

**CONFUSE, O LORD, DIVIDE
THEIR TONGUES, FOR I HAVE SEEN
VIOLENCE AND STRIFE IN THE CITY**



Hannah Danyo of Missoula, MT, being immersed by her dad Tim Danyo
one of the big happenings at Family Camp 2020
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**"They answered and said to Him,
'Abraham is our father.' Jesus said to
them, 'If you are Abraham's children,
do the deeds of Abraham.' "**

John 8:39

September 27, 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 - (Gunnar Landsgaard)

9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
Prayer Med. - Jim Mitchell
L.S. - Phil Sutton
Preaching - Luke Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly
L.S. - Kody Mintyala
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

Potluck fellowship dinner at church building following assembly Sept. 27
Prayer and fasting weekend

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 -(Jeremy Schmiedeke)

3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
Stewardship - Nick Liston
L.S. - Mike Cooper
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Great Falls -

Fellowship dinner - Potluck, Oct. 4

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Great Falls:

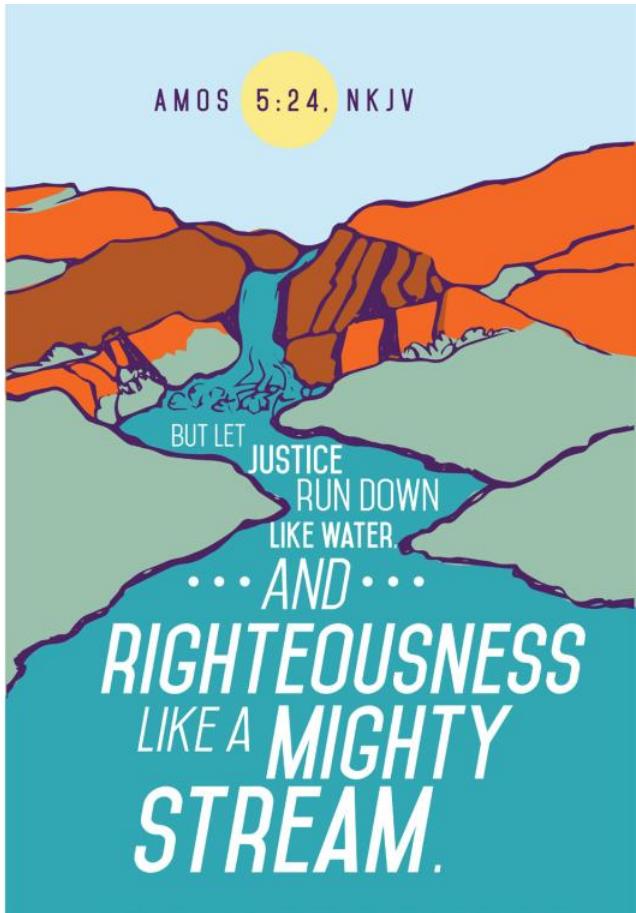
Congratulations to *Aubrey Chevalier*, who was immersed into Christ on Lord's Day Sept. 20 by Caleb Wilson in the Missouri River!! Aubrey works for ElectroControls in Great Falls.

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

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

GREAT FALLS -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jay Wilson - Evolution vs. Creation Power-Points



Question of the week:

When Isaiah prophesied concerning Jesus coming to open the eyes of the blind and bring the prisoners out of the dungeon, he spoke of Christ being a covenant to the people and a _____ to the nations?

Last week's question: When the apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians, he said that there was only one thing that he wanted to find out from them. What was it? Answer: "Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law or by hearing with faith?" (*Galatians 3:2*).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 82

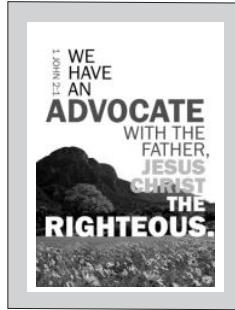
Morning Assembly – 102

Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (9/23) – 67

Butte Lord's Day – 21

GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 55,69 ,W-55



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Born “from above” to Love

The plan of God was set in motion before the Creation. The apostle Peter, in commenting on this, stated his proposition this way: Jesus “was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you” (1 Peter 1:20). The goal of God, before the Creation, has been to use the earth as an incubator, to use the race of physical man to produce a race of spiritual man, a race that would be “born from above” by their own choice. This was only possible through the direct intervention of Jesus Christ into the world, for Him to become flesh and dwell amongst the race of physical man. The whole plan of redemption was necessary, as well as giving the indwelling Spirit in accomplishing a new birth for the transforming physical man into spiritual man. Man could have never done this by his own effort, or even conceived of such a thing; it took that plan and action of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ to get this done. “For we are *His workmanship*,” emphasized the apostle Paul, “created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

▼ “*Born of God*” — “Created in Christ Jesus,” Paul had stated. The only way to be *in Christ* is to be immersed *into Christ* (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27). This is the way in which the statement of John in the opening section of his gospel account is fulfilled: “But as many as received Him [recognized that Jesus is the *Messiah*], to them He gave the right to become *children of God*, even to those who believe in His name, who were *born*—not of blood, nor the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but—*of God*” (John 1:12,13). This *new creation* is an entirely new creative work by God in the inner man; the outer shell is the incubator by which this new creature comes into existence in conjunction with his faith in and obedience to the gospel of God. Thus the apostle John writes in his first epistle, “Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is *born of God*” (1 John 5:1). The individual is born of God, and thus described as “born again” or “born from above.”

▼ *The good confession* — The apostle Peter, following along with the progressive revelation God was giving through the life of Jesus, in answer to the Lord’s key question stated, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). This *confession*, or *profession*, then, became the core of Christianity, and a requirement that a person make that confession prior to his immersion. Therefore, the apostle John, writing his gospel account, described his reason for his authoring it: “These [events] have been written,” is his annotation, “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ” (John 20:30). It is not surprising, therefore, that the apostle would come back to that point in his first epistle, with the statement that “whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.”

Since the saint is “born from above” or “born of God,” he now begins to love in willing imitation of his Father. “Whoever loves the Father,” notes John, “loves the child born of Him” (1 John 5:1). The future of the church depended upon brethren, especially those in a teaching/preaching position, to love the children of faith enough to continue to preach the truth and oppose the antichrists who were savaging the church from within. The technique often employed by those who oppose truth is to intimidate those who are on the side of truth, to “shout them down,” and do everything they can to prevent those who in the right from speaking up. The result is a “silent majority,” who are afraid to get involved, or to become visibly vocal, because of the reprisals that would come their way. John is encouraging those who are “born from above” to love their brethren enough to “exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict” (Titus 1:9). “He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” (1 John 3:16). Modern saints, likewise, need to lay those lives down!

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