

***MANKIND'S INNER THOUGHT IS THAT THEIR  
HOUSES ARE FOREVER, AND THEIR DWELLING  
PLACES TO ALL GENERATIONS***



Young people from various congregations  
enjoying the indoor games  
Spiritual Warriors' Weekend  
Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

***“For I have come down from  
heaven, not to do My own will, but  
the will of Him who sent Me.”***

***John 6:38***

# December 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, Gunnar Landsgaard

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Gary DiPaolo

Communion Meditation — Herb Burnell

Preaching — Jay Wilson

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Jason Shanahan, **Cole Hunsicker**

Preaching — Corban Icenogle, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,  
December 19th –**

**7:00 p.m. —**

**Teachings from Phile-  
mon  
– Phil Sutton**

**Fasting for Evangelism** is Dec. 29,30,  
followed by Potluck on Lord's  
Day, Dec. 30, after Assembly

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**New Year's Eve costume party — December 31, 6:00 pm**  
at the church building. Bring snacks/food to share,  
games, and costume

**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



Question of the week:

Where Obadiah speaks of the nations' drinking of the wrath of God and becoming as if they never existed, the prophet speaks of those on a certain mountain who will escape. What was that mountain?

Last week's question: The first and second epistles of John speak of antichrists, who denied that Jesus took a fleshly body. From whence did these antichrists arise? *Answer: They arose from within the church (1 John 2:18, 19; 2 John 1:7-10).*

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 93  
Morning Assembly – 123  
Evening Assembly – 83

Wednesday Night (12/12) – 70  
Butte Lord's Day – 20  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 62,95 (120 Wed.)

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

## Increased Confidence

No one can ever get away from the baseline of the meaning of life: at the end, it is eventually either heaven or hell. Jesus was of course extremely conscious of this, repeatedly saying that He did not come to condemn the world but to save the world. The world was already condemned, so His intervention was necessary to save whatever truth-seekers His gospel could find. As this gospel came to Corinth through Paul, with follow up effort by Apollos, the concern was that their salvation remain intact in spite of the schemes of the devil. Thus, as previously noted, the apostle was without rest in his soul until he could connect with his associate Titus, and from him receive news about the Corinthians' standing firm in their faith.

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

2 Corinthians 5:20, NIV

● **Good report** — Titus brought back a positive report about the

Corinthians' response to Paul's instructions. "God," he had said, "comforted us by the coming of Titus." Titus, an evangelist also, and one of those who worked alongside Paul, "reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me." The congregation was holding to their trust in the apostle, and were thus holding to the apostles' doctrine. "For this reason," asseverated Paul, "we have been comforted [encouraged]."

● **Additional encouragement** — Not only was Paul encouraged by the response of the congregation to his admonitions, but also by their treatment of Titus. "And besides our comfort," he adds, "we rejoiced even more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all" (2 Corinthians 7:13). Because of the brethren's commitment to the gospel and willingness to yield to its instructions, Titus enjoyed the time and the fellowship. What could have been a real discouragement had not the Corinthians been willing to repent, by contrast even Titus experienced a personal revival of his spirits. What a major swing to the positive!

● **Not disappointed** — Paul hoped that the congregation would heed the calls to repentance, and tended to believe that they would actually do so. However, because people and Christians are creatures of free will, he was very concerned until he found out on which side of the repentance divide they came down. But he had made statements about his belief and confidence in the congregation. "For if in anything I have boasted to him about you," he now comments, "I was not put to shame; but as we spoke all things to you in truth, so also our boasting before Titus proved to be the truth" (2 Corinthians 7:14). Paul had always preached the truth, as he here stresses, and his hopeful "boasting" about the ability of the Corinthian brethren to establish their loyalty to truth and the apostle proved to be true also.

● **Resultant affection** — All people, especially Christians, are spiritual beings. Hence for their interrelationships truly to be fulfilling, they must be on God's spiritual wavelength. The church at Corinth put things right after receiving their challenges by Paul, and thus the barriers to true fellowship were torn down. "And his affection abounds all the more toward you," is how Paul comments on the turn around, "as he remembers the obedience of you all; how you received him with fear and trembling" (2 Corinthians 7:15). The brethren knew that Titus would also be bringing the message of truth, and their "fear and trembling" reflected their desire to be acceptable to him, to Paul, and ultimately to the Lord. That made possible the open reciprocal affection at a real level, and for Titus' soul to be refreshed by these brethren.

Real joy and happiness has to do with a systematic means of deepening true spiritual relationships in Christ. When those relationships are in danger of being severed due to unresolved sin, then there is much anguish of soul rather than the rejoicing that God earnestly desires. With Titus' report of the Corinthian brethren's positive turn, Paul is greatly encouraged, and his confidence in the brethren proved not to be misplaced. "I rejoice," he ecstatically states, "that in everything I have confidence in you" (2 Corinthians 7:16).

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JAY WILSON