

**AWAKE, MY GLORY;  
AWAKE, HARP AND LYRE,  
I WILL AWAKEN THE DAWN!**



Marshall Harbour, of Wauseon, OH  
guarding the exit door while preaching!  
Lancaster Family Camp, Memorial Day weekend  
Lancaster, OH

**“[The blind man] therefore answered,  
‘Whether He is a sinner, I do not know;  
one thing I do know, that, whereas I was  
blind, now I see.’ ”**

***John 9:25***

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

**July 4, 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

Prayer med. - Bob Edgar

L.S. - John Adams

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

L.S. - Kaden Reijgers

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Jared DuPaul**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

S'dship - Stan Zech

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tom McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman -**

**Wed night prayer time following assembly - July 7**

**Butte -**

*Edith Vehnekamp* passed into glory June 30! She was Shar Stone's mom, was immersed into Christ, and attended best she could in Cody, WY.



**BOZEMAN -**

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

**GREAT FALLS -**

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm:**  
*Unlocking the Mystery of Life (intelligent design video)*

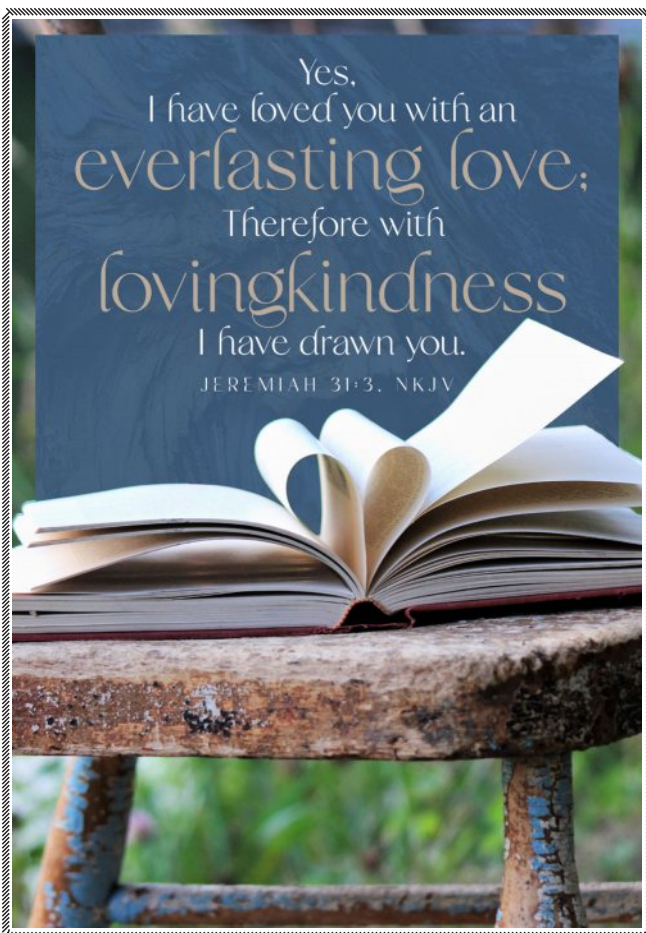
**Great Falls -**

**Potluck** - today following assembly  
CONGRATULATIONS to *Esther Grace Womagno*, who was born to parents Bobo and Cassie on June 28!! She joins big brother Elijah.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Men's PEAKS** - July 22-24, 2021, Theme: "The kingdom's sure increase"

**2021 Family Camp** - Sept. 3-6, Theme: "Powerful Pictures from the Prophets"



### Question of the week:

When King Hezekiah of Judah was told by Isaiah the prophet to set his affairs in order because the king was about to die, after praying what did King Hezekiah do next?

Last week's question: When Philip went into Samaria, the people were spoken of as believing and being immersed. That same expression was used only for what other congregation? *Answer: Corinth (Acts 18:8. This is important in establishing that the Corinthian brethren were all immersed, as contrast to the way "faith only" folks apply 1 Cor. 1:7).*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 97  
Morning Assembly – 125  
Evening Assembly – 67

Wednesday Night (6/30) – 90  
Butte Lord's Day – 19  
GF Lord's Day – 45,69, Wed. - 42



Acts Alive ...

## A Door of Faith Opens for the Gentiles

"The Jews aroused the devout women of prominence and the leading men of the city [Antioch of Pisidia], and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium" (Acts 13:50,51). That's how it was in "the good old days." They preached the word, got run out of town, and shook off their feet as they were leaving to preach in the next town.

So when Paul and Barnabas came into Iconium, the cycle repeated itself. They preached in such a manner that a great multitude believed, divided the city, and had to run for their lives. "And when an attempt was made by both the Gentiles and the Jews with their rulers, to mistreat and stone them, they became aware of it and fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the surrounding region; and there they continued to preach the gospel" (Acts 14:5-7).

At Lystra, Paul healed a man who was crippled in his feet. Because of this miracle, the crowds started shouting, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us;" and were calling Barnabas *Zeus* and Paul *Hermes*, Greek gods later known by the Roman names *Jupiter* and *Mercury*, respectively. The priest of Zeus recognized a good opportunity to spread his faith, so he brought garlands and oxen for a sacrifice. Paul and Barnabas, recognizing how abominable it is for men to receive worship, and how destructive worship of idols is, tore their robes in distress, and rushed into the crowd, making the following points:

- "We," they said, "are men of the same nature as you"; not gods, in other words.
- They preached the gospel to them, so that they would turn from their vain or empty worship of idols to a *living God*, who created everything.
- In generations past, the living God permitted the Gentiles to go their own ways; but even then He did not leave Himself without witness, doing good, giving them rain from heaven, and satisfying their hearts with food and gladness.

Even with this vehement display and these strong words, the apostles barely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

Then Jews came over from Antioch and Iconium and stampeded the mob into stoning Paul. Believing him to be dead, the Jews left. But Paul got up, went into the city, and on the following day entered the city of Derbe. "And after they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, 'Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.' And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed" (Acts 14:21-23).

Those sentences summarize an amazing list of accomplishments! Jesus had commissioned the apostles (and all following) to go, preach the gospel to all creation, and make disciples. Here Paul and Barnabas are described as preaching in Derbe and making many disciples. Then they followed up with "teaching them to observe all that Jesus commanded," strengthening their souls, and encouraging them to continue in the faith. They were also able (by the "stretching forth of their hands") to appoint elders in every congregation. Finishing their efforts, they did the difficult thing: they entrusted the disciples to the care of the Lord.

Finally, Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch of Syria, "from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had accomplished. And when they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles" (Acts 14:26,27). Can God open a door of faith today?

**They reported  
all the things  
God had done  
with them.**

JAY WILSON