

**“Shall I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink  
the blood of male goats?”**



Emily Magalski of Billings  
having a great time at the MT Ladies' Advance  
Holiday Inn  
Bozeman, MT

**“Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to  
whom shall we go? You have words of  
eternal life. And we have believed and  
have come to know that You are the  
Holy One of God.’ ”**

***John 6:68,69***

# May 26, 2019!

## Christ's Church

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

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Matt Wilson, Gunnar Landsgaard

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Jason Shanahan

Communion Meditation — Jeff Landsgaard

Preaching — Jay Wilson

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Herb Burnell, **Cole Hunsicker**

Preaching — Jay Shoup, **Tom McDunn**



This Wednesday,  
May 29th –  
7:00 p.m. –  
*Character Traits of  
Jesus*  
– Phil Sutton

**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:

**Butte Awards Ceremony** — 7:00 pm, Tues. May 28 at the  
Comfort Inn

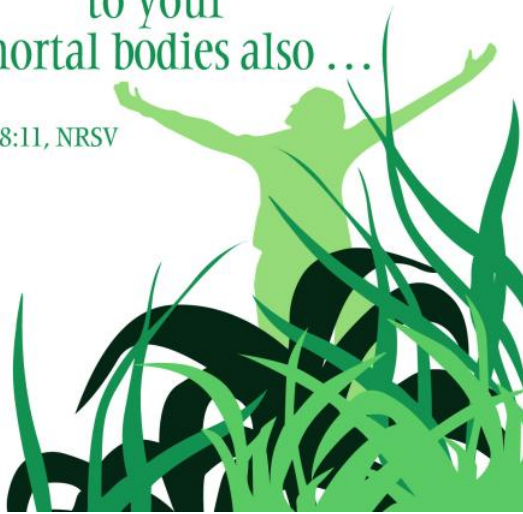
**Montana Youth Camp** — June 9-14

**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.  
Theme: Timeless Truths from the Torah

If the **Spirit** of him  
who raised **Jesus**  
from the dead dwells in you,  
he ... will give **life**  
to your  
mortal bodies also ...

Romans 8:11, NRSV



Question of the week:

When David lived amongst the Philistines, he was given a city which from that point on belonged to the kings of Judah. What was that city?

Last week's question: 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?

*Answer: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27).*

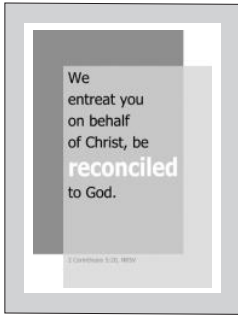
#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 87  
Morning Assembly – 115  
Evening Assembly – 66

Wednesday Night (5/2) – 69  
Butte Lord's Day – 15  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 49,89

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...

## *Paul's Handling of Finances*



The scripture is clear on this point: if a person cannot be trusted in the use of finances, they cannot be trusted to handle the precious words of life. Love of money is at the core a very spiritual issue, and serves as a barometer of the purity of the character of the individual. "You cannot serve God and mammon," Jesus had plainly said. "Now the Pharisees," Luke recorded, "who were lovers of money, were listening to these things, and they were scoffing at Him" (Luke 16:9,10). When the love of money is a driving force in a person's life, it blinds him off to important spiritual truths, and short-circuits his thinking processes. "Beware," the Lord had spoken in another place, "and be on your guard against every

form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions" (Luke 12:15). The apostle Paul, then, was one who guarded himself against such base motives in preaching the gospel. Whether in Corinth or Ephesus, his character was the same: "I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes" (Acts 20:33). Thus, as he continues his defense of his apostleship to the Corinthian brethren, he brings the financial issue to the fore, and in the process shows the greediness hidden in his enemies working inside the congregation.

- ◆ **No burden to Corinth** — It seems that from the time Paul planted the congregation at Corinth, he knew that money was going to be an issue. "I preached the gospel to you without charge," he had just stated. At first, according to the record in the book of Acts, he supported himself by working as a tentmaker until Silas and Timothy, with money, came down from Macedonia (Thessalonica, Berea, and Philippi). "I robbed other churches," he reminds them, "taking wages from them to serve you; and when I was present with you and was in need, I was not a burden to anyone" (2 Corinthians 11:7-9). He is making it pretty clear, with his demonstrable track record, that he did not come for their money but to press the claims of Jesus Christ on their everlasting souls! He worked with his hands when he needed to, and when he could free up his time to do more preaching and teaching, he did so. "For when the brethren from Macedonia came," he recalls, "they fully supplied my need, and in everything I kept myself from being a burden to you, and will continue to do so" (2 Corinthians 11:9).
- ◆ **His "boasting"** — The apostle is reluctantly bringing these financial issues forward to expose his enemies, rather than any attempt to exalt himself. In that spirit, his comments continue, "As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be stopped in the regions of Achaia" (2 Corinthians 11:10). He is not going to allow the "lovers of money and influence" to obscure this issue; it is a character issue, and the enemies simply use the gospel for lining their pockets. "Why?" is he not going to allow this "boasting" to be stopped in the whole region, he asks. "Because I do not love you? God knows I do!" (2 Corinthians 11:11). He loves their eternities, and he knows the lovers of money end up being purveyors of a false gospel. Hence he is going to keep exposing the evildoers.

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It is sometimes difficult for the saints to detect the wolves in sheep's clothing. It takes men like the apostle Paul with the security of knowing the doctrines he preaches and with the unshakeable character to stand up to such entrenched and deceptive opposition. "But what I am doing," he asseverates, "I will continue to do, that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the matter about which they are boasting" (2 Corinthians 11:12). Paul is showing that since the opposition could not "put up," they needed to "shut up!!!!"

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