

**For when the rich man dies, he will carry  
nothing away; his glory will not descend  
after him**



Chad Danielson providing some comfort for Damon Larsen  
with some big help from one of the family dogs  
Monday night Bible study at the Danielson residence  
Great Falls, MT

**“Not that any man has seen the  
Father, except the One who is from  
God; He has seen the Father. Truly,  
truly, I say to you, he who believes  
has eternal life.”**

***John 6:46,47***

# February 3, 2019!

## 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 — Matt Wilson

Communion Meditation — Charlie Jacobs

Preaching — Jay Wilson

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Dan Tuck, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Corban Icenogle and Kaden Reijgers, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,  
February 6th –  
7:00 p.m. —  
Character Traits of  
Jesus  
– Phil Sutton**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

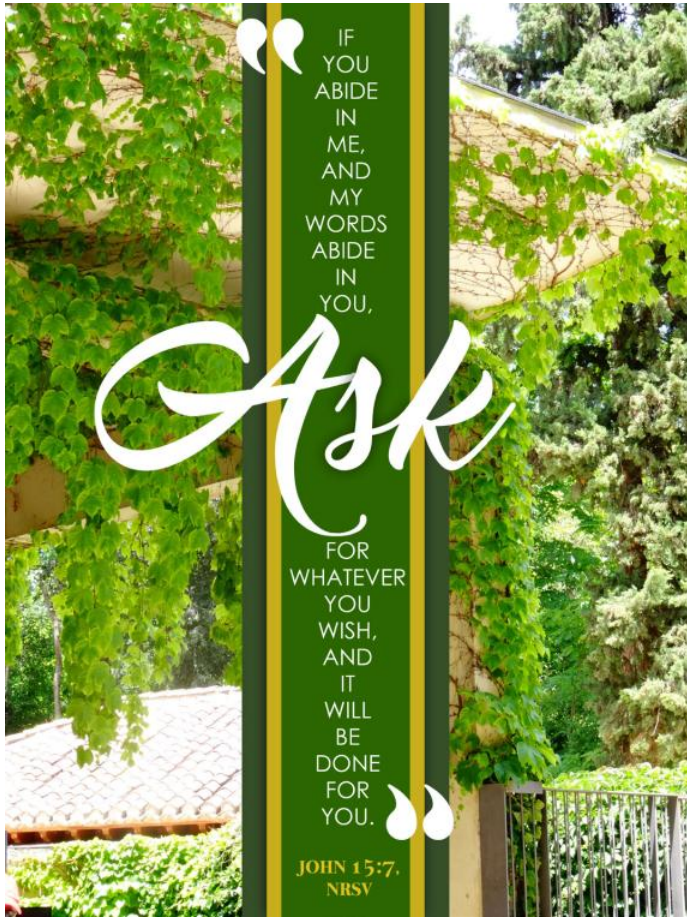
**OR Family Camp** — Feb. 22-24 at Pleasant Hill church building

**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:

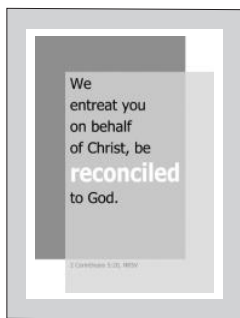
The blood sprinkled on the doorposts and lintels of the houses of Israel the night of Passover would come from an animal from one of two groups. What were those two?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: His [Jesus'] kingdom (Matthew 16:28).*

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 108  
Morning Assembly – 130  
Evening Assembly – 79

Wednesday Night (1/30) – 105  
Butte Lord's Day – 18  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 46,77



## ***Boasting about the Gift***

The apostle Paul was personally very involved in the collection for the poor Judean saints coming from the Gentile congregations. When he met with Peter and John and the others in Jerusalem concerning whether the Gentiles needed to be circumcised and keep the Law of Moses, it was clear that Paul was to keep going to the uncircumcised. "They only asked us to remember the poor," he recalled, "the very thing I also was eager to do" (Galatians 2:10). As part of his history of bringing "alms to his nation," Paul was personally committed to taking a very "generous" offering from the Gentile congregations of Macedonia, Achaia, and other provinces. In taking this collection from these brethren, he was openly enthusiastic and optimistic about their participation, which

he called "boasting."

- ▲ **"Your readiness"** — Paul is confident in the Corinthians' participation in this offering, but he is also in the mindset of "trust, but verify." "For it is superfluous for me to write to you about this ministry to the saints," he affirmatively and positively states, "for I know your readiness of which I boast about you to the Macedonians, namely, that Achaia has been prepared since last year, and your zeal has stirred up most of them" (2 Corinthians 9:1,2). He has been lauding what he believed to be the efforts of the brethren from Achaia to the Macedonians, and the Macedonian brethren were stirred to at least match what they thought the Corinthians were doing. The apostle trusts—he says it is "superfluous" for him to write—but he is also going to verify.
- ▲ **Sending the brethren** — Paul had previously made mention of Titus' being one of those coming to assist in readying the collection. "Consequently," he had earlier penned, "we urged Titus that as he had previously made a beginning, he would also complete this gracious work as well" (2 Corinthians 8:6). Coming back to that point, he continues the thought, "But I have sent the brethren, that our boasting about you may not be made empty in this case, that, as I was saying, you may be prepared" (2 Corinthians 9:3). He doesn't want his "boasting" to be premature.
- ▲ **When Paul comes** — Paul's plan was to come to Corinth when the timing was right, and do his part in collecting this offering, as well as whatever other ministrations he could accomplish. As he would be making this his last trip through the area and making his way to Jerusalem, he thought that others would probably be traveling with him. Conscious of that, as he speaks of the Corinthians' being prepared, he expresses his concern, "lest if any Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to speak of you) should be put to shame by this confidence" (2 Corinthians 9:4). He wants to verify their preparedness so that, in other words, he won't be embarrassed.
- ▲ **Reiteration** — Paul usually has a team of men working with him, in this case including Titus. "So I thought it necessary," he emphasizes, "to urge the brethren [the team] that they would go on ahead to you and arrange beforehand your previously promised bountiful gift, that it might be ready as a bountiful gift" (2 Corinthians 9:5). It was important that everything not only be ready from the Corinthians, but also be organized and ready to load onto the ship to get it to Jerusalem. If all that organization has to be done when Paul arrives (to say nothing of trying to do the same thing at all the other collection locations), then that would be a huge waste of the preacher's time.

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This truly "bountiful gift" would be a pretty large chunk of change. Paul has indicated his confidence in the size and readiness of the gift in his "boasting" to the Macedonians at Philippi and Thessalonica. The indications are that he was not disappointed, and he was not put to shame by the brethren. May it be so today!