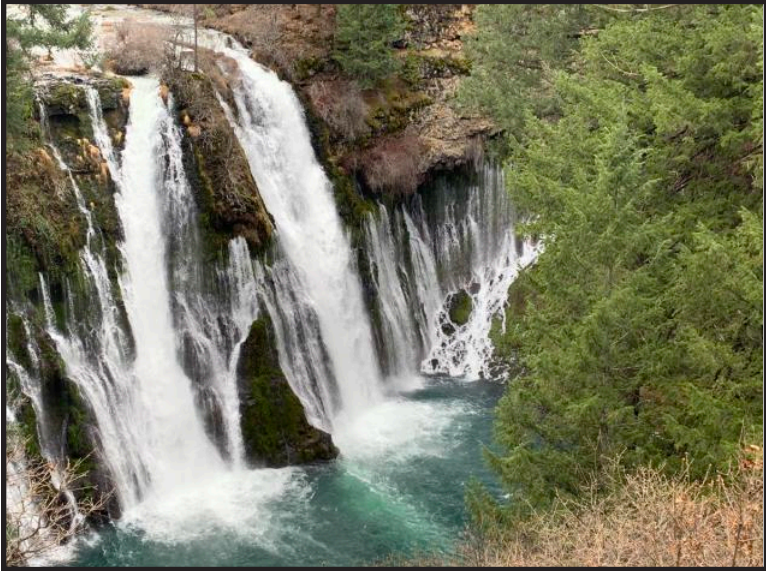


**YOU LOVE ALL WORDS THAT DEVOUR,
O DECEITFUL TONGUE, BUT GOD WILL
BREAK YOU DOWN FOREVER**



Burney Falls, in the southern Cascade Range
near Burney, CA

**“So there arose a division in the
multitude because of Him. And some
of them wanted to seize Him, but no
one laid hands on Him.”**

John 7:43,44

January 26, 2020!

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

Stewardship Exhortation — Herb Burnell

Communion Meditation — Phil Sutton

Preaching — Jay Wilson

EVENING SCHEDULE:

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

M.C. — Davis Ashley, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Bob Edgar, **Boaz McDunn**

Preaching — Josiah Sutton, **Jay Wilson**



This Wednesday,
Jan. 29th –
7:00 p.m. –
Particulars from
1 Peter
– Phil Sutton

January 25-26 - Fasting
and prayer for evangelism. Potluck after
assembly Jan. 26

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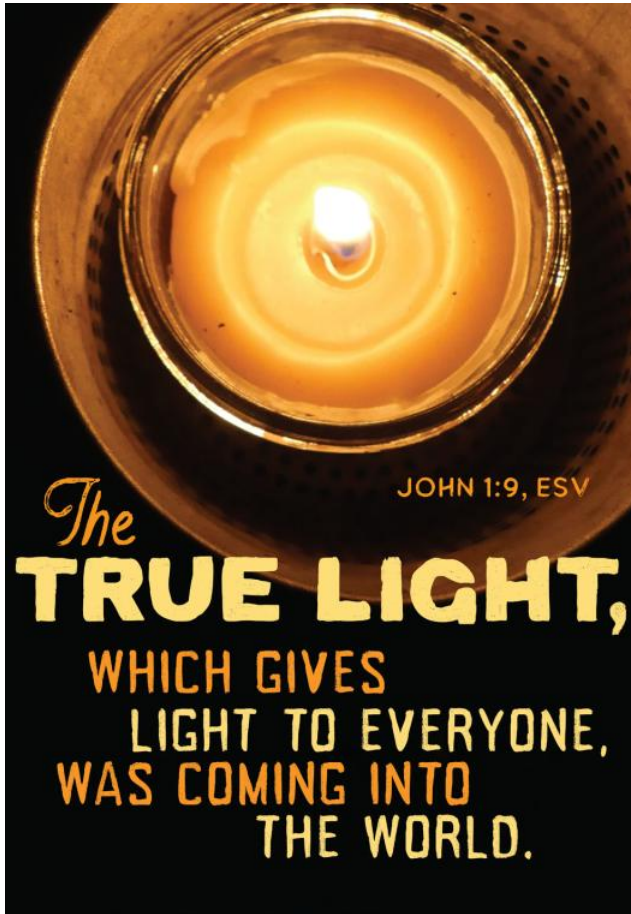
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

