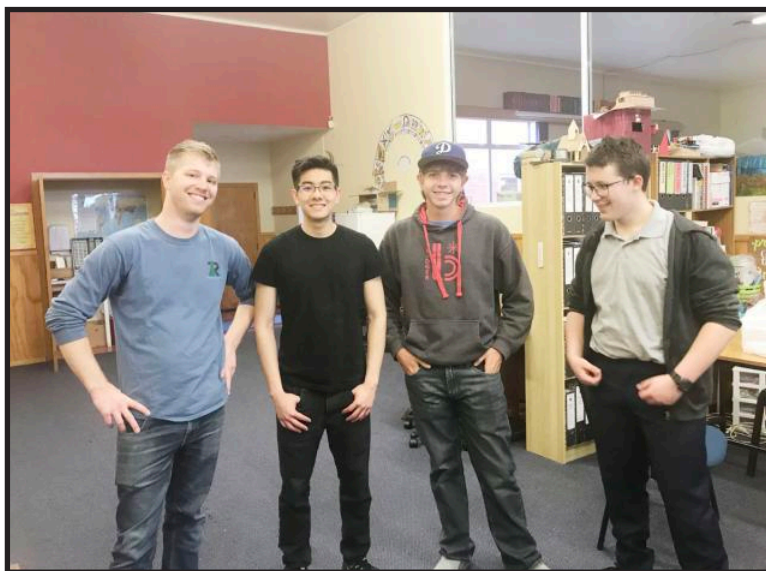


# **WE HAVE THOUGHT ON YOUR LOVING-KINDNESS, O GOD, IN THE MIDST OF YOUR TEMPLE**



Nick Parker, missionary from Noble, OK; Alex Yang, resident of Dunedin, New Zealand, and student at Otago University; Ben Boyer, of Livingston, MT; and Liam Knotts of Dunedin having some fellowship at the Dunedin Church of Christ building

“Jesus said to them [as He walked on the water toward them], ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ They were willing therefore to receive Him into the boat; and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.”

***John 6:20,21***

# September 9, 2018!

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Luke Jacobs

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Scott Schweitzer

Communion Meditation — Herb Burnell

Preaching — Jay Wilson

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **Jay Wilson**

Communion Meditation — Tommy Widner, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Chris Phillips, **Jay Wilson**



### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Fasting and prayer/potluck** — Fasting Sept. 29,30 finishing with church potluck after assembly LD Sept 30

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

**Bible Bowl** — Sat. Mar. 16, 2019, at Bozeman on Romans chapters 1-8

**Men's PEAKS** — Thurs. through Sat. July 25-27, 2019

**Family Camp 2019** — Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 at Bozeman

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**This Wednesday, September 12th –**  
**7:00 p.m. — Luke Wilson — Philippines trip**



YOUR THRONE,  
**O GOD,**  
IS FOREVER  
**AND EVER.**  
PSALM 45:6, ESV

Question of the week:

There are some of Solomon's proverbs in the book of Ecclesiastes, and one of them has to do with sagging rafters. What is it?

Last week's question: What were Paul and the other apostles carrying, according to Paul in his second epistle to the Corinthian brethren, that the life of Jesus might be manifested in their body? *Answer: They were carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus (2 Corinthians 4:10).*

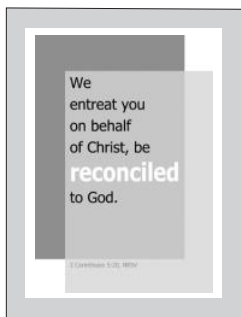
**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: FAMILY CAMP - 525+**

Bible School ---  
Morning Assembly – 155  
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (9/5) – 98  
Butte Lord's Day – 11  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 74+20

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

## Begging Extended to Urging



“Work out your salvation with fear and trembling,” was one of Paul’s exordiums. Salvation is not a one-time “saved and cannot be lost” issue. Thus the word of God is full of warnings about falling away, being deceived by false prophets, and being sucked in by the world. The bottom line is that God has done so much to reconcile man to Himself that He is not willing to compromise on the necessity of the individual’s continuing faith in order for his salvation to be secure. “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf,” is the way the apostle recorded the effort on God’s part, “that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” God rightfully expects the saint to lay

aside the old self and the old way of life and to grow sufficiently in grace and knowledge that he walks in the footsteps of Christ.

- **God’s grace not in vain** — The apostle had talked about the awesomeness of God’s willingness to establish fellowship with man through the redemption available through Jesus. The call, as phrased by Paul in this epistle, is, “We beg you, on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” Once the initial invitation is tendered and accepted in obedience to the gospel, then more exhortation is necessary for the saints to keep their faith intact and growing. “And working together with Him,” speaks the apostle in reference to his partnership with God in proclaiming the gospel and teaching the saved, “we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain” (2 Corinthians 6:1). Nothing could be more empty (vain) than an individual’s once having salvation, and then turning away from it. The wording is strong: we urge you!

- **The acceptable time** — When should a lost-and-damned-to-hell sinner turn to God? When should the saint who has wandered off “the strait and narrow” get himself back on track? The answer is the same for both: “At an acceptable time I listened to you, and on the day of salvation I helped you.” The apostle, pulled this quote from the prophet Isaiah to point to the right day and the right time. “Behold,” he shouts, “now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). The sinner is one heartbeat away from an eternity in a black, painful, Christ-less hell! When should he turn to God on God’s terms? NOW! The saint who has been pulled back into the ways of the world or who is still engaged in the childish activities of creating strife, fomenting factions, or stuck in jealousy is only one heartbeat away from an eternity in a black, painful, Christ-less hell! When should he turn back to God on God’s terms? NOW! The only day that currently exists is today; the only time that currently exists is now. The question of the day, then, is this: what part of N.....O.....W do you not understand?

*Hear the message,  
heed the  
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The efforts of God to reach out to man must not be minimized. He is under no obligation other than His great love for each person to extend the possibility of redemption. These all flow from the system of thought comprising the new covenant, often given the title grace. Paul, preacher of the gospel and one who laid down his life that others might experience eternity in glory, is not desirous that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. Hence he took the word of God to the lost, opening new vistas for the spread of the message of Christ. He also took great pains, as exhibited in his letters, to keep the saved on track. In either case, the sincerity and intensity of his appeal rings out: “We urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain.” Hear the message, heed the instructions, and hold on for all eternity!

JAY WILSON