

**YOUR VOWS ARE BINDING UPON ME, O  
GOD; I WILL OFFER THANK OFFERINGS TO  
YOU**



A “masterpiece” bulletin board  
emphasizing who we are as new creations in Christ  
masterfully done by Jillian Gothard  
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**“Others were saying [about the man  
who had been blind], ‘This is he.’  
Others were saying, ‘No, but he is like  
him.’” He kept saying, ‘I am the one.’”**

*John 9:9*

“Getting the Lord’s work done in 2021!!”

## March 28, 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 - Elliot Ashley**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med. - Jay Shoup

L.S. - Rick Vaught

Preaching - Luke Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**

L.S. - Kaden Reijgers

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Caleb Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes**

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

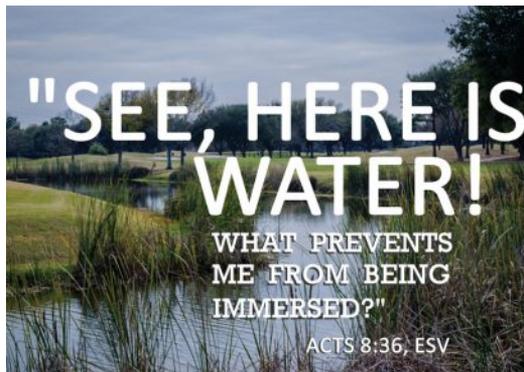
Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman -**

Fasting for evangelism Mar. 27,28,  
with **potluck** after assembly **Mar. 28.**  
Bring games for fun fellowship after  
potluck!

**Butte -**

**April 18 - Fellowship dinner, 6:30  
pm**



**BOZEMAN -**

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

**GREAT FALLS -**

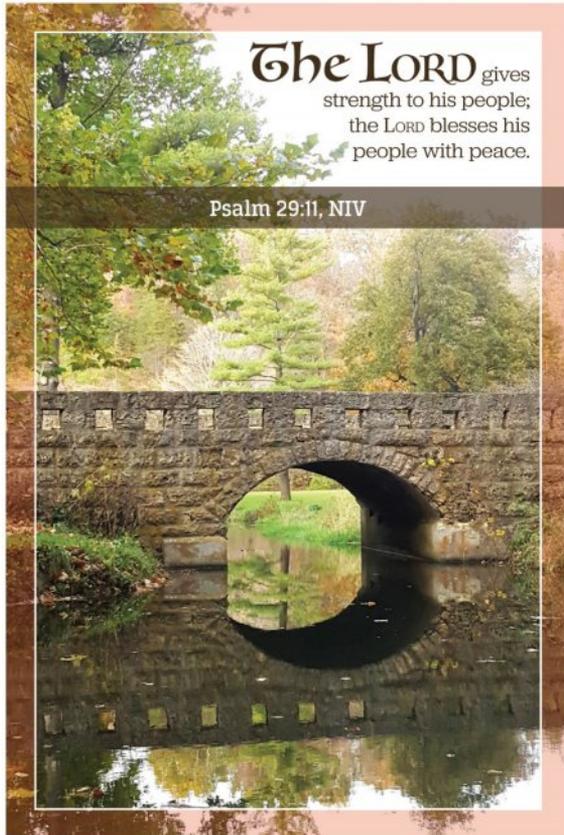
***Wed. night*, 7:00 pm:**  
Jay Wilson - Creation  
vs. Evolution Power-  
Points and videos

**Great Falls -**

**April 4 - Potluck following as-  
sembly**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**MT Ladies’ Advance** April 8-10 - Billings ladies  
**Badlands Family Camp** - May 28-31, between  
Glendive and Wibaux, MT  
**Lancaster, OH, Family Camp** - May 28-31  
**Men’s PEAKS** - July 22-24, 2021  
**2021 Family Camp** - Sept. 3-6



**Question of the week:**

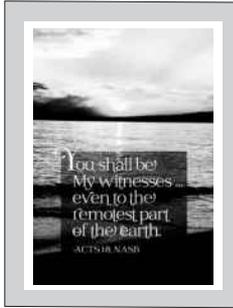
603,550 numbered men from the tribes of Israel twenty and above crossed the Red Sea. Forty years later the tribes (other than Levi) were also numbered. What did that total come to?