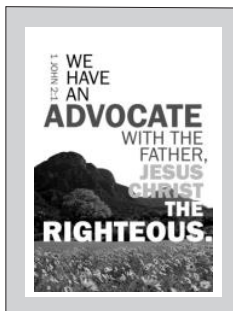
Moses fled to the land of Midian to escape Pharaoh when he was forty; forty years later he was herding sheep there on Mt. Sinai. In what modern country was the land of Midian located?

What was the occasion recorded in the gospel according to Matthew where Jesus said, "I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners"? *Answer: The occasion was that the apostle Matthew (or Levi) threw a party for his fellow tax-gatherers so that he could introduce Jesus to them (Matthew 9:10).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 92
Morning Assembly – 105
Evening Assembly – 79

Wednesday Night (1/22) – 72
Butte Lord's Day – 22
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 60,92,56



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

The Last Hour

Saints and others have been waiting for “the last hour” for many generations. Jesus Himself warned all future brethren to be ready for that last hour. Referring to disciples as “slaves,” He used the picture of the Master returning unexpectedly to check on the servants. “The master of that slave,” He said of one who became derelict in his duties, beating his fellow slaves and eating and drinking with the drunkards, “will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an *hour* which he does not know” (Matthew 24:49,50). Thus saints have been expecting Him at “the last hour.”

- ▼ **“It is the last hour”** — Early in the church’s history as recorded in the sacred word of God, the primary issues that had to be dealt with were those connected with the difference between the system of law and the system of faith. By the time of John’s writing, however, the issues had now switched to lawlessness as contrasted to faith. The Gnostics were bringing elements of Greek philosophy into the teaching of the apostles, and these elements resulted in the *antinomianism* beginning to be extant in those late first century congregations. This lawlessness, this following all the things of the world (lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life), John calls the introduction of the last hour. “Children,” he says, as he often addresses the saints as a whole, “it is the last hour; and just as you have heard that [the] antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour” (1 John 2:18).
- ▼ **Many antichrists** — 1 John 2:18 is the first place the word *antichrist* is used. In his second epistle, John specifically defines *antichrist teaching* as that which denies that Jesus actually came in the flesh. What happened was that the many teachers inside the first century church became influenced by or enamored with Greek philosophy (they probably read too many commentaries!). Following Greek views on the relationship of spirit and flesh, they decided that the flesh was sinful, and therefore Jesus could not have possessed a body of flesh. As absurd as it seems, this antichrist doctrine was very pervasive, adhered to by a huge number of those who claimed to be Christians. John notes: “many antichrists have arisen.”
- ▼ **Movement from the inside** — Early challenges to new covenant doctrines came from outside. The Judaizers, for example, were a result of Jews pressuring saints to come under the requirements of the law. The antichrist movement, however, came from within. “They went out from us,” is John’s recording, “but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they are not of us” (1 John 2:19). They started from within, but they “went out.” In his second epistle, John describes as antichrists “anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ” (2 John 1:9).

“MANY ANTI-CHRISTS HAVE ARISEN; FROM THIS WE KNOW IT IS THE LAST HOUR.

God allows false teachings such as this to arise from within or without; this is a means He has of keeping the true church pure. “And for this reason,” was the apostle Paul’s analysis, “God will send upon them a deluding influence, so that they might believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness” (2 Thessalonians 2:11,12). A supposed saint who does not value truth above all else will be snagged by some false doctrine. “If they had been of us, they would have remained with us, but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they are not of us!” The modern saint would do well to pay attention to what happened even to those who were