

**DO NOT BE AFRAID WHEN A MAN
BECOMES RICH, WHEN THE GLORY OF HIS
HOUSE IS INCREASED**



Variegated crew
putting together new playground equipment
Great Falls Christian Academy
Christ's Church, Great Falls, MT

**“It is written in the prophets, ‘And
they shall all be taught of God.’
Everyone who has heard and learned
from the Father comes to Me.”**

John 6:45

January 27, 2019!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Joe Shanahan

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Bob Edgar

Communion Meditation — Jerry Hoffman

Preaching — Jay Wilson

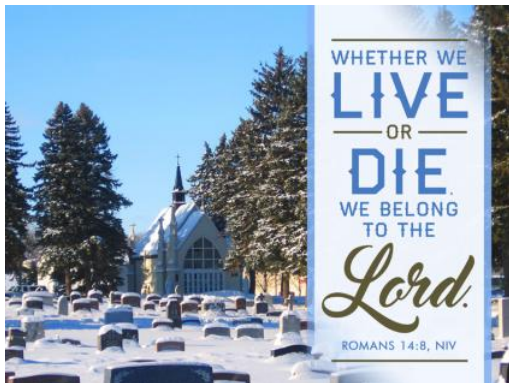
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Bob Edgar, **Jay Wilson**

Preaching — Phil and Josiah Sutton, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,
January 30th –
7:00 p.m. —
*Character Traits of
Jesus*
– Phil Sutton

Fasting weekend and
potluck — Sat. and
L.D. Jan. 26,27

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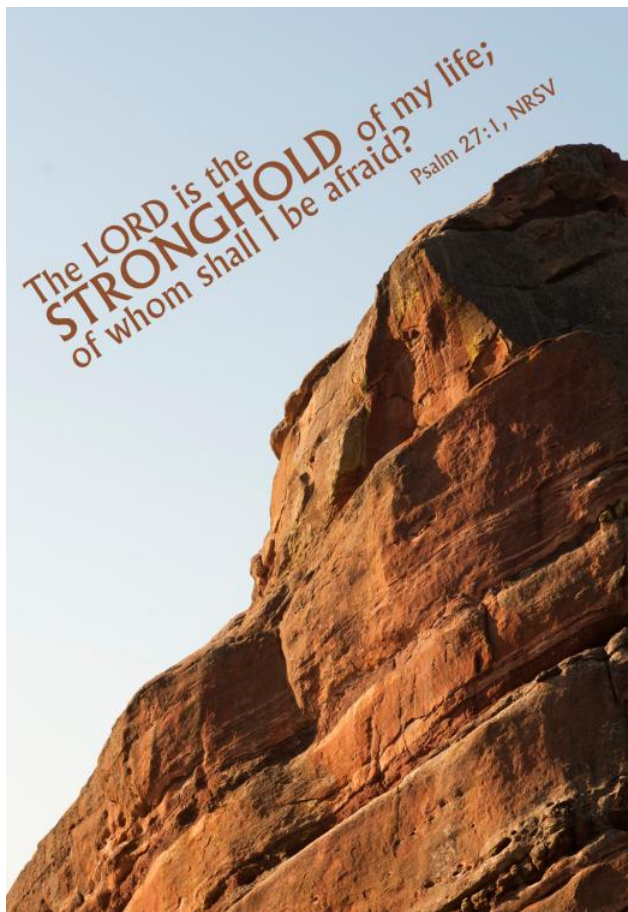
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Ladies' Advance — April 25-27

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:

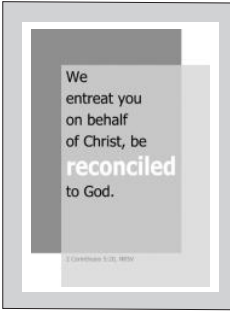
After Jesus spoke of the Son of Man coming in the glory of His Father with His angels, He also referenced that some of those standing there would see the Son of Man coming in a kingdom. What name did He give that kingdom in Matthew's account?

Last week's question: In Psalm 16, what is the characteristic of the soul of the one whose body would not decay? *Answer: His soul would not be abandoned [or left] in Hades; He would be resurrected (Psalm 16:10).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 103
Morning Assembly – 125
Evening Assembly – 76

Wednesday Night (1/23) – 82
Butte Lord's Day – 16
Great Falls Lord's Day – 60,83



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Honorable in the Sight of All

A sizeable offering was being collected by Paul from the Gentile congregations on behalf of the poor saints in Judea. The problem, of course, is that where money is involved (particularly lots of it) the thieves are gathered. This is true also of the Lord's work and the Lord's money. Even in the close proximity of Jesus was Judas Iscariot, of whom it is written: "He was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it" (John 12:6). All the disciples of the Lord would be aware of this part of Christ's story, and hence would be extra careful in trusting someone with large sums of cash. Thus, as Paul is in the final stages of getting this collection ready, he wants to reassure the brethren of the care taken in regard

to these finances.

- ▼ **This gracious work** — Paul several times refers to the offering as "this *gracious work*." It is a *charitable* endeavor, for the relief of the brethren in Judea. When Paul referred to it in the letter to the congregation in Rome, he put it in the category of *service*, the realm of spiritual sacrifice. "I am going to Jerusalem *servicing* the saints," he reported, "for Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem" (Romans 15:25,26). And as he requested prayers from the brethren, he spoke in terms of "that my *service* for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints" (Romans 15:31). "This gracious work," Paul informs the brethren, "is being administered by us for the glory of the Lord Himself, and to show our readiness" (2 Corinthians 8:19). The ultimate twin goals for the offering, then, were that the Lord might receive the glory, and that the saints would show their readiness to participate in the Lord's strategic thrust.

- ▼ **Proper precaution** — Because the whole collection effort was "being administered by us for the glory of the Lord," the apostle is wanting everything to be open to scrutiny from the brethren. We are, he says, "taking precaution that no one should discredit us in our administration of this generous gift" (2 Corinthians 8:20). As mentioned, where money in any significant amount is present, then the possibility of a weaker soul's being tempted is also very present. The gift was going to be "generous," and thus every "precaution" was being taken. "We have regard for what is honorable," the apostle adds, "not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of men" (2 Corinthians 8:21). It is easy to claim to be honorable in the sight of the Lord and not be checked on by men. But if a person is truly operating honorably in the sight of God, he has no problem having his activities checked on by honorable and upright men. Paul is thus, even as an apostle, giving the brethren assurance that everything connected with this offering is going to be open to scrutiny, exposed to honest accounting.

When Ezra the scribe, in 457 BC, left Babylon for the city of Jerusalem, he brought with him an offering to the Lord. In the presence of the leading priests, he "weighed out to them the silver, the gold, and the utensils, the offering for the house of our God" (Ezra 8:25). When he arrived at Jerusalem, protected by the good hand of the Lord, he also delivered the offering. "And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the utensils were weighed out in the house of our God" into the hands of the priests ministering there (Ezra 8:33). Thus everything was done honorably in the sight of men as well as in the sight of God. Paul is giving this same assurance to the brethren in Corinth concerning the saints' offering for Jerusalem, that they might give with full confidence. "Therefore," he exhorts, "openly before the churches show them the proof of your love and our reason for boasting about you" (2 Corinthians 8:24). This, then, is how the church of the Lord today conducts its business as well.

**EVERYTHING WAS
DONE HONORABLY
IN THE SIGHT OF
GOD AND MEN.**

JAY WILSON