Last week's question: When Joseph and Mary took the baby Jesus to the temple, what did they do, according Luke's gospel account, before they returned to Nazareth? *Answer: They performed everything according to the Law of the Lord (Luke 2:39).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 87  
Morning Assembly – 100  
Evening Assembly – 64

Wednesday Night (3) – 77  
Butte Lord's Day – 16  
GF Lord's Day (Wed) – 57,85, W-54



Acts Alive ...

## The Primitive Church's Four Pillars

"The Law," said Hebrews' author, "has only a shadow of the good things to come" (Hebrews 10:1). One of the key shadows from the old covenant was the Feast which came to be known as *Pentecost*, "the feast of weeks," which was the beginning of the wheat harvest. On the Day of Pentecost, AD 30, the "shadow" of the wheat harvest became fulfilled in the "substance" of the "beginning of the harvest" of souls. And what a beginning it was! On that day 3000 individuals were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ and were added to the apostles' number.

Wheat, however, is inanimate; newly harvested wheat can lay on the ground for awhile or be stored in bins or grain elevators. But newly immersed saints are not wheat; instant steps have to be taken for their preservation or the roaring lion, Satan, will come and destroy them. Hence Jesus had set in motion the basis for what in Greek is called the "*ekklesia*." This in early English translations was translated *congregation*, and later translated as *church*, a derivative spelling of *kirk*—which meant a building or organizational structure. But its meaning is a *congregation* or *assembly of people*. This "assembly" is structured only at a local level, and is absolutely necessary for the preservation and growth of those who are immersed into Christ. Thus, as the message of the apostles began to spread among the Jews, those who repented and were obedient to the gospel are described in these words: "And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47 NKJV). The church, then, began on the Day of Pentecost, which was always on the first day of the week (the same day of the week in which Jesus was resurrected). Those first disciples are depicted in the following terminology: "Now they were persevering in the apostles' teaching [doctrine] and in fellowship and in the breaking of bread and in the prayers" (Acts 2:42, Modern Literal Version). These are the four pillars which provide the structural support for the church, the true temple of God.

**The apostles' teaching** — As Jesus was praying on the west side of the Kidron for His apostles, He began to pray for the future church as well. He asked "for those also who believe in Me through their [the apostles] word..." (John 17:20). The plan of God was that the new covenant terms and teaching would come from Jesus through the Holy Spirit to the apostles.

From this point on, the test of truth is whether the teaching is from the apostles or what was passed on by the apostles (the book of Hebrews, for example). Anything other than this teaching or *sound doctrine* is false doctrine and is to be opposed or disregarded.

**Fellowship** — The fellowship, the interactions of brethren as an outflow of common purpose, is one of the four pillars of the church. The Christian is not a "stand-alone" unit; he has been created in Christ Jesus to fellowship with those of like precious faith. He joyfully participates in that fellowship, or creates the opportunity for others to share in that fellowship.

**"The breaking of the loaf"** — This is a special term, translated usually as "the breaking of bread," and is distinct from that which designates a common meal. This is termed "the Lord's Supper," "the Lord's table," and "communion." It is the central reason for the assembly of the saints, and is participated in on the first day of the week as the congregation assembles.

**The prayers** — In addition to the private prayers of the saints, there is also public prayer. In the congregation in Corinth, as a scripturally recorded example, the brethren are noted as saying "Amen" at the closure of giving of thanks.

These four pillars hold the congregation of believers together and help ensure the continuing salvation of each of the saints. The apostles' teaching is the means by which God's will is communicated to the brethren, "the prayers" is the means by which there is a collective response in verbal form to God through Jesus Christ. The Lord's Supper and the fellowship is the means by which momentum is maintained and increased for the growth of the kingdom of Christ. Each Christian, for his own benefit and for the benefit of others, will "persevere" in a positive fashion in participating in each of the four.

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