

**OUR GOD IS FOREVER AND EVER; HE
WILL GUIDE US UNTIL DEATH**



Spectators cheering on their respective volleyball teams
Family Camp Olympics
2018 MT Family Camp
on the grounds of Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

**“And when the multitudes found Him on the
other side of the Sea of Galilee, they said
to Him, ‘Rabbi, when did You get here?’ ”**

John 6:25

Oct 7, 2018!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Joseph Shanahan

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Tommy Widner

Communion Meditation — John Adams

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Jay Shoup, **Jay Wilson**

Preaching — Jason Shanahan, **Jay Wilson**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

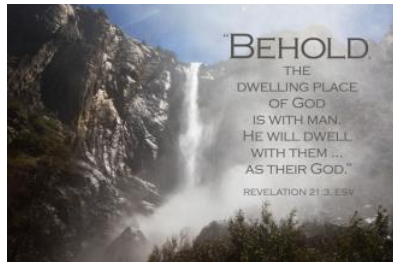
Fellowship/game night — Sat. Oct. 13th, 5:00 pm, at Jeff and Ashley Landsgaard's, 36 Woodman Dr., Belgrade. Bring a dish or snack to share!

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, October 10th –
7:00 p.m. — Teachings from Titus – Phil Sutton



Question of the week:

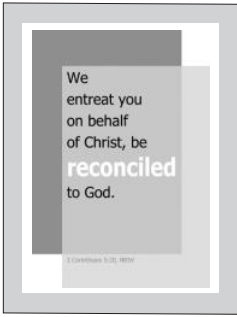
Even though our righteous deeds by comparison are like a filthy garment, God was willing to accomplish things which the ear had not heard nor the eye seen. Though this is in Isaiah, what covenant is he talking about?

Last week's question: When the apostle Paul speaks of their being one body, and one Spirit, etc., he urges the brethren to preserve something. What was it? *Answer: The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 92
Morning Assembly – 115
Evening Assembly – 71

Wednesday Night (10/3) – 71
Butte Lord's Day – 15
Great Falls Lord's Day – 52,94



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Finishing with a Crescendo

"The thief," averred Jesus the Christ, "comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (John 10:10). While a person might have all sorts of vain imaginings as to what that abundant life might look like, the actual demonstration of that abundant life is exhibited in the lives of the apostles. To those who look for the *abundant life* to be filled with comfort, toys, and goodies, that exhibition is going to be a major disappointment. But when viewed from the perspective of positive impact on people's lives and eternities, and having a powerful purpose that will live on and on, the apostles of Jesus Christ are the supreme exhibition of making the most of earthly time and experiencing the true joy of the Lord. "By this is My Father glorified," Jesus had stated, "that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples" (John 15:8). The highest end of a true disciple of the Lord is to glorify Him, and "bearing much fruit" is how that is done. The Lord also pointed out one of His purposes, noting, "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full" (John 15:11). The apostles, then, are the exhibitions of those who lived the abundant life, who glorified the Lord in making many disciples, and who experienced the true joy of the Lord—all in spite of the tremendous earthly difficulties they experienced.

- **Above circumstances** — Paul's goal was that the ministry of reconciliation go forward. He did not want any personal weakness to be a hindrance to the ministry, nor did he want challenges and difficulties to slow that message down. The next thing on his list of apparent paradoxes is his description of himself and the other apostles as "as dying, yet behold, we live" (2 Corinthians 6:9). Their bodies were pushed to the extremities of earthly existence, yet their spirituality was intact and positive. The apostle also adds that their condition could be described "as punished, yet not put to death." Jailed and beaten, they were still kept alive on earth until God determined that they had run their course.
- **Abundant living** — In the midst of the vagaries of their earthly sojourns, the apostles maintained great attitudes. When dealing with the rejection of the gospel by most who chose the broad way, they were "sorrowful," yet because of their own personal focus on Christ in glory, they were "always rejoicing" (2 Corinthians 6:10). They were "poor" in the sense that they had minimum earthly possessions, "yet making many rich" in that those who obeyed the gospel were blessed "with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). The apostles are also described in parallel fashion "as having nothing yet possessing all things." Everything they needed in the physical world would be provided to them in order for them to carry out their assigned mission as apostles of Jesus Christ. If Paul required a ship to get the saints' offering from the Gentile congregations to Jerusalem, that ship would be available. If it was necessary for Paul to get to Rome, he would go at government expense (in chains, but he arrived safely). What a life, to brave so many dangers, and yet to have such a reward in seeing the church of the Lord come off "the ground floor" and to see the salvation of so many eternal souls!

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of glory!*

The inspired partial record of the apostles and their accomplishments leaves a legacy of triumph and victory that continues to call aspiring saints to higher levels of spirituality and action. Their lives, depicted in language such as "in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses," pictured as armed with "the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left," "regarded as deceivers yet true," and "as dying, yet we live" call modern saints to emulate their spiritual power and character. Each of them finished their lives with a crescendo, despised on earth but going out in a blaze of glory. May the brethren of today similarly power on through whatever challenges the future brings, and carry the torch of the victorious gospel onward!

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