

I have put my trust in God; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?



Mike McDonald, building contractor
delivering a message on the importance of the Lord's Supper
Christ's Church
Great Falls, MT

“The neighbors therefore, and those who previously saw the blind man as a beggar, were saying, ‘Is this not the one who used to sit and beg?’ ”

John 9:8

"Getting the Lord's work done in 2021!!"

March 21, 2021

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

400 W. Park St. — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Brian Schweitzer

L.S. - Phil Sutton

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Brent Dschaak

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Jeremy Schmiedeke

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

Stewardship - Paul Johnston

L.S. - Mike Cooper

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

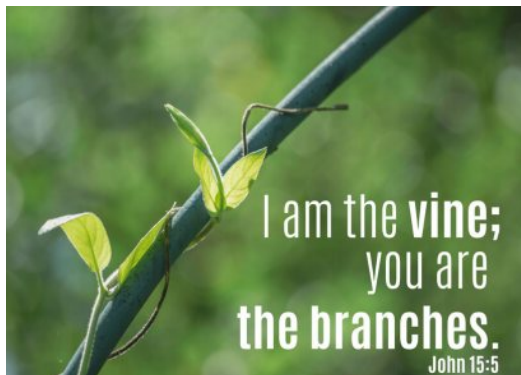
Bozeman -

Fasting for evangelism Mar. 27,28,
with **potluck** after assembly **Mar. 28.**

Bring games for fun fellowship after
potluck!

Butte -

Fellowship dinner - Lord's Day, **Mar.**
21, at 6:30 pm



BOZEMAN -

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

GREAT FALLS -

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

Great Falls -

Prayer and fasting **today**

April 4 - Potluck following as-
sembly

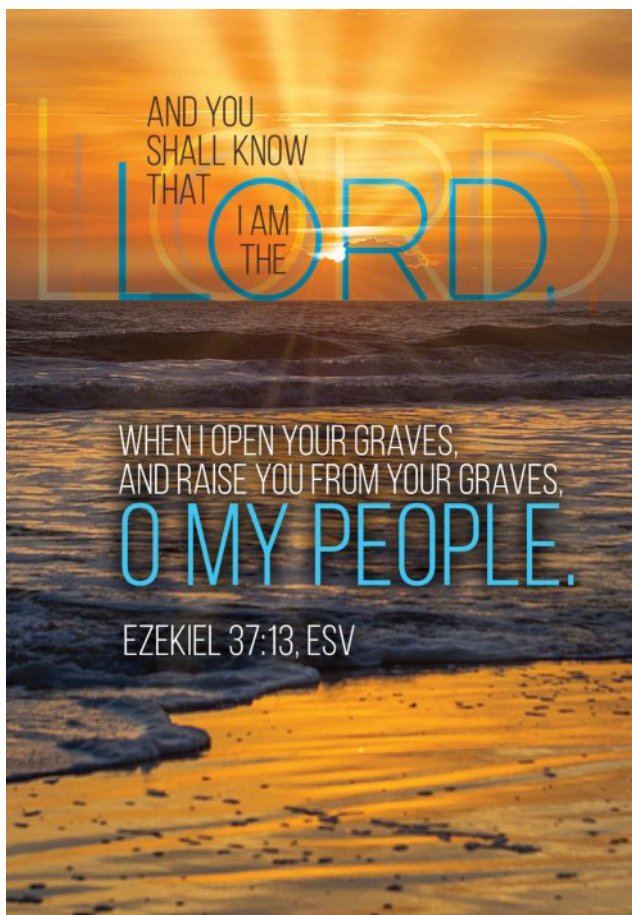
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MT Ladies' Advance April 8-10 - Billings ladies

Badlands Family Camp - May 28-31

Men's PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021

2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6



Question of the week:

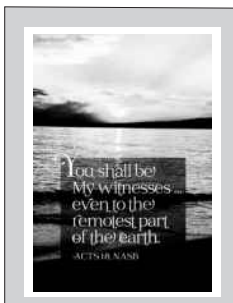
When Joseph and Mary took the baby Jesus to the temple, what did they do, according to Luke's gospel account, before they returned to Nazareth?

Last week's question: What laws and ordinances were different for the aliens who sojourned among Israel as contrasted to those for the Israelites themselves? *Answer: No differences; one law and one set of ordinances (Numbers 15:16).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 137
Morning Assembly – 159
Evening Assembly – 73

Wednesday Night (3/10) – 86
Butte Lord's Day – 15
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 61,82, W-51



Acts Alive ...

The Lost at Pentecost

30 A.D. was truly a watershed year—like no other year before or since. During Passover, hundreds of thousands had witnessed a portion of the events connected with the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth, whom many of those same thousands thought would be the Messiah and Deliverer of Israel. But with their erstwhile Messiah hanging on a tree under the surveillance of Roman authorities, thoughts of deliverance vanished quickly.

There were, to be sure, as the 1436th anniversary of the feast of the beginning of the harvest approached, a few unconfirmed rumors that this Jesus had risen from the dead. But these, it may easily be imagined, were attributed to a few hard-core Zealots who just did not want to see their revolution die. Consequently, no one was really prepared for the remarkable events which were about to transpire, and for the even more remarkable pronouncements following the unusual display.

Fifty days following Passover, the multitudes once again thronged the corridors and porticos of the Temple buildings. Suddenly, at about 9:00 in the morning, the immersion in the Spirit promised by John the Immerser fell upon the apostles. There was:

1. A noise like a violent, rushing wind,
2. Something like an upside-down bonfire, with tongues like fire coming down and resting on the head of each apostle,
3. Speaking in foreign languages by the apostles.

As a result of God's great fireworks display, the multitudes in the Temple came together, and had the heaviest "guilt trip" ever laid dumped upon their heads. They were guilty, said Peter, of the most horrible crime a Jew could commit—they crucified their own Messiah!

How awesomely unaware the crowd was of their guilt. They showed up at the Temple to participate in the festivities, to talk to men they knew, to meet others, maybe to talk about the crucifixion, maybe not... But to a man, they were unaware of their accountability toward God for allowing the Christ to die. To a man, they were unaware of their doom.

Peter and the other apostles had to convince the Jews that Jesus had been proven to be the Messiah. First, the quotation from Joel about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was used (the message being inspired by the Holy Spirit) to come to the point that "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). That Jesus during His earthly sojourn had performed many miracles was alluded to, as well as the point that the Jews had Jesus crucified by "the hands of godless men" (Acts 2:23). Thence followed a dissertation proving that Jesus bodily rose from the dead, a fact substantiated by the eyewitness testimony of the apostles, the attesting sign of the immersion in the Spirit, and several Old Testament prophecies. Finally, Jesus' ascension to glory was brought forward, with the conclusion that all present were to "know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36). Having established that, the next point was an obvious one to each honest individual in the crowd—"We are guilty." They were all lost at Pentecost.

But not everyone understood quite so clearly. Consequently, with many other words, Peter solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation" (Acts 2:40). Some people thought the apostles were drunk. But some people believed the message and paid attention to the gospel of Christ, the first time in the history of the world the terms of pardon were announced, "Repent, and let each of you be immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Three thousand, out of an estimated three million, had their hearts pierced and obeyed the gospel of Christ, and were added to the apostles' number. (This was the beginning of the church of the Lord.) Not all the lost stayed lost at Pentecost.

Let's follow Peter's example. The world is awesomely lost, and doesn't know it. Let's drive the message home, that many repent and be immersed into Christ!!

Three thousand, out of an estimated three million, did not stay "lost" at Pentecost.

JAY WILSON