

*MAKE ME TO HEAR JOY AND GLADNESS; LET
THE BONES WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN REJOICE*



Some of the young guys
looking tough and playing hard on the basketball court
Family Camp 2019
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

***“ Therefore some of the people of
Jerusalem were saying, ‘Is this not the Man
whom they are seeking to kill?’ ”***

John 7:25

October 13, 2019!

Christ's Church

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

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Matt Wilson, Kaden Reijgers

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Prayer Meditation — Cliff Renner

Communion Meditation — Randall Ferguson

Preaching — Davis Ashley

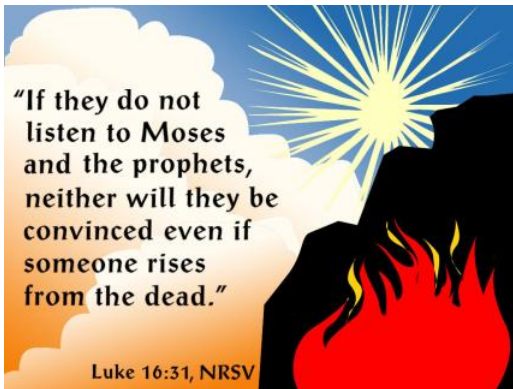
EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **Bob Edgar**

Communion Meditation — Tommy Widner, **Bob Edgar**

Preaching — Jeff Landsgaard, **Bob Edgar**



This Wednesday,
Oct. 16th –
7:00 p.m. —
*Character Traits of
Jesus*
– Phil Sutton

.Harvest Party — Sat. Oct.
19 starting at 5:00
pm at the church
building

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

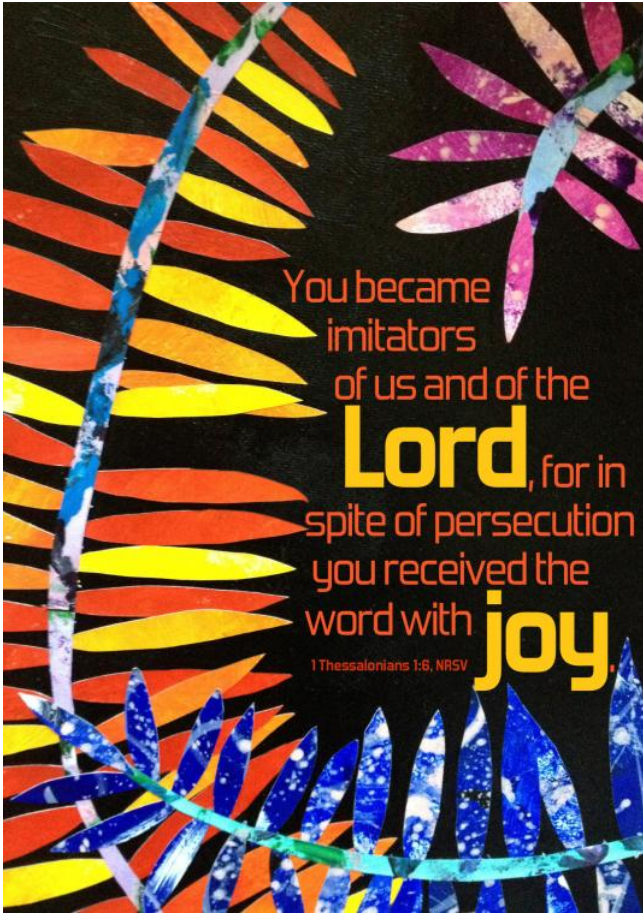
Spiritual Warriors' Weekend — Fri., Sat., Nov. 1,2

Bible Bowl — Sat. Mar. 14

Ladies' Advance — April 9-11, Billings, MT

Men's PEAKS — July 23-25

Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7



Question of the week:

Jeremiah was beset by a plethora of enemies within Jerusalem and Judah, and cried out to the Lord as he said he heard the whispering of many. But he knew the Lord was with him like _____ .

Last week's question: The apostle Paul told the congregation at Philippi that he was hard-pressed in two directions. What were those two? *Answer: To depart and be with Christ, or to remain on in the flesh and labor for the gospel (Philippians 1:23,24).*

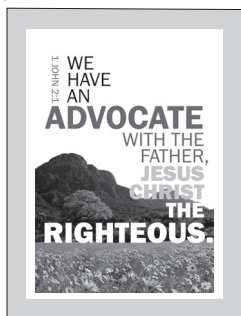
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 96
Morning Assembly – 110
Evening Assembly – 79

Wednesday Night (10/9) – 60
Butte Lord's Day – 15
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 47,88,--

Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Eyewitness Account



Modern sceptics regard the gospel eyewitness accounts of the life and times of Jesus the *Messiah* as unreliable. They make that charge claiming that the apostles could not be objective in their reporting. Yet in every other case, the best accepted historical accounts are those given by eyewitnesses. Flavius Josephus, for example, was an eyewitness of the Roman onslaught on Jerusalem culminating in its destruction in AD 70. He served as a translator for the Roman general Titus in the final stages of Jerusalem's destruction. (Titus was the son the initial general Vespasian in the onslaught who then went on to become Emperor Vespasian; Titus himself became Emperor after his father's death.) His account of

the Jewish Wars is regarded as reliable, and considered valuable, *because he was an eyewitness*. The problem with the gospel accounts is not really that they were unreliable witnesses, but because of the statements they record from the Lord Jesus Himself, such as "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me" (John 14:6). Mankind in general want to do what they want to do, and when the specter of God appears on their horizon telling them that they are in the wrong, then that specter must somehow be blotted out. Hence the eyewitnesses of the Majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ must be discounted.

- **What we have seen** — The apostle John lived much later than the other apostles, kept alive by God to handle the onslaught of the antichrists that infected the church as the first century came to a close. These Gnostics claimed to have inside information, and thus everyone was to listen to them. But they could not match these opening words of the apostle John in his first epistle. "What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled concerning the Word of life..." (1 John 1:1). Now that is an eyewitness! He not only saw with his eyes, but he also heard with his ears, and touched Jesus "up close and personal."
- **"Word of Life"** — Jesus is indeed the *logos*, the logical means by which everything to be known about God is communicated to man. But John emphasizes here that not only is He the Word, but that He is the Word of *Life*. Some of the themes from John's gospel account are very parallel, understandably, to those which are in his epistles. "Life" is one of those. "In Him was life," the apostle had recorded, "and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). There is no eternal life apart from being in Jesus Christ, as contrasted to the only alternative, which is eternal death. "And the life was manifested," John continues in his epistle, "and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us" (1 John 1:2). This life, then, was manifested, which means that through Jesus Christ the way into eternal life has been clearly and openly communicated to man.

Those antichrists who were in opposition to the truth were leading people down the path to death. They were apparently charismatic individuals, very persuasive men, and good story tellers. They fabricated their "inside information" out of nothing, bending and perverting truth along the way. But they had no substance in comparison to John. He had seen Jesus in the flesh, he had seen the blood flow from Jesus' dead body, he had seen Jesus buried, he had seen Jesus resurrected, and he by revelation had seen Jesus seated at the right hand of power in glory. It is no minor statement for the apostle to make, that the "life" was manifested to him.

Who, then, is to be believed? The eyewitness account, or those who claim, even in modern times, to have superior information?

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