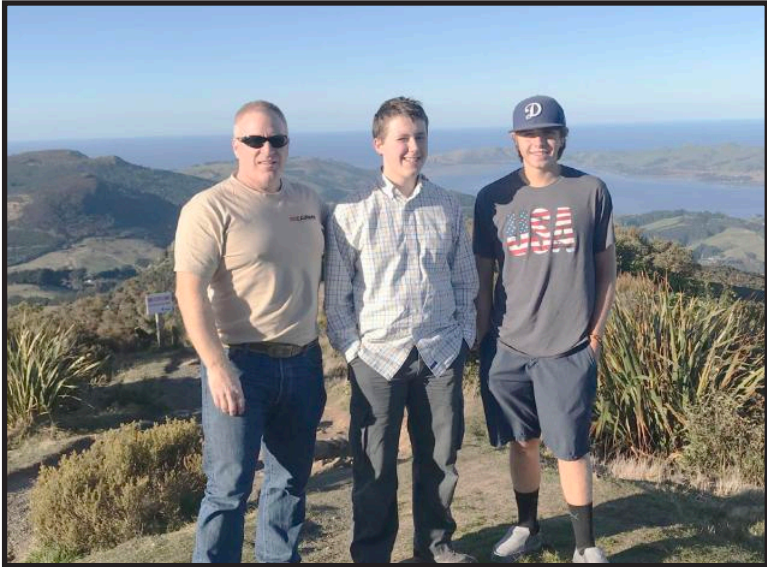


***AS IS THE GREATNESS OF YOUR NAME, SO IS
YOUR PRAISE TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH;
YOUR RIGHT HAND IS FULL OF RIGHTEOUSNESS***



Aaron and Liam Knotts, of Dunedin, New Zealand
with Ben Boyer of Livingston, MT
atop Mt. Cargill, 2218 ft. above sea level
overlooking Otago Peninsula and Dunedin Harbour
with the Pacific Ocean on the horizon

***“The next day the multitude that stood
on the other side of the sea saw that
there was no other boat there, except
one, and that Jesus had not entered
with His disciples into the boat, but
that the disciples had gone away alone.”***

John 6:22

September 16, 2018!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Ben Boyer

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer meditation — Herb Burnell

Communion Meditation — Jim Mitchell

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Scott Schweitzer, **Jay Wilson**

Preaching — Davis Ashley, **Jay Wilson**

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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 church property



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This Wednesday, September 19th –
7:00 p.m. — Teachings from Titus – Phil Sutton

PHILIPPIANS 4:19, NIV



MY GOD
WILL MEET ALL
YOUR NEEDS
ACCORDING TO THE RICHES
OF HIS GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS.

Question of the week:

According to Paul in his argumentation in his second epistle to the Corinthian brethren, who is it who is the one who is approved?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: "Through indolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks (Ecclesiastes 10:18).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: FAMILY CAMP - 525+

Bible School – 96
Morning Assembly – 117
Evening Assembly – 86

Wednesday Night (9/12) – 71
Butte Lord's Day – 18
Great Falls Lord's Day – 54,77

We
entreat you
on behalf
of Christ, be
reconciled
to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20, NIV

What it Takes

God's army is an all-volunteer army. There is no conscription, and the soldier can call off his enlistment at any time. Not enlisting in the first place, or bailing out from the long-term commitment will result in the individual's being cast into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, prepared for the enemies of God. So the call is issued: do not receive the grace of God in vain. The volunteers, then, in this army are in partnership with God. They are members strategically placed by the Father Himself for the execution of His warfare against the forces of darkness and for the spread of His gospel and the consequent salvation of souls. Paul thus reminds the brethren of this in these words: working together with Him!

- **No cause for offense** — The gospel of Christ is carried effectively by men and women of good character, men and women who come out the darkness and exhibit the fruit of light. Building off his statement of working together with the Father, he adds, "giving no offense in anything, in order that the ministry be not be discredited" (2 Corinthians 6:3). If a Christian gossips, that discredits the ministry. If a saint engages in profanity, that gives offense because it is counter to the message of righteousness that the individual is purporting to proclaim. This is certainly worthy of consideration by each disciple of Christ who earnestly desires that others be saved.
- **Servants of God** — Having commented on the negative side, the apostle then sets forth the positive picture. Rather than having the ministry of reconciliation be discredited, he writes that the brethren should be "in everything commending ourselves as servants of God" (2 Corinthians 6:4). The conduct of the saint should be exemplary in all aspects, that the gospel of Christ might have maximum positive impact. The first martyr for the faith, Stephen, is recorded as having demonstrated the proper comport when approached by the clearly hostile men of the synagogue of the Freedmen in Jerusalem. These men, recorded the sacred word, "rose up and argued with Stephen." So how did these representatives of the law system fare against him who was voluntarily governed by the principles of the new covenant? "Yet they were unable to cope with the wisdom and Spirit with which he was speaking" (Acts 6:9,10). Modern saints will do well to imitate such a great example!
- **Some challenges to be overcome** — From the beginning of the church, there were those who were enemies of the cross of Christ. Stephen, of course, an afoul of such, and paid the earthly penalty of martyrdom. Paul thus warns the brethren about some of the challenges they are to face in commending themselves to the world as servants of God. The first item which shows up on his list is the need of "much endurance." Not only are there challenging issues in the physical realm in carrying the gospel across the mountain range or braving the elements to get the gospel across the street, but there are the difficulties in dealing with people. Often much time and repetitive effort is required in helping people through the mental objections they have against obeying the gospel. Next on his inspired list is "in afflictions." Sometimes the afflictions are physical, as in being spit upon. Other times they are more verbal, as in the saint's facing the reviling and ridicule of men. This is followed by "in hardships." The gospel needs to be carried through heat, sleet, rain, and snow. No matter the road conditions, no matter the lack of sufficient provisions, the carrier needs to go on and deliver the message. "In distresses," follows the previously mentioned issues. Flat tires, scheduling difficulties, miscommunications, blizzard conditions, hydroplaning on the roads, traffic issues, and mechanical difficulties are often encountered by those who bring the message of light into a world of darkness.

"Commending ourselves as servants of God," says Paul, "in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses" is what the soldiers of faith go through, and they do it with great attitudes. This is what it takes. Carry on!

**Endurance, affliction,
hardship, distress —
this is what soldiers of
the faith go through,
and they do so with
great attitudes.**