

**Though men praise you for your works
apart from God when you do well,
you shall go to the generation of your
fathers**



Lynne Jensen with Paula and Phil Sutton
having some fun fellowship
New Year's Eve party
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“I am the living bread which came
down out of heaven; if anyone eats of
this bread, he shall live forever; and the
bread also which I shall give for the life
of the world is My flesh.”**

John 6:51

February 24, 2019!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Corban Icenogle

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Dan Tuck

Communion Meditation — Rick Vaught

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Dan Tuck, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Tommy Widner, **George Stone**

Preaching — Marshall Harbour, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,
February 27th –
7:00 p.m. —
Character Traits of
Jesus
– Phil Sutton**

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Ladies' Advance — April 25-27

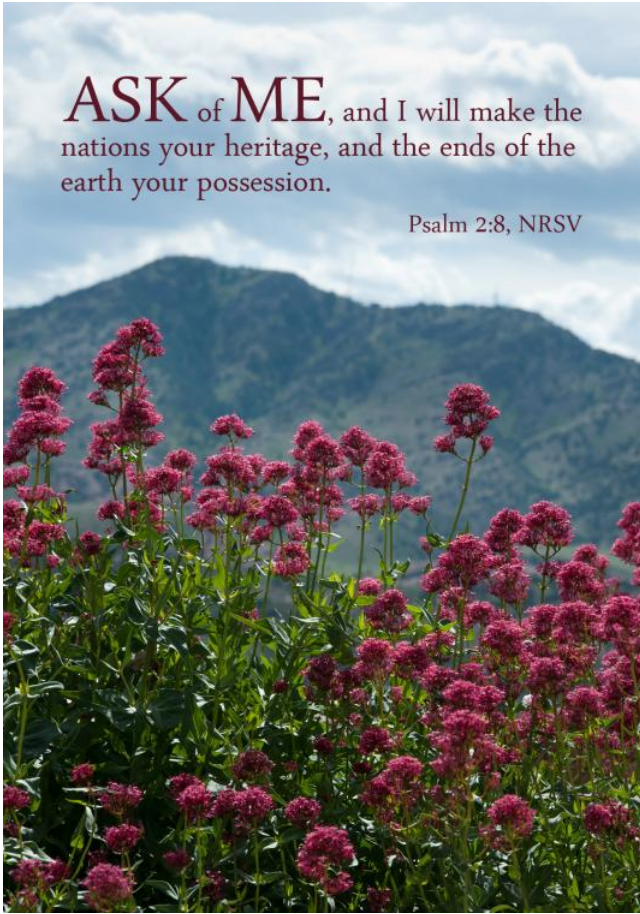
Montana Youth Camp — June 9-14

Men's PEAKS — Thurs. through Sat. July 25-27, 2019. Theme: High Points from Hebrews

Family Camp 2019 — Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 at Bozeman property. Theme: Timeless Truths from the Torah

ASK of **ME**, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Psalm 2:8, NRSV



Question of the week:

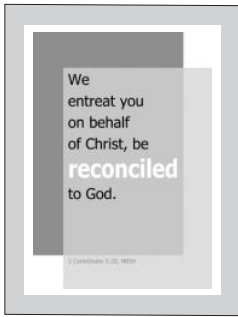
When Jesus healed a man with a withered hand in the synagogue on the Sabbath, who two groups took counsel to put Him to death?

Last week's question: Who put the skill in Bezalel, Oholiab, and every skillful person to fabricate the appurtenances of the tabernacle of Moses' day? *Answer: The Lord (Exodus 36:1).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 96
Morning Assembly – 118
Evening Assembly – 84

Wednesday Night (2/20) – 93
Butte Lord's Day – 26
Great Falls Lord's Day – 56,81



God's Multiplier

"Corn" is the older English word for any of the grain family; indeed "corn" is still used in that context except in the U.S.A. and a few other English-speaking locations in the world. "Corn" in the U.S. usually refers to *maize* which is derived from ancestral stock which was domesticated in Mexico sometime shortly after the peoples were scattered from Babel. But the English roots still show up in some modern expressions such as "seed corn," the grain left over from the previous year's harvest which would be used for planting the new year's crop. The whole process of sowing and reaping works because of God's design; the plant which springs from the "seed corn" contains many more grain kernels than the single seed dropped into the fertile ground. This is God's multiplier effect.

- ◆ **God's supply** — Very few farmers consciously process the idea that the multiplication of the seed has to be designed by God or it would not happen. The tillers of the ground simply ready the surface for planting, get the seed into the ground, and wait for the harvest. Paul is using this principle to encourage the brethren to sow and reap in a little different realm, the realm of contributing for the work of God. "Now He who supplies seed to the sower," is the apostle's next reasoned point, "and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness" (2 Corinthians 9:10). The point here is simple: why not trust the God who designed the wheat kernel to produce a multiple number of kernels to also implement His same promised design into money dropped into the offering box? The farmer who eats his seed corn instead of planting it in the soil would be regarded as short-sided or ignorant. How about the Christian, then, who disregards the direct words of God in the financial realm where He promises to "supply and multiply" the financial resources that are planted for the harvest in the spiritual realm? If he instead "consumes" his "seed corn" instead of contributing, would he not likewise be regarded as short-sided or ignorant?
- ◆ **Enriched for liberality** — Selfishness never works positively in the plan of God. Selfishness began with the outcast angel of darkness and has resulted in massive curses of all kinds burning like fires throughout the relationships inside the human race. Consequently, when God starts talking about multiplying the seed of a financial harvest, that multiplication cannot be for selfish purposes. In other words, if an individual "gives more" so that he can "get more," the Lord of the harvest will make sure that this is one plan that will not work. The apostle Paul explains, "You will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:11). Paul had prefaced the statement about "enrichment" with the words "increase the harvest of your righteousness"; selfishness is the opposite of righteousness and hence is not in the equation of God's working in supplying and multiplying. "Enrichment" is for increasing liberality; God is looking for responsible conduits for His financial resources in providing what is necessary and desirable in His plan for the church and the expansion of evangelism.

This ministry not only supplied the needs of the saints, but overflowed with many thanksgivings to God!

The specific application of the generosity to which the apostle refers is the special offering for the poor saints in Judea. It is easy to picture the disciple of Christ in Judea, who to some degree impoverished himself in getting the gospel to the Gentiles, struggling by God's will to survive for a time, and then at a critical moment receiving a major contribution from the Gentile brethren. This, says Paul, "is through us producing thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints," he informs the brethren, "but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God" (2 Corinthians 9:12). If one saint's sowing financial seed and having that multiply through liberality for the benefit of another saint, and the result is *many thanksgivings* to God, who on earth could possibly fault the heavenly plan and wisdom in such an outcome?

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