

**ACCORDING TO THE GREATNESS OF YOUR COM-  
PASSION, BLOT OUT MY TRANSGRESSIONS**



“Super Dave” Morrell, John Magalski, and Mequel Baril  
all of Billings, MT  
enjoying fellowship and preaching at  
48th annual men’s PEAKS  
at Delmoe Lake between Butte and Whitehall, MT

**“ The Jews therefore were  
marveling saying, ‘How has this  
man become learned, having never  
been educated?’ ”**

***John 7:15***

# August 18, 2019!

## Christ's Church

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

### MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Josiah Sutton

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Gary DiPaolo

Communion Meditation — Cliff Renner

Preaching — Jay Wilson

### EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Phil Sutton, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Dan Tuck, **George Stone**

Preaching — Su Nguyen from Roanoke, VA, **Jay Wilson**



*Grace to you and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Philemon 1:3, NRSV*



**This Wednesday,  
Aug. 21st –  
7:00 p.m. –  
Character Traits of  
Jesus  
– Phil Sutton**

**August 24,25 - Fasting  
and prayer for evangelism. Potluck after  
assembly Aug. 25**

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Register for MT Family Camp  
at  
[christchurchonline.com](http://christchurchonline.com)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Family Camp 2019** — Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 at Bozeman property.  
Theme: Timeless Truths from the Torah

**Spiritual Warriors' Weekend** — Fri., Sat., Nov. 1,2

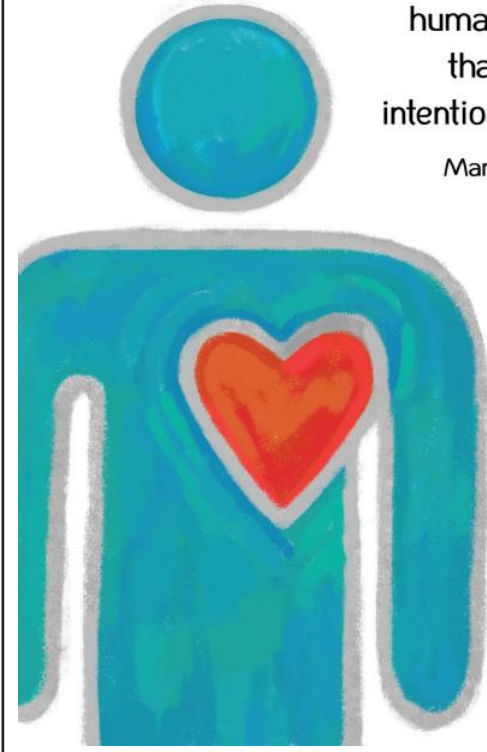
**School begins** — Wed. Sept. 4

**Bible Bowl** — Sat. Mar. 14

**Men's PEAKS** — July 23-25

For it is  
from within,  
from the  
human heart,  
that evil  
intentions come...

Mark 7:21, NRSV



**Question of the week:**

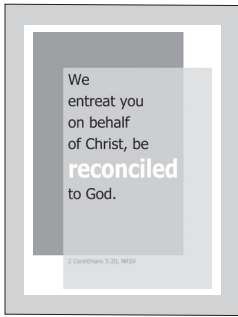
One of the great lines out of Nehemiah is connected with the time that they had rebuilt the wall to half its height. What was that line related to the Jews' mind-set?

Last week's question: When Paul was trying to help the Corinthian brethren get a clearer perspective on what Christianity is all about, he described someone as "the scum of the world." Who was he referring to?  
*Answer: The apostles (1 Corinthians 4:9-13).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 93  
Morning Assembly – 116  
Evening Assembly – 88

Wednesday Night (8/14) – 87  
Butte Lord's Day – 17  
Great Falls Lord's Day – 58,92



## “I Am Afraid”

Communication, in the days of Paul, by comparison to our own times, was very difficult. Until the invention of the telegraph in the 1800's, letters had to be carried over difficult muddy and rocky roads, or across sea and ocean by ship. Hence, it was challenging to maintain the contact necessary for good understanding and for updates on changing conditions. The apostle, therefore, did not know exactly what conditions were inside the congregation at Corinth without being physically there, and was concerned about what reception he would receive at his arrival.

● **Wrong perceptions** — Paul believed he had communicated as clearly as possible about his character and intentions. Concerning any of his detractors, in an effort to forestall any deliberate confusion,

he had stated, “Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when absent, such persons we are also in deed when present” (2 Corinthians 10:11). In addition to stressing the consistency of his own character, he had called the destructive elements within the congregation to repentance, and was hopeful that such repentance had indeed occurred. As he prepares the congregation for his coming visitation, he remarks, “For I am afraid that perhaps when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish” (2 Corinthians 12:20). His hope, of course, is that this not be the case.

● **Descent to deeds of the flesh** — In his first epistle to the congregation, the apostle Paul had upbraided the people for being carnal rather than spiritual. “I could not speak to you as to spiritual men,” he had noted, “but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:1). “Since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?” (1 Corinthians 3:3). Part of his goal in writing these two epistles had been to call them to repentance, and to move them over to a position where they had some spiritual maturity and could be reasoned with at a more mature level. “I am afraid,” says he in his second epistle, “that perhaps there may be strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances.” Such character flaws are clearly the result of individuals’ having their minds set on the things of the flesh rather than on the things of the spirit. And these exhibitions are just as sinful as adultery and carousing, and will result in the supposed saint’s finding himself in the fires of hell rather than the courts of glory.

● **Possibility of Paul’s mourning** — It is worth remembering that Paul laid down his life for the eternal salvation of these brethren; he earnestly desired their salvation and loved their eternal souls. Faced with the possibility of their lack of repentance, he expresses his concern: “I am afraid,” he again stresses, “that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality, and sensuality which they have practiced” (2 Corinthians 12:21). For Paul to use the word “mourning” in the description of what his feelings would be if they had not repented gives a clear picture of how much he cared.

The potential for strife and angry tempers to arise in connection with Paul’s coming to Corinth is also an indication of the intensity of the spiritual warfare each individual saint faces in his own life. When pressures cause such things as arrogance, slanders, and disturbances to arise, there is a definite lack of true spirituality on the part of the individual, and he can either deal with it or ignore it. Of course, if he ignores these danger signals about his personal spiritual life and rationalizes his behavior, then an eternity away from the presence of the Lord awaits him. The message from scripture is still clear: repent, turn from your wicked ways, and follow the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!

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