

***IF I WERE HUNGRY, I WOULD NOT TELL YOU;
FOR THE WORLD IS MINE,
AND ALL IT CONTAINS***



Ezra and Wendy Nichols, with son-in-law Landon Reeves
in their home where they hold a weekly Bible study
for young people who are family and friends
Oklahoma City area, OK

***“As a result of this many of His
disciples withdrew, and were not
walking with Him any more. Jesus
therefore said to the twelve, ‘You
do not want to go away also, do
you?’ ”***

John 6:66,67

May 19, 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 — Scott Schweitzer

Communion Meditation — Tommy Widner

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Brian Schweitzer, **Tom McDunn**

Preaching — Zac and Nathanael Dschaak, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,
May 22nd –
7:00 p.m. –
*Character Traits of
Jesus*
– Phil Sutton

Fasting weekend and
potluck — Sat. and
L.D. May 18, 19

ASCENSION DAY is Thurs.
May, 30!!

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

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

CO Family Camp — June 21, 22 at Boyd Lake near
Loveland, CO

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, Tues. May 28 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.



Question of the week:

When the Jewish hierarchy asked Jesus to tell them plainly if He was the Christ, He answered mentioning a characteristic of what He called "My sheep." What was that characteristic?

Last week's question: How was it that all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the Lord? *Answer: The Lord was with Samuel and let none of his words fall to the ground [fail] (1 Samuel 3:19,20).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 78
Morning Assembly – 110
Evening Assembly – 69

Wednesday Night (5/15) – 69
Butte Lord's Day – 18
Great Falls Lord's Day – 37,77

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

Not an Inferior Apostleship

The apostle Paul, voluntarily and at cost to himself, laid the foundation for the congregation in Corinth. Having done so, he warned those who came after him chronologically to be very careful how they built upon that foundation. In spite of his labors and warnings, others came in, preaching “another Jesus,” talking about a different “spirit,” and bringing a “different gospel.” A major challenge and major concern for the apostle is that the saints in Corinth “bear this beautifully.” Hence Paul is having to use every bit of persuasion possible, including an extended defense of his own apostleship, to turn the Corinthians in the right direction and recognize the false apostles and false prophets among them.

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

2 Corinthians 5:20, NIV

- **Not in the least inferior** — Certainly the apostle Paul was not one of the original twelve, and was not there at the Day of Pentecost with the other apostles. He was, as he explained in his first epistle, “one untimely born” (1 Corinthians 15:8). Jesus, the Head of the church and master strategist, had Paul become an apostle outside of normal channels and at a later time. Among other things, the conversion of Saul of Tarsus ensured the maximizing of the impact of the gospel among the Jews, and provided an important check and confirmation of the gospel others were preaching. Regarding the gospel and doctrines which he preached, “I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it,” he informed the Galatian brethren, “but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ” (Galatians 1:12). Thus he will make his point to the Corinthians, “For I consider myself not in the least inferior to the most eminent apostles” (2 Corinthians 11:5).
- **Speech and knowledge** — The enemies of Paul and the gospel attacked his person in an attempt to dissuade others in the congregation in Corinth to reject his leadership and teaching. This approach was, of course, dishonest, but the forces of darkness (whether operating outside the church or even inside) have never been honest. “His personal presence is unimpressive,” they had said, “and his speech contemptible” (2 Corinthians 10:10). In mounting his defense, the apostle graciously replies, “But even if I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not so in knowledge; in fact, in every way we have made this evident to you in all things” (2 Corinthians 11:6). It is unlikely that the apostle was unskilled in speech; it is much more likely, considering the results of his preaching in the synagogues, in the streets, in the open forums, and in the churches, that he was a riveting speaker. As far as his knowledge is concerned, perhaps there has never been a more knowledgeable individual than the apostle Paul (other than Jesus, of course). Even the apostle Peter had to confess concerning Paul’s writings, that in them “are some things hard to understand” (2 Peter 3:16).
- **Money not the object** — A reading of the apostle’s defense gives a clear impression that his enemies in Corinth had some sort of “sordid gain” on their minds. Therefore Paul is going to clearly establish that his motive was not monetary, that his intent in preaching is he might “by all means save some” (1 Corinthians 9:22). “Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted,” he directly challenges his detractors, “because I preached the gospel without charge? I robbed other churches, taking wages from them to serve you” (2 Corinthians 11:7,8). The opposition certainly would not have made those types of demonstrable sacrifices.

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The apostle is engaged in a tremendous war for the souls of the saints in Corinth. On the surface, to an uneducated viewer, it might look like some sort of contest, an attempt at “one-upmanship.” If, however, the opposition can gain traction in this face off against Paul, they can begin to successfully teach false doctrines and lead the saints down the path to an eventual hell! Paul has to win this one!!

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