

# HEAR MY PRAYER, O GOD; GIVE EAR TO THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH



Nolan Tewell, preaching on May 27th  
(Jennifer Bolton “signing”)  
at his “being set aside to do the work of an evangelist”  
48th St. Church of Christ  
Billings, MT

**“And so they were saying to Him,  
‘Where is Your Father?’ Jesus an-  
swered, ‘You know neither Me, nor My  
Father. If you knew Me, you would know  
My Father also.’ ”**

*John 8:19*

# June 7, 2020!

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

401 W. Park St. — Butte

### **MORNING SCHEDULE:** CHRISTSCHURCHONLINE.COM

8:30 - Class online

10:00 am - Assembly

Lord's Supper Meditation —  
Jim Mitchell

Great Falls: Congratulations to **Robbin Jolley**, who was immersed into Christ Thurs. June 4 by Annette Zech. Robbin has been studying for some time, and finally made the decision. She is the mom of some great kids, and works for Avmax Montana.

### **GREAT FALLS: ONLINE ONLY THIS WEEK**

**BUTTE - 7:45 PM - BOAZ McDUNN (COMM.)**



This Wednesday,  
June 10th –  
7:00 p.m. —  
[christchurchonline.com](http://christchurchonline.com)

Great Falls: GFCA awards gathering in Lion's Park postponed until further notice

Catch us live or archived:  
[livestream.com/ccib](http://livestream.com/ccib)  
[christchurchonline.com](http://christchurchonline.com)  
Also check out the youtube videos on [targetingtruth.com](http://targetingtruth.com),  
and Innerman Radio on youtube

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Montana Youth Camp — ~~canceled~~; ~~cmprgd closed~~

Men's PEAKS — July 23-25; theme: "Messages from Babylon"

Family Camp 2020 — Sept. 4-7



"Hear then  
the Parable  
of  
the Sower."

Matthew 13:18

**Question of the week:**

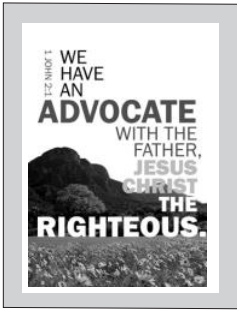
On the Day of Pentecost, Peter accused the Jews of putting Jesus to death. How did he describe the people the Jews used to carry out the crucifixion?

From what branch of the Canaanites did David capture the city of Jerusalem? *Answer: The Jebusites (2 Samuel 5:6).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (NO. OF COMPUTERS ONLINE)**

Bible School --- (# online)  
Morning Assembly – 87 (100+)  
Evening Assembly ---

Wednesday Night (6/3) – 61 (100+)  
Butte Lord's Day – 25  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) ---,65,22



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

## “In Deed and in Truth”

Edgar Guest wrote a poem about how he would rather see a sermon than hear one. God knows, however, that the sermon really and truly must come first; otherwise the proper action with proper motive will not be forthcoming. People can perform acts of kindness without being particularly scripturally directed. So God needed to inject His knowledge into the world by revelation (for our time, the completed Word of God) in order for men even to begin to know what love, especially God’s love, is. “For since in the wisdom of God,” the apostle Paul informed the Corinthians, “the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the ‘foolishness’ of the *message preached* to save those who believe” (1 Corinthians 1:21). The knowledge of God and the knowledge of God’s love must begin with the preaching before there can be any meaningful demonstration of that love to the lost and to the brethren.

- **Love is not merely theoretical** – Love for the soul of the other person and caring about his eternity is paramount. But there is a danger that this love can become very theoretical in the mind of the one who is supposed to love his brother; because love of the other person’s soul is in the realm where there is no visible evidence, the possessor of “love” can actually deceive himself. He can say to himself and others that he is loving, but because his love is in the ethereal realm, he is not going to lift a finger to help that other person in the physical realm. The apostle John stops that sort of thinking with these words: “But whoever has the world’s goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?” (1 John 3:17). God loves every member of the human race, and really wants the proper eternity for each; but God also provides for the outer man as well. True love is going to evidence itself in caring for the whole person. True love will not “close its heart” to a brother in physical need.
- **Getting past the talk** – It is a well-known saying and obvious truth that “talk is cheap.” The apostle then exhorts the first century brethren, “Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth” (1 John 3:18). It seems that whenever John wants to bring up an elementary but important point, he uses the phrase “little children.” All the kids are supposed to process this! It is interesting that the apostle not only talks about loving “in deed,” but he also brings up loving in “truth.” This is an inclusive caring, a caring about the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of the brethren in ways that really count.
- **Knowing we are “of the truth”** - The true Christian periodically engages in a little self-examination. Warnings from the scripture come to the saint’s mind, such as “Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!” (2 Corinthians 13:5). Others pertain not only to the saint’s standing in regard to his eternity, but also to his participation in the body of the Christ. “I say to every man among you,” adverted the apostle Paul, “not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment” (Romans 12:3). When the disciple of Christ loves others in word, tongue, deed, and truth, then he presents the complete package as an offering to God. John says, “We shall know *by this* that we are of the truth” (1 John 3:19).

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Edgar Guest said that he would like to see a sermon rather than hear one. The true Christian would make sure that Edgar Guest heard the truth as well as seeing the truth in action. “Let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth!”

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