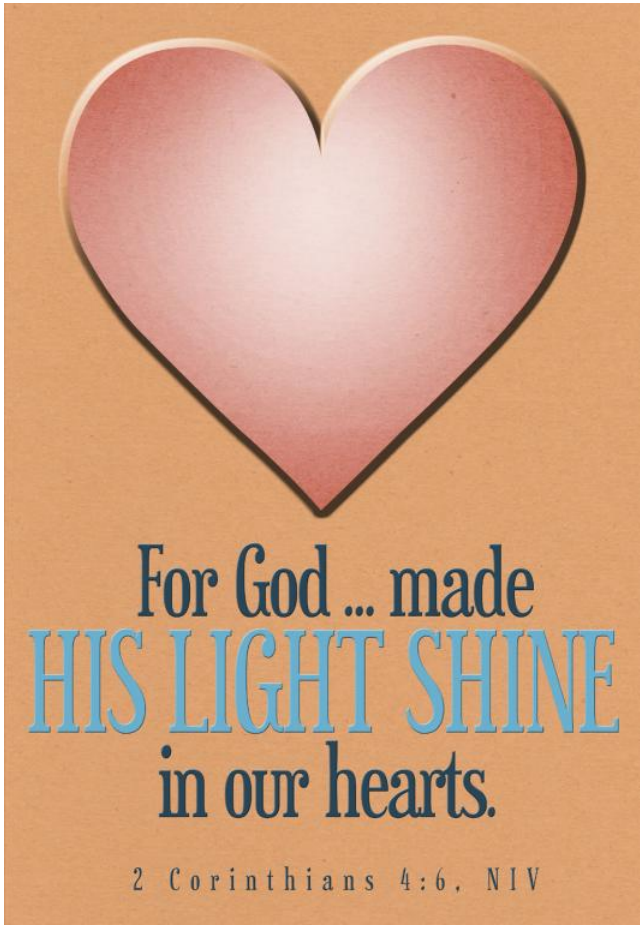
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**This Wednesday, June 6th —**

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



Question of the week:

David's son Absalom was pretty much a spoiled brat, but his worse trait was that he engaged in thievery. What did he steal?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: That He was the resurrection and the life (John 11:25).*

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 78  
Morning Assembly – 98  
Evening Assembly – 55

Wednesday Night (5/30) – --  
Butte Lord's Day – 11  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 31,50

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

## Treasure in Chipped Pottery

Mankind has always had a tendency to take too much credit for its accomplishments, and generally refuses to recognize the role and power of God. King Nebuchadnezzar, of Babylonian fame, is a good example. Although warned by God in a vision interpreted by Daniel, the king stepped over the line. "Is this not Babylon the great," he arrogantly reflected, "which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?" (Daniel 4:30). By the decree of God, Nebuchadnezzar lost his mind for seven seasons of time, unkempt and drenched by the dew. This was so that he would recognize that the "Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes" (Daniel 4:25). As powerful a king as was

Nebuchadnezzar, his might and power were only in the physical realm. The Christian is a king in the spiritual realm and has excessively greater power than any earthly king could ever have, although it is in the realm which is unseen by the physical eye. Hence God has some provisions in place to keep such spiritual kings from exalting themselves, those who have the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ shining in their hearts.

▼ **Treasure** — "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels," is Paul's comment. What would this treasure be? Spanish gold? Aztec silver? The riches of precious jewels? No, these riches will be of a different type. Elsewhere, the apostle Paul speaks of "the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). The riches of the glory of the mystery is Christ in you? That is worthy of some mental processing. Certainly, the Builder of the house is of more value than the house, "whose house we [as the church] are" (Hebrews 3:6). And certainly, the Maker of all things is of more value than any of the things. The treasure being "Christ in you," properly processed, means that all of God indwells the Christian. What, then, could possibly be of more value than that?

▼ **Earthen vessels** — The body of the Christian was made from the dust of the ground. The apostle thus uses the expression that "we have this treasure in earthen vessels."

The body is frail by comparison—a tent in one of Paul's metaphors. Because it is subject to aging, disease, and disaster, it might even be considered to be "chipped pottery," at least by the time an individual has lived a number of decades of earthly life.

▼ **The power** — As previously mentioned, the power of Nebuchadnezzar, emperor of Babylon, was nothing in comparison to the spiritual power working inside the saint of God. Nebuchadnezzar could have armies march and conquer kingdoms; the Christian can overpower sin in his life and carry on the fight in the realm of spiritual warfare. The apostle then gives the reason that the power is in these chipped vessels: it is so "that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not of ourselves." The earthen nature of the vessel is no indication of the wondrous spiritual power that lies within. The body of the disciple of Christ is of the same material as the body of the non-Christian.

The accomplishments of the child of the King in the spiritual realm then clearly illustrate that the power has to come from God (and only particularly noticed by the spiritually aware) and could not come from the individual on his own.

The servants of God, like their Master the Lord Jesus, are humble. Rather than claiming credit for what was accomplished through them and making the mistake of Nebuchadnezzar, they recognize and acknowledge that what was done was done by the grace of God. They are excited that the surpassing greatness of the power should be exhibited through them as being of God, and that He get the glory!

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