

**“I DO NOT REPROVE YOU FOR YOUR  
SACRIFICES, AND YOUR BURNT OFFERINGS  
ARE CONTINUALLY BEFORE ME, O ISRAEL**



Foreground: Colby McGraw, Sarah McDunn, Emily Olson  
Back row: Devon Hansard, Brennan Stroh, Jackson Maphies  
great team from Great Falls  
2019 Bible Bowl  
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“It is the Spirit who gives life; the  
flesh profits nothing; the words that I  
have spoken to you are spirit and are  
life.”**

*John 6:63*

# April 28, 2019!

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Nathanael Dschaak

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Phil Sutton

Communion Meditation — Mike Kover

Preaching — Jay Wilson

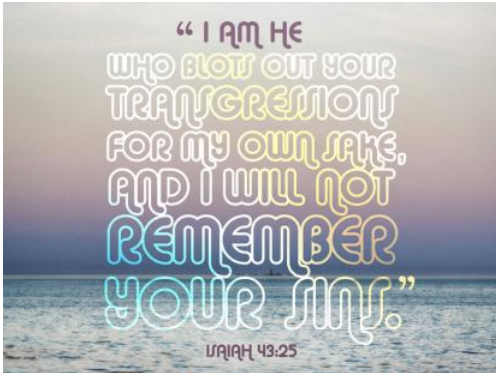
### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Ed Donohue, **Jay Wilson**

Preaching — Davis Ashley, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,  
May 1st –  
7:00 p.m. —  
*Character Traits of  
Jesus*  
– Phil Sutton

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

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

Lima, OH Rally — June 28-30

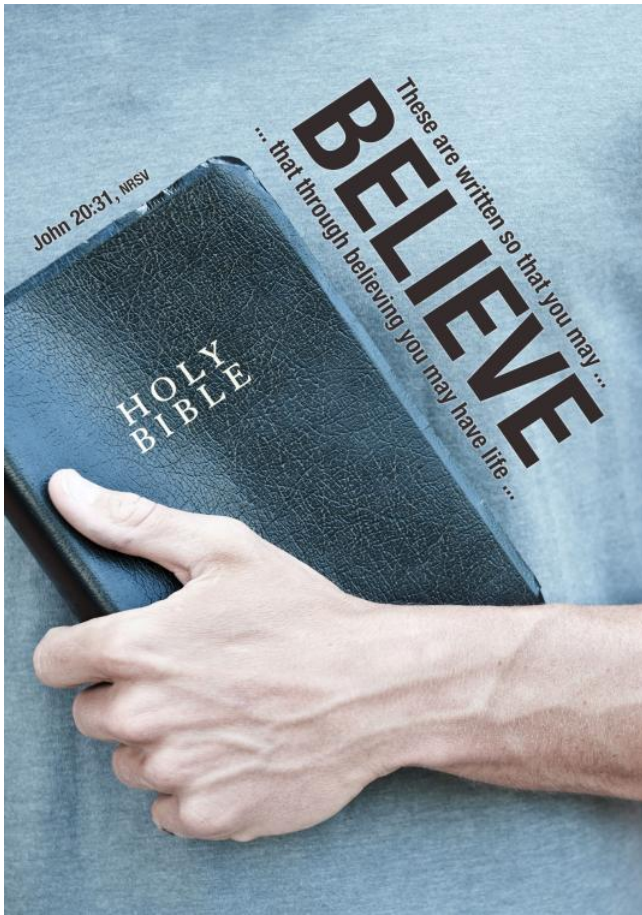
### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

**Butte Awards Ceremony** — 7:00 pm, at the Comfort Inn  
**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:

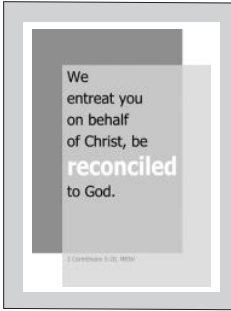
After the Israelites captured the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua, their zeal for the Lord faded away. What did they do to provoke the anger of Lord?

Last week's question: After Jesus had conversed with the rich young ruler, He talked about the things which written in the prophets concerning the Son of Man. What were those things? *Answer: That He would be delivered to the Gentiles, mocked and mistreated, spit upon, scourged, killed, and the third day He would rise again (Luke 18:31-33).*

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 84  
Morning Assembly – 121  
Evening Assembly – 71

Wednesday Night (4/23) – 82  
Butte Lord's Day – 15  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 54,86



## Boasting in the Lord

There are those who produce, and there are those who try to steal that produce. There are those who labor, and there are those who illegitimately try to use the fruit of that labor for personal ends. Such men are wolves, “who come only to steal, kill, and destroy” (John 10:10). When Paul spoke to the elders of Ephesus, he reminded them, “I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothes. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my own needs and to the men who were with me” (Acts 20:33,34). These men had lived in close association with Paul during the time he spent in Ephesus, and they knew the truthfulness of his unselfish statement. Some are interested in getting the financial fruit of someone else’s labor, while others are interested in using the people others have gathered as a platform for their personal agendas. Paul was honest and content to labor in the Lord, and to function as an apostle of Jesus Christ within “the sphere which God apportioned to us.” No personal agenda, only the saving of souls!

- ▼ **No overextension** — The Lord had given Paul a vision when he was in Troas of a man saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us” (Acts 16:9). This vision clearly was God’s call. So to Philippi Paul and his companions came, then to Thessalonica, thence to Berea, to Athens, and finally Corinth. It was the hand of God in conjunction with the apostle’s earnest desire to see the gospel preached that resulted in his being in Corinth at the proper time, and for the tremendous number of believers that were immersed in the name of Christ. “For we are not overextending ourselves, as if we did not reach to you,” is his reminder, “for we were the first to come even as far as you in the gospel of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:14). By comparison, his opponents had nothing to say.
- ▼ **Not boasting beyond measure** — Paul, as an apostle of Jesus Christ and conscious of the need for the word of God to run rapidly and be glorified, was consistent in continually opening up new fields for harvest. To the church at Rome, he commented, “Thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build on another man’s foundation” (Romans 15:20). Bringing this same point to bear, he reiterates to the Corinthians, that he was “not boasting beyond our measure, that is, in other men’s labors, but with the hope that as your faith grows, we shall be, within our sphere, enlarged even more by you” (2 Corinthians 10:15). The congregation at Corinth was within his sphere of influence, and even those whom the Corinthians reached with the gospel were rightly regarded as within his sphere.

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TIONS IN AND IS PRO-  
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Those who are selfish are generally not interested in the gospel’s reaching the lost; they are primarily interested in using what has already been accomplished for personal gain and prestige. The apostle, on the other hand, really desired that the Corinthian Christians “enlarge his sphere” by taking the gospel out to others, and backing him in his next evangelistic thrust. He explains that this is “so as to preach the gospel even to the regions beyond you, and not to boast in what has been accomplished in the sphere of another” (2 Corinthians 10:16). Again, the apostle clearly is not interested in using another man’s labor in the gospel to catapult himself into a position of high visibility. He is conscious that it is written: “But he who boasts, let him boast in the Lord” (2 Corinthians 10:17). Paul is continually aware that he functions in and is protected by the grace of God, as he explained to King Agrippa in Caesarea, “And so, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great” (Acts 26:22). To his opposition inside the congregation in Corinth, he can with the Lord’s full backing say, “For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends!”