

***BEHOLD, I WOULD WANDER FAR AWAY, I
WOULD LODGE IN THE WILDERNESS***



Wildfire begins in mountains east of Family Camp
keeping officials occupied while saints assemble
Family Camp 2020
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

***“I know that you are Abraham’s
offspring; yet you seek to kill Me,
because My word has no place in you.”***

John 8:37

September 13, 2020!

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

401 W. Park St. — Butte

BOZEMAN 8:45 - (Elliot Ashley)

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer - Jason Shanahan

L.S. - Scott Schweitzer

Preaching - Luke Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Opening

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Steve Durnan

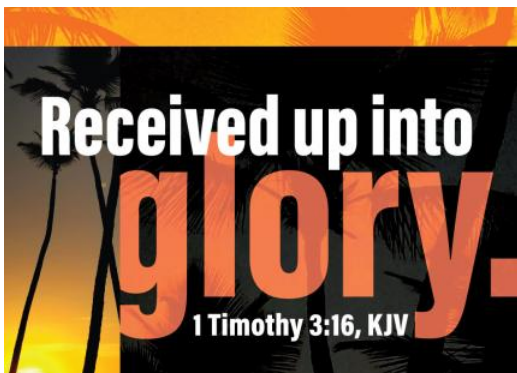
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

School begins - Mon. Sept. 14

Great Falls -

Congratulations to **Rebekah Espino**, who was immersed into Christ on Lord's Day Sept. 6 at Family Camp by Nathan Zech. Rebekah is from Amissville, VA. and visiting in GF.



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Luke Wilson - evangelism PowerPoints

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and Innerman Radio on youtube

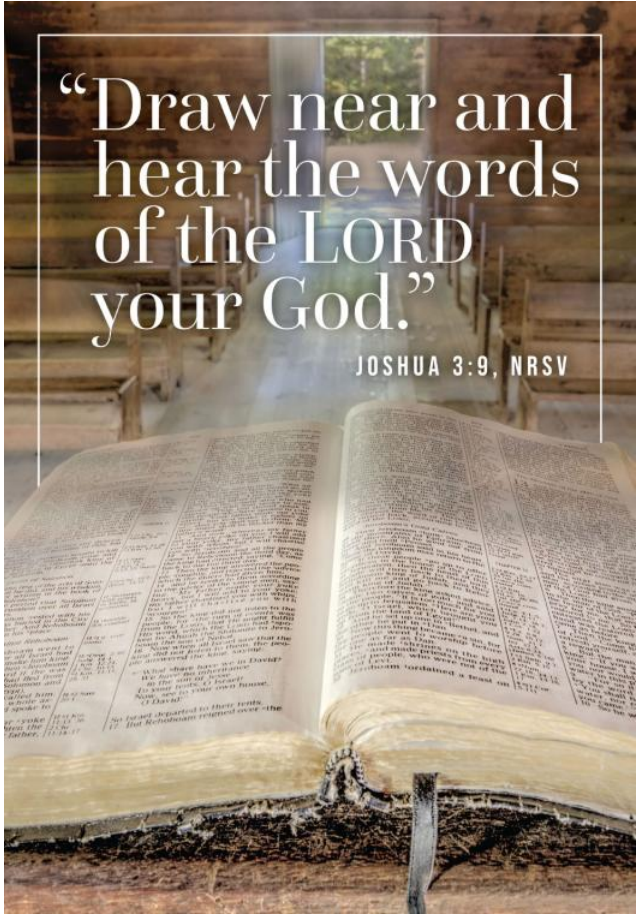
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors' weekend - Oct. 30,31

MT Ladies' Advance - Billings ladies sponsoring

Men's PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021

2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6



“Draw near and
hear the words
of the LORD
your God.”

JOSHUA 3:9, NRSV

Question of the week:

When the Lord speaking through Isaiah excoriated those who “add house to house,” He also spoke of the people going into exile or slavery. Why?

Last week’s question: In Paul’s second epistle to the Corinthians, he describes how God anointed Christians. He also mentioned in that connection that something was given to saints as a pledge. What was given?
Answer: *The indwelling Spirit (2 Corinthians 1:21,22).*

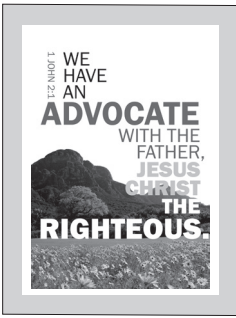
ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE AT FAMILY CAMP!)

Bible School --
Morning Assembly -- 140
Evening Assembly --

Wednesday Night (9/9) -- 79
Butte Lord’s Day --
GF Lord’s Day (Wed) -- FC 62, LD 18, W -55

Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Love, Fear, and Hate



Love, fear, and hate are powerful motivators. Love is positive, fear has both positive and negative aspects, and hate (other than hating evil) is negative. One of the great aspects of God's plan as revealed in the scripture is that God is producing His characteristics in His spiritual children, including the ability to love as He loves. "Let love be without hypocrisy," the apostle Paul exhorted the brethren in taking on the characteristics of the Father. "Abhor what is evil," he further stated, "cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love" (Romans 12:9,10). As the saint "grows in the grace and knowledge of God," as Peter stated, he becomes more like his heavenly Father, has increasingly deeper fellowship with Him, and is less motivated by fear and more by love.

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- **No fear in love** — The apostle John had just commented that "love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment." In the process of learning to love others, we increasingly learn to love God. The eventual result of this increasing love for God, and corresponding recognition of how much God loves each of His spiritual children, is an understanding that "there is no fear in love" (1 John 4:18). The saint never loses his reverential respect for the majesty and potency of the Almighty, which is a different use of the word *fear*, as in "work out your salvation in fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). The "fear" that John is talking about is a fear that paralyzes a person in the awesome dread of what is about to befall him. This fear of hell-fire is an important initial motivator in the process of helping a person "count the cost" of becoming a Christian, but it is not a good long-term means of keeping a person upbeat and following the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. "Perfect love casts out fear," John informs the brethren, "because fear involves punishment." Fear of punishment does not work as a motivator in taking the message of love to the lost.
- **Perfected in love** — The apostle again swings back to the theme of "perfected in love." "The one who fears," he notes, "is not perfected in love" (1 John 4:18). As previously stressed, this "love" is concerned first of all about where the other person is going to spend his eternity. This concern about the other individual's spiritual welfare is an underlying drive that brings the saint to also be concerned about the other individual's mental, physical, and emotional welfare. When the brethren in the local congregation are truly interested in helping people get to heaven, as a by-product they also are involved in helping others in the other aspects of their lives. But when the goal of the "son of the Most High" is helping the lost find the "strait and narrow way," and helping the saints maintain their proper spiritual focus, then the disciple of Christ is being perfected in love. And in being perfected in love, he knows what his standing is with the Almighty, and is not afraid of judgment day. This is really emphasized in John's oft-repeated statement: "By this we know!"

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"We love," the apostle re-emphasizes, "because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Saints would not know about the great underlying love of man's eternal soul if it were not for the information in the apostles' doctrine that communicates and educates the brethren on this topic. The Gnostic antichrist movement that had arisen in the early church did not have that underlying love as its foundation. As an antichrist movement, its adherents in fact hated the true brethren and were destructive to the purposes of the gospel. The apostle John's repeated emphasis on "love" and "being perfected in love" were critical for the preservation of the church then, and are equally critical for the preservation of the church now. "We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16).

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