

**IN HEART YOU UNGODLY JUDGES WORK  
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS; ON EARTH YOU WEIGH  
OUT THE VIOLENCE OF YOUR HANDS**



Patrick Degarmo with father-in-law Dan, from near Youngstown, OH  
along with Stan and Nathan Zech, of Great Falls, MT  
50th annual Men's Peaks  
Delmoe Reservoir, near Butte, MT

**“The man answered and said to them,  
‘Well, here is an amazing thing, that  
you do not know where He is from, and  
yet He opened my eyes.’ ”**

***John 9:30***

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

**August 8, 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 - Joe Shanahan**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Charlie Brown

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

L.S. - Jerry Hoffman

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Bobo Womagno

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

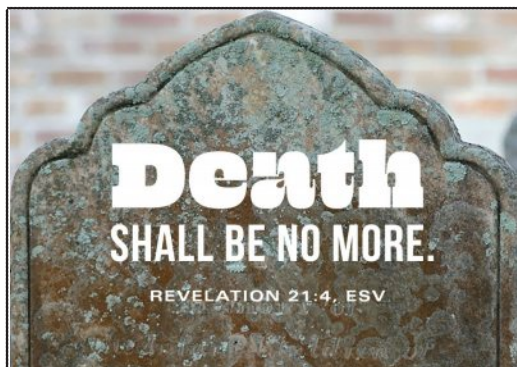
**Bozeman -**

**Sutton Summer Shindig - Sat. Aug. 14th at the Sutton's**

**Butte -**

Fellowship dinner - Aug. 15 before assembly

Congratulations to **Cole Hunsicker** and **Hailey Olson**, who were united in marriage on Sat. Aug. 7 at the Sugar Loaf Lodge near Anaconda



**BOZEMAN -**

***Wed. night, 7:00 pm:***

Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

**GREAT FALLS -**

***Wed. night, 7:00 pm:***

***"Judgment Day" (intelligent design on trial)***

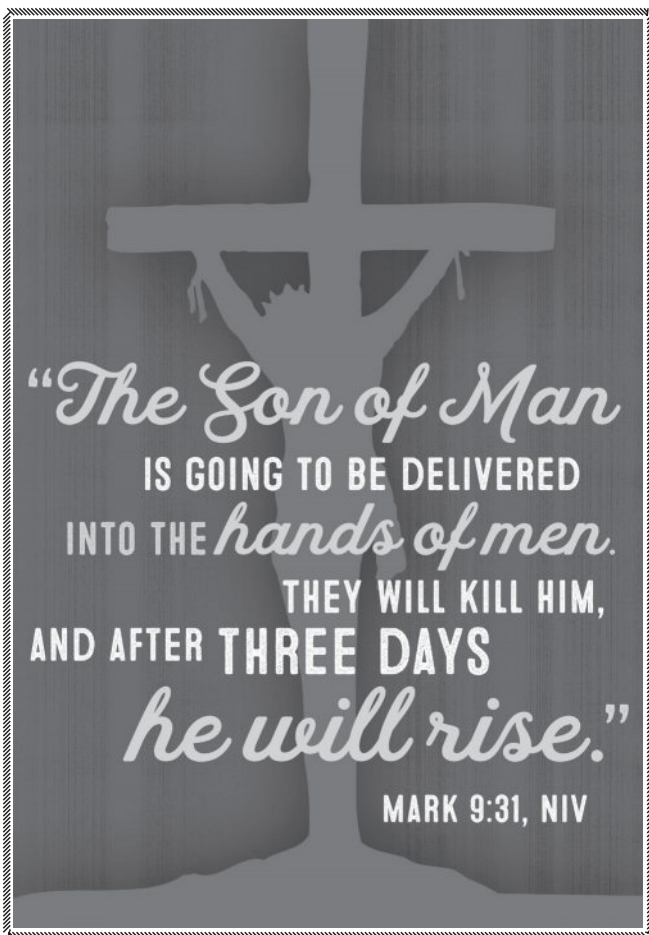
**Great Falls -**

Prayer and fasting - Aug. 15

"Backyard Movie" - Sat. Aug 28th

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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



**Question of the week:**

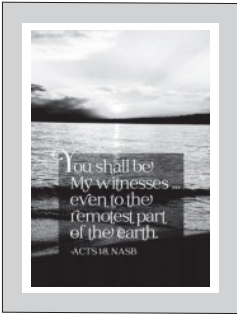
The apostle Paul stated that he determined to know nothing except \_\_\_\_\_ among the Corinthians when he first came.

