

**CALL UPON ME IN A DAY OF
TROUBLE; I SHALL RESCUE YOU,
AND YOU WILL HONOR ME**



Kids from the Great Falls Christian Academy
opening the Awards Ceremony
Christ's Church in Great Falls
Great Falls, MT

**“After these things Jesus was walking
in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk
in Judea because the Jews were seek-
ing to kill Him.”**

John 7:1

June 9, 2019!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Cliff Renner

Communion Meditation — Charlie Brown

Preaching — Bob Edgar

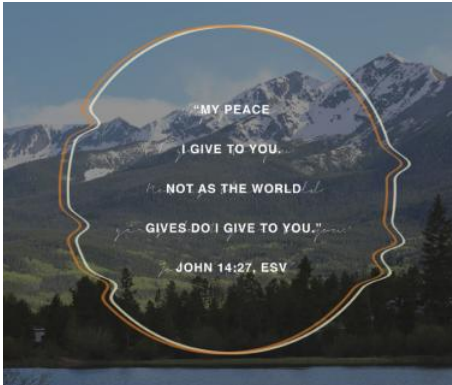
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Dan Tuck, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Scott Schweitzer, **George Stone**

Preaching — Rick Vaught, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,
June 12th –
7:00 p.m. —
*Character Traits of
Jesus*
– Phil Sutton

Today is Pentecost, the
anniversary of the
church, founded
in Acts chapter 2
in the year AD 30!

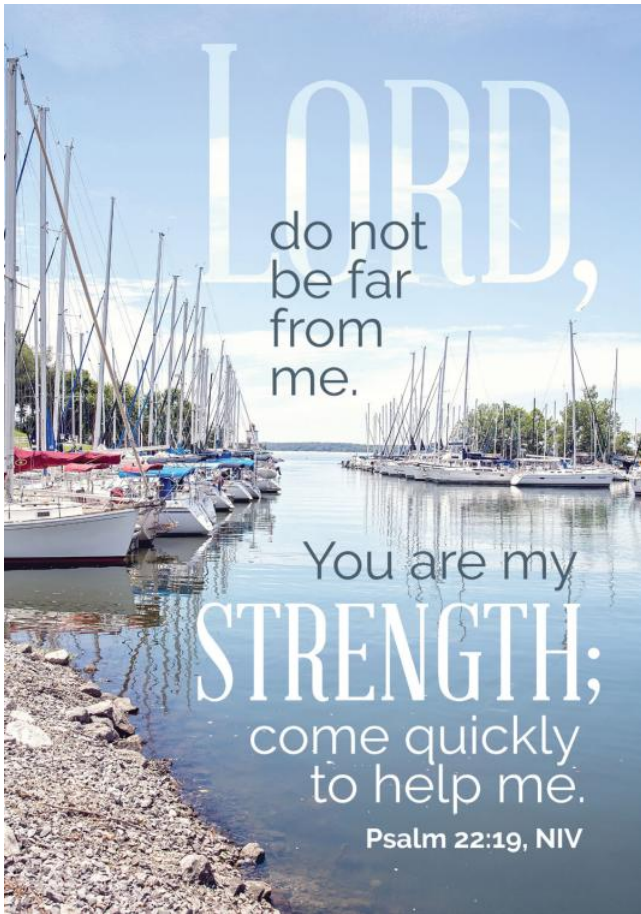
CO Family Camp — June 21,22 at Boyd Lake near
Loveland, CO
Lima, OH Rally — June 28-30

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

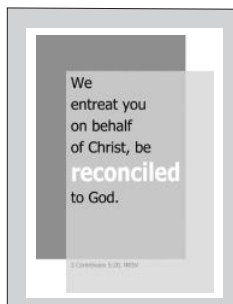
2 Kings chapter 22 and Psalm 16 are nearly identical. What term did David repeatedly give the Lord, the Lord who lives and is blessed?

Last week's question: What did Jesus say in His long prayer to the Father that He would give to His future disciples, with the result that they would be perfected in unity? *Answer: Glory (John 17:22,23).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 73
Morning Assembly – 105
Evening Assembly – 66

Wednesday Night (6/5) – 75
Butte Lord's Day – 20
Great Falls Lord's Day – 48,76



Bearing with Paul

Paul could wield the rod, but he would rather come “with love and a spirit of gentleness” (1 Corinthians 4:21). As he continues to deal with the church in Corinth, his patience is really on display. The congregation, instead of being doctrinally strong, has weakened considerably, putting the eternity of the saints in jeopardy. “If one comes and preaches another Jesus,” Paul had pointed out, “you bear this beautifully” (2 Corinthians 11:4). Thus the apostle is having to defend his apostleship and the doctrines he preaches, to expose his opposition, and to get the congregation back on track. So, even if he would rather come with the rod, he is going to talk with love and gentleness, but with some force to his words also.

- **“Receive me as foolish”** — No one, if speaking honestly, would call Paul “foolish.” Even Porcius Festus, governor of the Roman province of Syria with the regional capital at Caesaria, would give this outburst during Paul’s defense before this august Roman court: “Your great learning is driving you mad!” Great learning is not the hallmark of the foolish! Paul, of course, protested that he was not out of his mind, and appealed to King Agrippa about the truthfulness of his testimony, and Agrippa indicated that Paul’s proclamation and defense was a strong driving force for even he, the king, to become a Christian. In his comment to the Corinthians, he thus notes, “Again I say, let no one think me foolish; but if you do, receive me even as foolish, that I also may boast a little” (2 Corinthians 11:16). The brethren there were willing to listen to those who preached another Jesus; why could they not take some time to give Paul (even if “foolish”) a hearing?
- **Indirect approach** — As Paul is in the process of defending his apostleship against those who falsely claimed to be apostles, he is going to have to engage in what he calls “boasting.” In Paul’s case, it is really not boasting in the sense that he is bragging about himself and making untrue claims. He is just using this terminology to get an open and honest look at what he accomplished in the Lord and how he suffered in the Lord for the gospel, and that this honest look would expose his opposition for the frauds that they actually were. In a somewhat deprecating tone he continues, “That which I am speaking, I am not speaking as the Lord would, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting” (2 Corinthians 11:17). Having begun to stage his forthcoming comments, he adds a couple of stairs leading to his demonstration. “Since many boast according to the flesh, I will also,” is one step toward his point (2 Corinthians 11:18). Having introduced this point, he is ready for the next: “For you, being so wise, bear with the foolish gladly” (2 Corinthians 11:19). Now he has them where he wants them! Now they have to listen to Paul, “the foolish.”
- **A bit of contrast** — Oh, those “wise” Corinthians! “For you bear with anyone if he enslaves you, if he devours you, if he takes advantage of you, if he exalts himself, if he hits you in the face. To my shame I must say I have been weak by comparison” (2 Corinthians 11:20,21). What a picture of spiritual abuse that the Corinthians had been willing to accept from false teachers! And likewise what a portrait of how difficult it was for them to listen to Paul, who loved them, who laid the foundation for their faith and the future congregation, and who was still trying to put them on the right path.

“In whatever respect anyone else is bold ... I am just as bold myself.”

The apostle is just about ready to list some of the things he has gone through for the gospel. But he has just one more thing to say before he launches: “But in whatever respect anyone else is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am just as bold myself” (2 Corinthians 11:21). Speak on, Paul, speak on!