

**BE EXALTED ABOVE THE HEAVENS, O
GOD; LET YOUR GLORY BE ABOVE ALL
THE EARTH**



Father and son, Davey and Jeremy Wilson
getting all the behind-the-scenes things done
Lima Rally, last Fri-Lord's Day in June
Christ's Church, Lima, OH

**“And [the Pharisees] reviled [the
blind man] and said, ‘You are His
disciple, but we are disciples of
Moses.’”**

John 9:28

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

July 25, 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

St’dship - Andrew Wallace

L.S. - Bob Edgar

Preaching - Jeff Hostetter

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Dan Tuck

Preaching -- “young guys” - Peaks report

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Jeremy Schmiedeke

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Zac Zech

L.S. - Caleb Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

July Fasting/Potluck will be July 31,

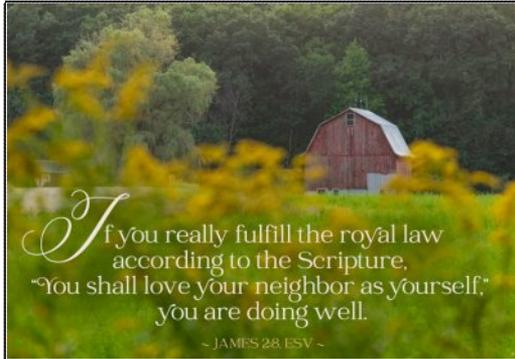
Aug. 1 (due to Peaks)

Young adults fellowship - Sat. July

31, 5:30 pm at the building. Contact

Andrew Wallace - 707-339-1060

Butte -



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

“Judgment Day”

(intelligent design on trial)

Great Falls -

Potluck following

assembly - Aug. 1 -

“Picnic in the park”

Great Falls -

Congratulations to **Trish Murch**,

who was immersed into Christ

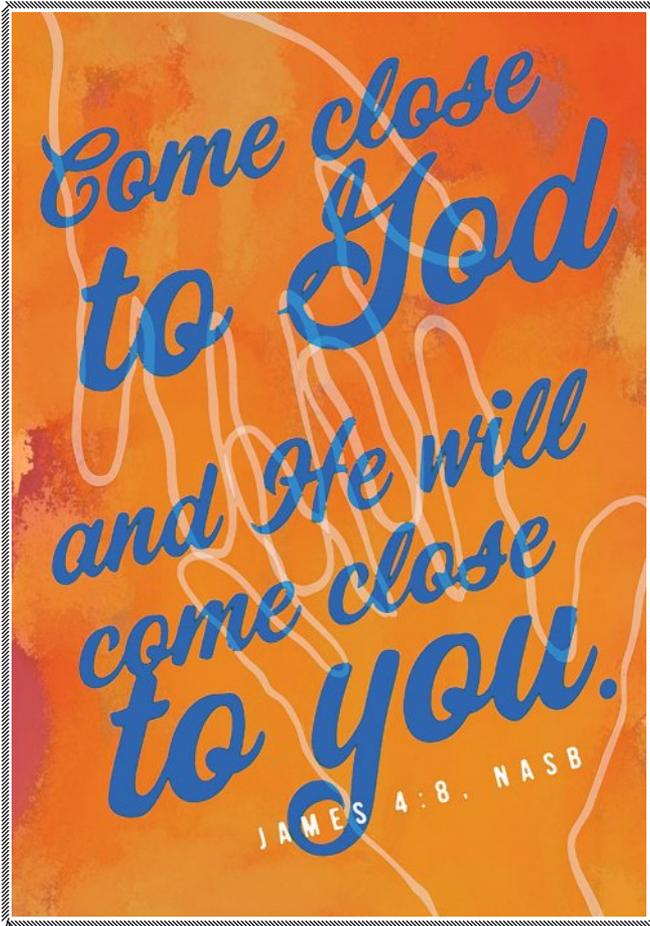
by long time acquaintance Chad

Danielson on Friday, July 23!!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, Theme: “Powerful

Pictures from the Prophets”



Question of the week:

The Romans chapter six and Romans chapter eight man is free from sin, immersed into Christ and free from the law of sin and death. What is the description of the Romans seven man?

Last week's question: Who gave Solomon the plan for the construction of the temple in Jerusalem? *Answer: The Lord, in writing by His hand, all the details of the pattern (1 Chronicles 28:19).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (181 MEN AND LADS AT THE 50TH MEN'S PEAKS!)

Bible School – 82
Morning Assembly – 104
Evening Assembly – 63

Wednesday Night (7/21) – 57
Butte Lord's Day – 13
GF Lord's Day – 53,71, Wed. - 52



Acts Alive ...

The Conversion of a Gov't Official

The city of Philippi was a Roman city—a legion outpost with strong ties to Rome. Hence it was a political city, with all the intrigues and priorities that such a setting engenders. Thus the conversion of a Roman official to Christianity would be a major event which would ripple throughout its intertwined society.

Our story begins with a “future-predicting” spirit named Python. This spirit worked in a slave girl who brought her masters much profit by her fortunetelling. Inspired as she was by this evil spirit, for many days she followed after Paul, Luke, Silas, and Timothy, saying, “These men are bondservants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation” (Acts 16:17). Paul was increasingly annoyed at this—possibly because the message

was coming from a polluted source, or possibly because she was not putting enough emphasis on their message being the only way of salvation. So Paul cast the demon out of her.

The girl’s masters, having lost their source of profit (which lets you know that the evil spirits are pretty good at predicting the future, although not 100% accurate), arranged for Paul and Silas to be beaten with rods, cast into the inner prison, and fastened in stocks. All of this was in violation of Roman law, which forbid such punishment without a fair trial to Roman citizens such as Paul and Silas. Not a smart thing to do in this particular city.

At midnight, those worthies, Paul and Silas,—badly beaten, and fastened in uncomfortable positions—were praying and singing hymns of praise to God. Suddenly an earthquake rocked the building, the doors of the prison house swung open, and all the chains dropped from the prisoners. When the jailer—still a little groggy—saw the prison doors hanging open, he drew his sword to commit suicide because he was sure that the prisoners had escaped; and the penalty in those days for allowing inmates to “spring” was death to the jailer.

But Paul shouted at him, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here!” (Acts 16:28). As far as the jailer was concerned, a noteworthy miracle had just occurred—no prisoners escaped! “And he called for lights and rushed in and, trembling with fear, he fell down before Paul and Silas. And after he brought them out, he said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household’” (Acts 16:29-31).

The following steps are recorded in this order in Luke’s inspired record:

- They spoke the word of the Lord to the jailer together with all who were in his house.
- The jailer took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds.
- Immediately he was immersed—he and all his household.
- He brought Paul and Silas into his house and set food before them.
- He rejoiced greatly—in this whole process now being described as “having believed in God with his whole household” (Acts 16:34). It’s pretty obvious to anyone who will read the whole context that “believing” includes immersion, and all those in the household who were immersed were old enough to believe under their own volition.

The next day the judges ordered Paul and Silas released, and the message was brought to them by the jailer. But Paul sent the jailer and the policemen back with this message: “They have beaten us in public without trial—men who are Romans—and have thrown us into prison. And now are they sending us away secretly? No indeed! But let them come down themselves and bring us out” (Acts 16:37).

There was enough of the republic left in the Roman Empire that the magistrates were afraid—especially, in this Roman city of Philippi. Roman citizenship meant something here. “They came and appealed to [Paul and Silas], and when they had brought them out, they kept begging them to leave the city” (Acts 16:39).

Oh yes, even in government enclaves, the word of God marches on!

**ROMAN CITI-
ZENSHIP MEANT
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