

***THE UPRIGHT WILL RULE OVER THE FOOLISH
IN THE MORNING; THEIR FORM [THE FOOLISH]
SHALL BE FOR SHEOL TO CONSUME, SO THAT
THEY HAVE NO HABITATION***



Lily Reijgers and Megan Helfrich
having some good bonding
New Year's Eve party
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

***“This is the bread which came
down out of heaven, so that one
may eat of it and not die.”***

John 6:50

February 17, 2019!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Josiah Sutton

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Ed Donohue

Communion Meditation — Cliff Renner

Preaching — Jay Wilson

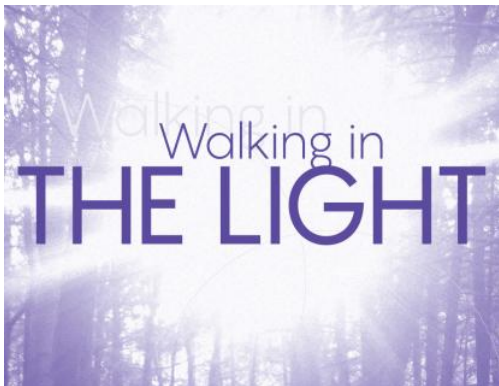
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Davis Ashley, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Jay Shoup and sons, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,
February 20th —
7:00 p.m. —
*Character Traits of
Jesus*
— Phil Sutton

Fasting weekend and
potluck — Sat. and
L.D. Feb. 23,24

Congratulations to Hailey Olson, who was immersed into Christ on Lord's Day, Feb. 10 by Cole Hunsicker at the Butte Comfort Inn. Hailey attends the Butte congregaton, lives in Boulder, and works as a dental hygenist in Helena.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

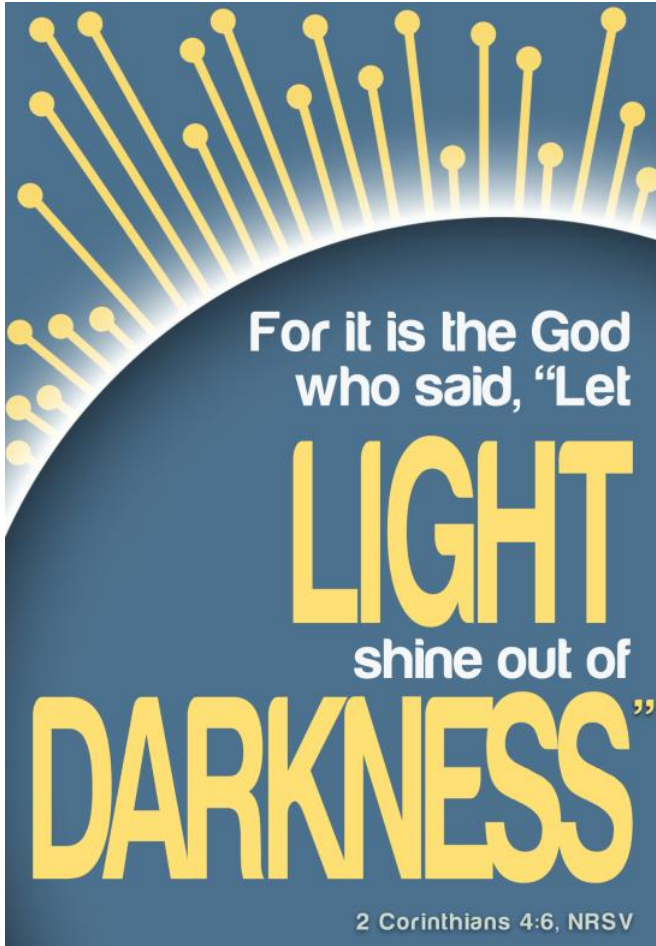
OR Family Camp — Feb. 22-24 at Pleasant Hill church building
Bible Bowl — Sat. Mar. 16, 2019, at Bozeman on Romans chapters 1-8

Ladies' Advance — April 25-27

Montana Youth Camp — June 9-14

Men's PEAKS — Thurs. through Sat. July 25-27, 2019

Family Camp 2019 — Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 at Bozeman property



Question of the week:

Who put the skill in Bezalel, Oholiab, and every skillful person to fabricate the appurtenances of the tabernacle of Moses' day?

Last week's question: Who were the blind guides that Jesus said would strain out a gnat but swallow a camel? *Answer: The scribes and the Pharisees (Matthew 23:24).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 98
Morning Assembly – 124
Evening Assembly – 76

Wednesday Night (2/13) – 93
Butte Lord's Day – 21
Great Falls Lord's Day – 44,83

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Abundance for Every Good Deed

When God cursed the ground because of Adam's sin, from that point on man was forced to earn his living by the sweat of his brow. Part of the challenge of hacking the jungle back every day, fighting through the briars and brambles, brushing off insects, and warding off predators is that such a battle requires constant attention. The result is that people as a whole lose their proper focus on God and drift into a materialistic viewpoint. In other words, they tend to forget that God is the One who makes planting and harvesting successful in the first place, and without His generous provision nothing would be harvested. As Paul and Barnabas explained to the residents of the Roman province of Lycaonia, God "did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains

from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17). How easy it was for the ancients to drift into ignorance about the true God! Even the saints of the new covenant can forget, thinking that all the fruit of their labor depends upon their efforts. Hence they are stingy when they should be generous, sowing sparingly when they should be sowing bountifully.

- **Motivating the faithful** — Looking to God to provide requires faith, and specifically looking for God to provide an abundance for extra giving requires Biblically defined new covenant faith. The apostle Paul is thus challenging the first century saints—and through them the Holy Spirit is challenging twenty-first century saints—to believe that God will do what He has promised to do. "And God is able," are the preparatory words from the apostle, "to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed" (2 Corinthians 9:8). These words from the apostle are true; they are used by every charlatan claiming to speak the words of God for the purpose of motivating the hearers to empty their pockets for whatever cause or purpose the orator is presenting. But for those who truly have the biblically defined faith, these words are designed to encourage the faithful of the Lord to contribute to what is specifically called "every good deed."
- **Abounding in grace** — One of the obstacles facing Christians is that there never seems to be quite enough money available for the cost of living plus the cost of giving. Hence the apostle appeals to the faith of saints with the awesome, true, and powerful words: "God is able." When the saint does not have enough, God does. But the All Wise is constantly in the process of increasing the faith of the saints, and faith requires that the individual step forward into an area where a clear promise of God has provided a definite but unseen bridge. The encouragement, then, is for the Christian to trust in what God has truly promised, that He will "make all grace abound to you," that the faithful follower of Christ will always have "all sufficiency in everything," and that he will "have an abundance for every good deed." Those are huge promises. Will the saint have enough belief to give the extra? The record indicates those first century saints from the ranks of the Gentiles did, and God was able to accomplish some great things through their extra contributions!

In general, the descendant of Adam tends to focus on planting his small supply of seeds in the ground, tending their growth, and gathering his harvest. He tends to forget that God is the One who gives the seed the capacity to produce a plant in the first place, that God is the One who makes it possible for the plant to get its water and nutrients. Hence, he loses his faith in God and focuses on trusting himself. The Father called the first century saints out of such a small-straw-view, calling on them to trust Him to supply their needs. The scripture reminder is given: "He scattered abroad, He gave to the poor, His righteousness abides forever" (2 Corinthians 9:9). Trust in God, brother, with generosity in your finances, and watch God give the increase and assist the poor who truly need His help!

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

2 Corinthians 5:20, NKJV

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JAY WILSON