

**FOR WITH THE EAST WIND
YOU BREAK THE SHIPS
OF TARSHISH**



Virginia Wilson, age 92, of Lima, OH
going strong and enjoying the preaching and fellowship
with great-granddaughter Isabelle Hartman in the background
Christ's Church of Lima Rally
Lima, OH

**“And so they gathered them up, and
filled twelve baskets with fragments
from the five barley loaves, which
were left over by those who had
eaten.”**

John 6:13

July 29, 2018!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Josiah Sutton

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — TBA

Communion Meditation — Rick Vaught

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Dan Tuck, **George Stone**

Preaching — Phil Sutton, **Jay Wilson**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bellevue, MI revival — Aug. 10-12

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

School starts! — Bozeman and Butte schools begin **Wed. Sept. 5** at 7:30 am!

Spiritual Warriors' Weekend — Fri., Sat., Nov. 2,3 at Bozeman church building

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This Wednesday, August 1st —
7:00 p.m. — *Teachings from Titus* — **Phil Sutton**



Question of the week:

In the days of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, a massive army invaded. A prophet of God stood up as a result of prayer and fasting, and promised that God would grant them victory. Who was that prophet?

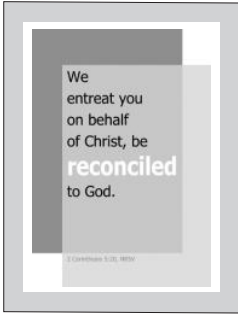
Last week's question: By what means is the love of God poured out in the hearts of Christians? *Answer: through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 101
Morning Assembly – 124
Evening Assembly – 91

Wednesday Night (7/25) – 74
Butte Lord's Day – 17
Great Falls Lord's Day – 44,73

Persuading Men



A perusal of the gospel accounts shows Jesus' tremendous drive to reach the sons of men. When the crowds got too thick and people were coming only for healing, Jesus would leave. "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also," explained He to major multitudes in the region of Capernaum who wanted all His continuing attention, "for I was sent for this purpose." The inspired commentary of Luke adds: "And He kept on preaching in the synagogues of the country of the Jews" (Luke 4:43,44). The driving force for Jesus' intense desire to preach was His love for each person, and His earnest desire to help them develop the faith that would save them from the fires of hell. By His own rules He could

not save them apart from their own willing participation. Hence, He reasoned and persuaded in the synagogues and performed miracles, trying to get His own people to recognize that He was the Christ, the Son of God.

- ▼ **The fear of the Lord** — The apostle Paul was also conscious of the coming judgment of God upon the sinfulness of men. He had reminded the Corinthian brethren that all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ to be recompensed for the deeds done in the body. The apostle also knew what the outcome of that judgment would be. "For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law," he had explained to the church in Rome, "and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law" (Romans 2:12). To be judged by the Law also means to perish, unless the person has kept it perfectly. The only escape from the fires of hell is for the individual to come under the blood of Jesus Christ. The individual, then, must be taught—he must become a disciple—the basics of the plan of God and how the gospel will apply to him on a personal basis. The disciple-maker is therefore very conscious that eternal life or eternal punishment awaits the member of the human race for whom he is presenting the word of God. "Knowing therefore the fear [terror] of the Lord," affirms Paul, "we persuade men" (2 Corinthians 5:11).

- ▼ **Manifest to others' consciences** — Words alone do not necessarily convince other people. If the supposed saint has attitudes or moral issues that are inconsistent with the message he is preaching, people will naturally and rightly reject the message; they expect to see a reasonable level of consistency. One good example of this consistency was Stephen. When the intensely Jewish men of the Synagogue of the Freedmen "rose up and argued with Stephen, they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking" (Acts 6:9,10). But not only is this character to be known to men, but clearly must be demonstrated to God also. "We persuade men," is Paul's annotation, "but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences" (2 Corinthians 5:11). The inner man is known to God; the outer man is read by men.

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Once the individual has been persuaded concerning Jesus the Son of God and has obeyed the gospel, the reasoning and persuading work must continue to go on so that he will not lose his salvation. Paul therefore appends, "We are not again commending ourselves to you but are giving you an occasion to be proud of us, that you may have an answer for those who take pride in appearance, and not in heart" (2 Corinthians 5:12). The apostle and others who worked with him in the great work of persuading the lost and strengthening the brethren were Christian men of "substance" rather than exhibitions of "show." The congregation in Corinth could point out these men with the proper kind of pride, giving those with whom they were working examples of saints who had overcome sin and who were walking in the steps of Jesus. Knowing the terror of the Lord, they did indeed persuade men!