

Day and night they go around the
city upon her walls, and iniquity
and mischief are in her midst



Nathan Zech, of Great Falls, MT
leading the prayer in connection with his immersion of
Rebekah Espino, of Virginia
another big happening at Family Camp 2020
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me,
a man who has told you the truth, which
I heard from God; this Abraham did
not do. You are doing the deeds of your
father.”**

John 8:40,41a

October 4, 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 - (Josiah Sutton)

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Randall Ferguson

L.S. - Cliff Renner

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tom McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 -

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Mike Cooper

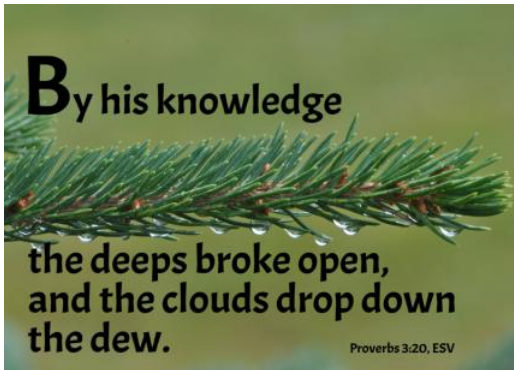
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

Harvest party - Sat. Nov. 7th, 5:30 pm at the church building

Great Falls -

Fellowship dinner - Potluck, Oct. 4



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

Congratulations to **Kaden Reijgers**, who was immersed into Christ on Sat. Sept. 26 by Davis Ashley. Kaden is a serious student of the word as he finishes up his highschool requirements this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors' weekend - Oct. 30,31

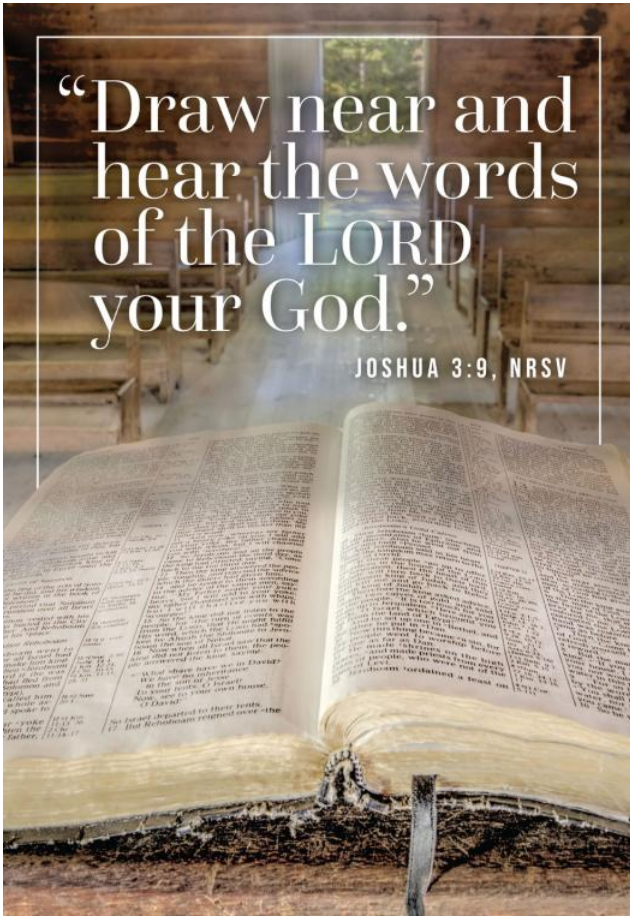
MT Ladies' Advance - Billings ladies sponsoring

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:

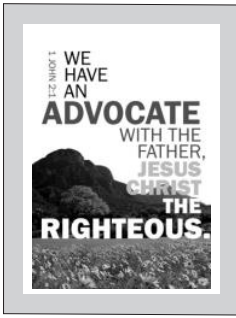
The apostle Paul had a specific description in his epistle to the Philippians about those whose end is destruction, and whose god is their appetite. What was that description?

Last week's question: 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? Answer: A *light* to the nations (Isaiah 42:6).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 110
Morning Assembly – 127
Evening Assembly – --

Wednesday Night (9/30) – 73
Butte Lord's Day – 25
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 67,86,W-51



Lots of Love from the Letters of John ...

Observing His Commandments

The forces of darkness have some significant strength. The apostle Paul, for example, was “thwarted” by Satan in some of his attempts to reach Thessalonica, for example. The same apostle also spoke of how the enemies of the gospel among the Jews “hindered” Paul and his fellow proclaimers from “speaking to the Gentiles” (1 Thessalonians 2:14-18). He also referenced those who promote “every wind of doctrine,” and “the trickery of men,” who operate “by craftiness in deceitful scheming” (Ephesians 4:14). Among those who would be so classed were the Gnostic antichrists working in the first century congregations. These liars (the apostle John’s description – 1 John 2:22) always pretend to take the “high ground.” They claim to be enlightened when in

fact they are in the darkness. They claim that they are the ones who love, when in fact they are the great haters. Furthermore they charge the ones who are truly enlightened with being in darkness or without understanding, and they charge the ones who truly love others’ souls as being the ones who are unkind, unloving, and unmerciful. In the midst of this manufactured confusion, the saint needs some direction from the scriptures in order to keep his bearings.

- ▲ **How do we know?** — The false teachers are often intelligent and conduct their agenda with wisdom, but not with “the wisdom from above.” Their “wisdom” is “earthly, natural, demonic” (James 3:15). In their lying, slanderous ways, their accusations directed toward the saints can unnerve the brethren. The apostle John comes to their aid: “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments” (1 John 5:2). So who loves the children of God? One of the commandments of God is to speak “the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15). The one who keeps this commandment is the one who loves; those lying and slandering antichrists are not loving and kind at all. Those who love God and love the brethren are those who are trying with every bit of honest care and persuasion to help others on the road to heaven.

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- ▲ **What is the love of God?** — From the perspective of the Bible, the word *love* is an action word, not just an inner feeling. “For this is the love of God,” is John’s comment, “that we keep His commandments” (1 John 5:3). Many of the core commandments of the Old Testament were negative, or restraining, in nature. “You shall not commit murder,” or “you shall not commit adultery” were designed to stop harmful behaviors. By contrast, the thrust of the new covenant, hinted at in the old covenant’s two great commandments, is positive, directed at creatively reaching out to others in positive ways and in positive actions. Love not only does no wrong to its neighbor; love actually bridges the gap between saint and sinner so that the sinner can receive the information and example necessary for him to have eternal life. Love also bridges the gap between brethren in Christ so that the continuing information and edification necessary for successful life in Christ is transmitted.

Love, then, is the simple carrying out of new covenant instructions. These instructions—these commandments—are not a yoke or a burden as was the old covenant system. “His commandments are not burdensome” is John’s straight-forward statement. If “you do what you love, and you love what you do,” then your activities are not so much described as *work* but as *passion*. Having passion for carrying out the plan and purpose of Jesus Christ changes the perspective of the Christian, and he does not think of the things he is doing for the kingdom as burdens but as blessings. When the saint honestly views his service to the kingdom as a blessing, he really looks forward to ways in which he can creatively make a positive impact for his King. Such a saint really begins to live the abundant life which Jesus had in mind for His disciples.

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