

**NOW CONSIDER THIS, YOU WHO FORGET
GOD, LEST I TEAR YOU IN PIECES, AND
THERE BE NONE TO DELIVER**



Lads from all over the USA
working on a project
Montana Youth Camp
Echo Valley Campground, Avon, MT

**“The Jews therefore were seeking
Him at the feast [of Tabernacles], and
were saying, ‘Where is He?’ ”**

John 7:11

July 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, Corban Icenogle

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship Exhortation — Jerry Hoffman

Communion Meditation — Steve Icenogle

Preaching — Jeff Hostetter

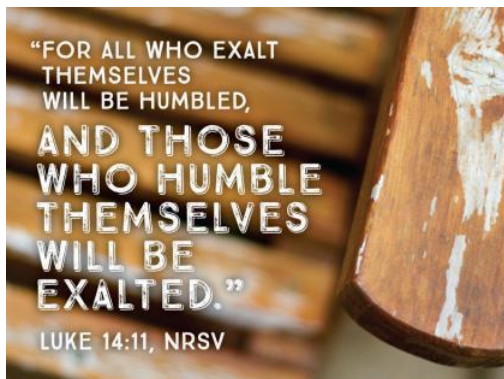
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Jeff Landsgaard, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Nick Jacobs, **Cole Hunsicker**

Preaching — “Young bucks”, **Jay Wilson**



**This Wednesday,
July 31st –
7:00 p.m. —
Character Traits of
Jesus
– Phil Sutton**

**Sutton Summer Shindig —
Sat. Aug. 3 at the residence
at the base of the Bridgers,
north on Springhill Road**

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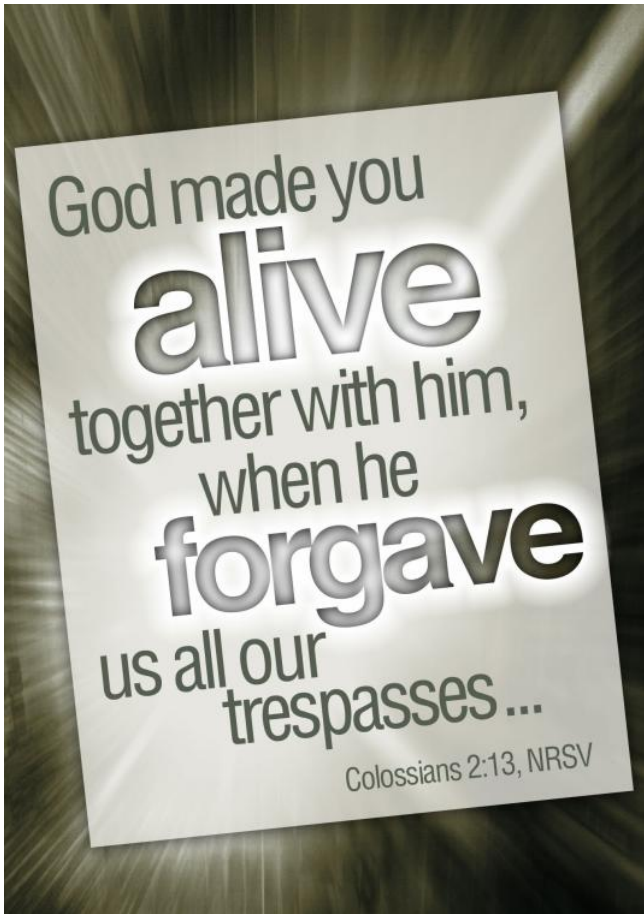
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

July 27,28 - Fasting and prayer for evangelism

Vacation Bible School — July 29 - Aug. 1

Family Camp 2019 — Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 at Bozeman property.

Theme: Timeless Truths from the Torah



Question of the week:

When the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he spoke of those of the nation of Israel as children of the flesh as contrasted to those who are children of the promise. What is "the promise," and who are those children?

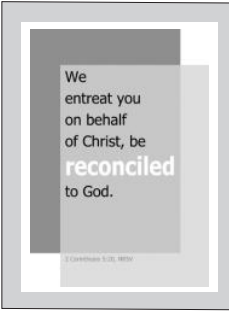
Last week's question: At the time that David purchased the threshing floor from Ornan the Jebusite, where was the tabernacle which Moses had built located? *Answer: Gibeon, just west of Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 21:28,29).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 87
Morning Assembly – 106
Evening Assembly – 82

Wednesday Night (7/24) – 69
Butte Lord's Day – 21
Great Falls Lord's Day – 33,59

“I Should Have Been Commended”



O Corinthians, how much does Paul have to go through before you listen and quit your divisive and destructive actions? O saints at Corinth, what more does the apostle have to list in his personal privations, including his “thorn in the flesh,” before his teachings and personal example are relevant? How many more “insults, distresses, persecutions, and difficulties” will Paul have to “boast” about before you yield to the will of Him whom Paul represents? O modern “church goer,” how much does Paul have to record before you listen and quit your divisive and destructive actions? O modern saints, how many times do you have to read of Paul’s privations, of problems external and internal, before his doctrines and personal example are relevant? How much more cataloging of his trials and travail are you going to

have to examine before you yield to the will of Him whom Paul represents?

- ▼ **Compelled foolishness** — For a considerable section of this epistle, the apostle has been apologetic, in a sense, for having to bring forth the things out of his personal life as a demonstration of his personal humility before God and his earnest and true desire for the Corinthians’ salvation. “I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness,” said he, as he introduced this section on sound doctrine and exposure of the angel of darkness and his deceptive ministers. “Boasting is necessary,” he brings forth, “but not profitable; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.” Thus, as he finishes talking about his thorn in the flesh, he adverts, “I have become foolish; you yourselves compelled me” (2 Corinthians 12:11). What the apostle Paul endured, and what has been recorded for our benefit, stands as a great challenge to anyone today who would begin to complain in the hearing of the Lord about his personal difficulties and mistreatment at the hands of others. Thus his compelled “foolishness” has long-term edification and motivation value.
- ▼ **Proper commendation** — The apostle had obviously been driven to great lengths to defend his apostleship, the doctrines he preached, and his character in the sight of God. “What I am doing,” he had averred, “I am doing that I may cut off opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are.” In the process the false apostles, deceitful workers, and fake ministers of Christ were exposed. The Corinthians should have recognized the difference, and should have had the proper approbation of Paul. “Actually,” he remarks, “I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most eminent apostles, though I am a nobody” (2 Corinthians 12:11). Paul was not inferior to Peter or John, or anyone else “of reputation.” He had made it clear in his first epistle that he “was untimely born,” meaning that he became an apostle later and outside regular channels. In fact, he noted that he was “least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle,” because he persecuted the church of God. In that context, then, he states that “I am a nobody.”
- ▼ **Proof of apostleship** — Paul’s equality with any of the apostles could be, and had been, demonstrated. Early on in his first letter, he pointed out that his message and his preaching “were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.” He did not resort to reasoning from human philosophy as the Greeks did; he simply cast out demons and healed the sick as a demonstration that his testimony concerning the risen Christ was true. “The signs of a true apostle were performed among you,” he reminds them, “with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles” (2 Corinthians 12:12).

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The clear legacy of the apostle Paul lasts today. His life, his sufferings, his patience, his perseverance, and his teachings all communicate to the serious disciple of Christ what it means to be a Christian. Who will listen? And who will follow? “Be imitators of me,” he had exhorted in his earlier epistle, “just as I also am of Christ.”