

**GATHER THE GODLY ONES TO Me,  
THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A COVENANT  
WITH Me BY SACRIFICE**



Miss Abby Sutton of Bozeman, MT  
happily helping serve breakfast  
2019 Bible Bowl  
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“ ‘This is the bread which came down  
out of heaven; not as the fathers ate  
and died, he who eats this bread shall  
live forever.’ These things He said in the  
synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.”**

***John 6:58,59***

# April 7, 2019!

## Christ's Church

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

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Elliot Ashley

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Rick Vaught

Communion Meditation — Matt Wilson

Preaching — Jay Wilson

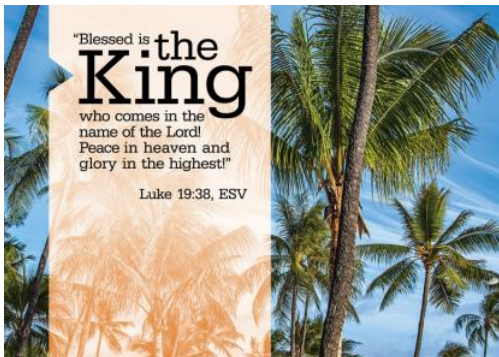
### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Jay Shoup, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Bob Woodburn, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,  
April 10th –  
7:00 p.m. –  
TBA**

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**Lancaster, OH Family Camp** — Memorial Day weekend,  
Lancaster, OH

**Badlands Family Camp** — Memorial Day weekend,  
near Glendive, MT

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

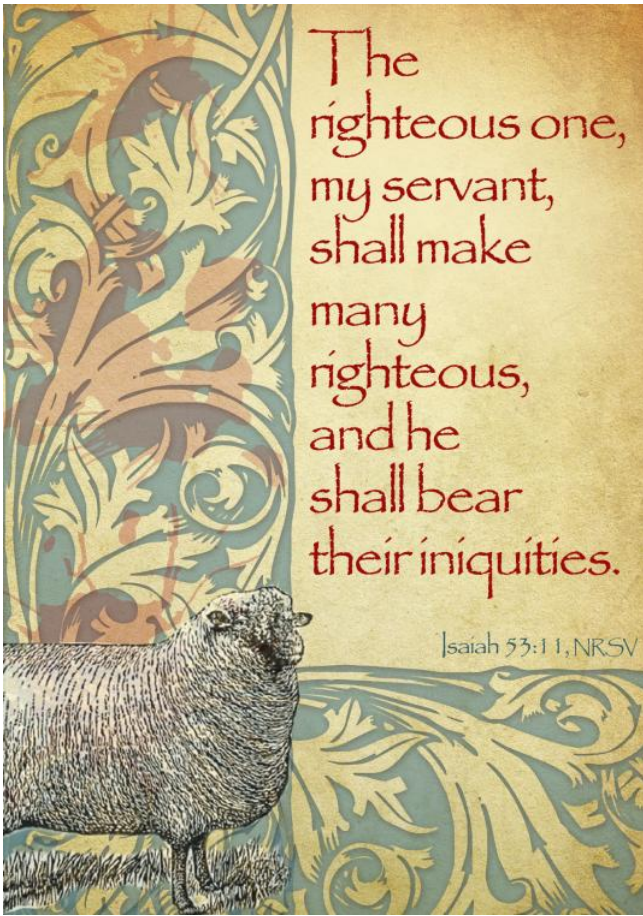
**Ladies' Advance** — April 25-27

**Bozeman Awards and Graduation Ceremony** — Thurs. May  
23, 7:00 pm at church building

**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



Question of the week:

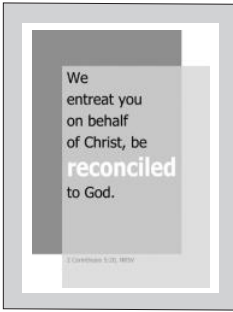
As Jesus approached Jerusalem near the end of His ministry, He was not received by the Samaritans. Why did they reject Him?

Last week's question: Is the bat a clean or an unclean animal, according to the Law of Moses reiterated in Deuteronomy? *Answer: Unclean (Deuteronomy 14:11-18).*

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 91  
Morning Assembly – 125  
Evening Assembly – 90

Wednesday Night (4/3) – 82  
Butte Lord's Day – 17  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 53,91



Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

## Punishing Disobedience

Paul's enemies in Corinth were engaged in ad hominem attacks. Their goal was to destroy the doctrines he preached by first destroying his reputation and his positive impact on the congregation. What was at stake, of course, was the eternal salvation of hundreds of souls in this spiritual warfare inside the church at Corinth. That is why the apostle emphasizes that "though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh." He does have weapons in this warfare, and these weapons are powerful enough to combat the forces of darkness trying to take control of the minds of mankind. "We are destroying speculations," he says, "and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God."

These weapons, applied by the individual Christian to himself, enable him to take "every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" and thus escape the snares and schemes of the devil. But that is a battle that must be fought every day.

- **Complete obedience** — When Paul came into Corinth, he preached the whole message of life in Christ, and his character was of such consistency that he would have, as exhibited in Ephesus, declared anything that was profitable and brought to view the whole purpose of God. Some in Corinth were still fleshly, in that there was jealousy and strife among them. But there were some who would have come to the point where they were taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, but were being side-tracked by the false teachers arising within the congregation. Hence, he phrased his point in this fashion: "we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete" (2 Corinthians 10:6). He is coming to Corinth, and he is letting them know that he can be as bold and courageous as he needs to be to get the gospel ship righted in that congregation.
- **Problem in viewpoint** — When a person's mind is set on the things of the flesh, he is not perceiving things as they really need to be perceived. The mind set on the flesh is death, Paul told the congregation in Rome. So the individual who allows his mind to be focused on this world cannot see the value of things eternal; otherwise he would switch his focus. Problems in Corinth resulted from saints' there having an incorrect view. "You are looking at things as they are outwardly," the apostle tries to inform them (2 Corinthians 10:7). Jesus had encountered a similar problem with the Jewish hierarchy when He went up to the feast of tabernacles six months or so before He was crucified. "Do not judge according to appearance," was His admonishment, "but judge with righteous judgment" (John 7:24).
- **Real confidence** — Paul's enemies would boast that they were just as much Christians as was Paul, and that they were on an equal or even better footing than he. While that seems surprising from the viewpoint of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, an overall look at the scripture shows it is a common failing of those with an earthly perspective. The book of Jude recalls the challenge to Moses' divinely appointed authority by one of the Levite leaders, Korah. "They have gone the way of Cain," is the commentary, "for pay they have rushed into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah" (Jude 1:11). To those who viewed things outwardly and challenged Paul's apostleship, he asseverates, "If anyone is confident that in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again within himself, that just as he is Christ's so are we" (2 Corinthians 10:7). What record could any of these offer that would match the conversion of Paul?

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As an apostle of Christ, Paul could come with a "rod" if need be. The big talkers in Corinth needed to bring their every thought into obedience to Christ. If they hit that point, and then digressed, Paul was ready to punish all such future disobedience!