

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be  
praised in the city of our God, in His  
holy mountain**



Dave Dobson with Justin Bolton, both of Billings, MT  
at the Todd Cooper memorial  
48th St. Church of Christ  
Billings, MT

**“And the sea began to be stirred up  
because a strong wind had been  
blowing.”**

*John 6:18*

# August 26, 2018!

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Matt Wilson, Joseph Shanahan

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Charlie Brown

Communion Meditation — Cliff Renner

Preaching — Jay Wilson

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

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

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

Preaching — Cliff Renner, **Nick Jacobs**



### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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/8:30 am!

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



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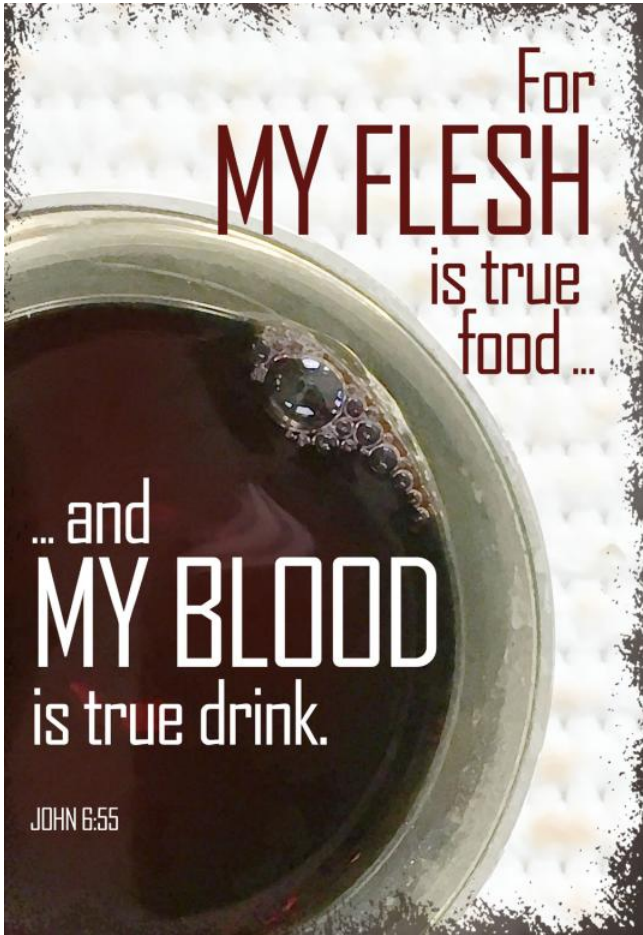
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**This Wednesday, August 29th** —  
**7:00 p.m. — Jeff Hostetter**



Question of the week:

In one of the psalms of David, the servant of the Lord, he speaks of how the saints are to trust in God, and He will do what He promises to do? What does the saint have to commit to?

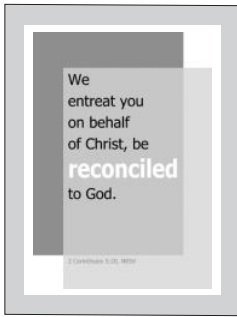
Last week's question: What was the status of the former idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, thieves, covetous, drunkards, fornicators, etc. in the congregation at Corinth? *Answer: they were washed, they were sanctified, they were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 91  
Morning Assembly – 121  
Evening Assembly – 69

Wednesday Night (8/15) – 84  
Butte Lord's Day – 14  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 47,75

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...



## Comments about Reconciliation

The earnest desire of the loving heavenly Father is to have a true relationship with His children, specifically His children of faith. The perspective of heaven is that even one sin is a major transgression and the just punishment is eternal damnation in the fires of hell. Another way of looking at the issue is that the goodness of God simply cannot fellowship with sin. Hence, as soon as possible, the devil and his angels were cast into Tartarus, and eventually will end up in *gehenna*, which as Jesus stated is the hellfire “which has been prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41). Such is the penalty for Satan’s sin. The inspired record is very clear that God cannot countenance sin, nor fellowship with sinners. Jesus, in His high priestly position, is described

as “holy, innocent, undefiled, and separated from sinners” (Hebrews 7:26). Thus each of the race of men who have committed sin will also find their end in that same hellfire, unless he is reconciled to the Father.

- ◆ **Tremendous gifts** — The all-powerful God has made it possible for sinful man to undergo a spiritual new birth and to become a totally new creature on the inside. The decaying outer man is still the same and part of the material creation, but the inner man has been made new. Part of the process is for the “old things” to pass away, and for the powerful “new things” to come into existence. These gifts and truths are immeasurably great, and the power involved is beyond comprehension.
- ◆ **Gifts from God** — The plan and purpose of God were set in motion before the universe was created. Jesus, in His redemptive ministry, is described thusly, “For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you” (1 Peter 1:20). Paul, then, building upon the point of God’s graciousness in having the old things replaced by powerful new things, affirms, “Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:18). Since the person made himself an enemy of God though his own personal sin, and since it is impossible for anyone to make amends for such sin, the effort at reconciliation and the price for past iniquity are initiated and paid for by God. The effort here on behalf of such reconciliation is again beyond human comprehension. “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself,” the apostle expounds, “not counting their trespasses against them” (2 Corinthians 5:19). As noted, the price for the transgressions of the world was high: “He made Him who knew no sin to be made sin on our behalf” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Do not minimize this price!
- ◆ **Ministry of reconciliation** — If reconciliation is possible but no one knows about it, the effort is wasted. Thus the news of God’s effort to have man reconciled to Himself requires a team that spreads the word of God’s magnanimous attempt to reach out to man. So God’s gifts not only include the price and power, but providing for the outreach team. As the apostle Paul puts it, God “gave us the ministry of reconciliation.” He further emphasizes, “He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.” This team of messengers, although generally not thought of in these terms, is also a gift from God.

*Only those “born from above” are in fellowship with Him who is “from above.”*

God has no need to show mercy or compassion to man. But His desire for true companionship is such that He has been willing to offer Christ as the redemptive price and set in motion the possibility of such reconciliation. But this fellowship with the Almighty is not something that can be attained by what Paul elsewhere calls “mere man.” He must be obedient to the gospel of Christ, reconciled to God, raised from the waters of immersion, and thus “born from above.” Only those who are “born from above” can be in fellowship with Him who “is from above.” Reconciliation clears the way for such a new birth, and hence such awesome fel-