Last week's question: What was the name of the prophet who spoke in the days of Jehoshaphat and told Judah that God would fight for them against the three major armies? *Answer: Jahaziel, the son of Zechariah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph (2 Chronicles 20:14).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 90  
Morning Assembly – 115  
Evening Assembly – 54

Wednesday Night (8/4) – 92  
Butte Lord's Day – 17  
GF Lord's Day – 675,102, Wed. - 51



## Action in Athens

After being run out of Thessalonica and Berea, Paul was sent some 200 miles down the eastern Greek seacoast to Athens. Athens was “where it’s at.” The Roman world still spoke koine Greek as the common language of the Empire, and the Greek philosophies which surged from Athens centuries earlier still dominated Roman thought. So here was Paul, in the “cultural capital of the world.” And his reaction: “Now while Paul was waiting for [Silas and Timothy] in Athens, his spirit was being provoked within him as he was beholding the city full of idols” (Acts 17:16). So much for the “cultural capital of the world.”

Paul was truly “provoked” about all the idol worship in Athens, but instead of throwing his hands up in despair, he went to work. He: 1) *Reasoned in the synagogue* with the Jews and God-fearing Gentiles 2) *Reasoned in the market place* every day with those present. 3) *Conversed with the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers.* (Both of these Greek philosophical systems were based on the idea that everything was of the material realm, that there was nothing in the spiritual realm that was not based on matter. The Epicureans basically stated that since everything was material, the goal was to maximize your happiness in the material realm. The Stoics taught that since matter was a continuing source of pain, the goal was to train the body to ignore the pain by putting it in the correct philosophical context. The eventual result of Epicureanism was to pretty much let the body do what it naturally wants to do; the eventual result of Stoicism was to train the body to ignore pain by sometimes inflicting pain on it [whipping it, for example]). These materialistic Greek philosophies resulted in the development of Gnosticism of the time of the apostle John, wherein they denied that Jesus ever had an actual physical body.)

The immediate result of all this was that Paul was known to some as an “idle babbler.” Others thought he was preaching two new “strange” gods, one named “Jesus” and the other named “The Resurrection.” His persistence paid off—the Athenians were always wanting to hear something new, so they invited Paul to speak in their open forum on Mars Hill, or the “Areopagus.” As he preached to them, he made the following points:

- The Athenians were very religious, worshipping many idols
- In the midst of their idols Paul found an altar dedicated to “An Unknown God.”
- Who this “unknown god” was that they worshipped in ignorance, he was going to make clear to them.
- The Unknown God was the One who made the universe, and since He made the universe, He doesn’t live in temples or need anything from human hands.
- This God made all men originate from one man [Adam], and separated them into nations so that they should seek God.
- This God is not distant, because as even the Greek poet said, “We are also His offspring.”
- Since we are the offspring of God and are clearly spirit-beings ourselves, how can we think that God is physical (made from gold, silver, or stone), an offspring of the art and thought of man?
- Since the times of ignorance were past, all men—if they were wise—would repent, because God has fixed a day in which He will judge the world through Jesus Christ.
- God furnished proof of the coming of Judgment Day by raising Jesus from the dead.

“Now when they heard of the resurrection from the dead, some began to sneer, but others said, ‘We shall hear you again concerning this.’” (Acts 17:32). The resurrection of Christ was once again a major problem. Paul, of course, could prove that Jesus had risen from the dead, but many people simply would not give him the opportunity to explain. (Thus it was then, and thus it is now.)

“So Paul went out of their midst. But some men joined him and believed, among whom also was Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them” (Acts 17:33,34).

Some believed! Even in flaky, philosophical Athens, the word took root and began to grow!

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