

**THE RIGHTEOUS WILL REJOICE WHEN THEY SEE
GOD'S VENGEANCE; HE WILL WASH HIS FEET IN
THE BLOOD OF THE WICKED**



Where "Captain" William Clark carved his name and the date
Pompey's Pillar, east of Billings, MT
Modern saints in Montana are thankful for the legacy of the
Lewis and Clark "Corps of Discovery" Mission

**Those of the Pharisees who were
with Him heard these things [about
the blind seeing, and the "seeing"
becoming blind], and said to Him,
"We are not blind too, are we?"**

John 9:40

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

September 26, 2021

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express. — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Andrew Wallace

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer Med - Andrew Wallace

L.S. - Charlie Brown

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Jerry Hoffman

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Gabe Clark

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

S'dship - Rick Vaught

L.S. - Steve Durnan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

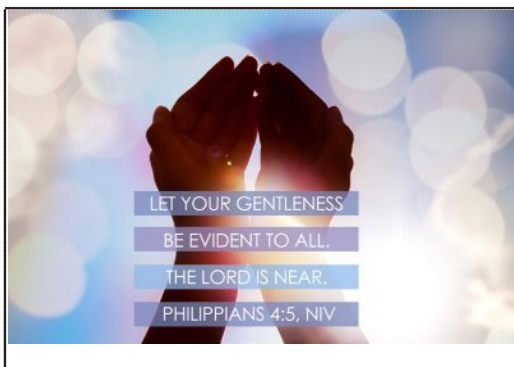
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -

Fasting - Sept. 25,26

Fellowship dinner following assembly Sept. 26

Great Falls - fellowship dinner Lord's Day Oct. 3



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jerry Hoffman

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
"Judgment Day" (intel-
ligent design on trial)

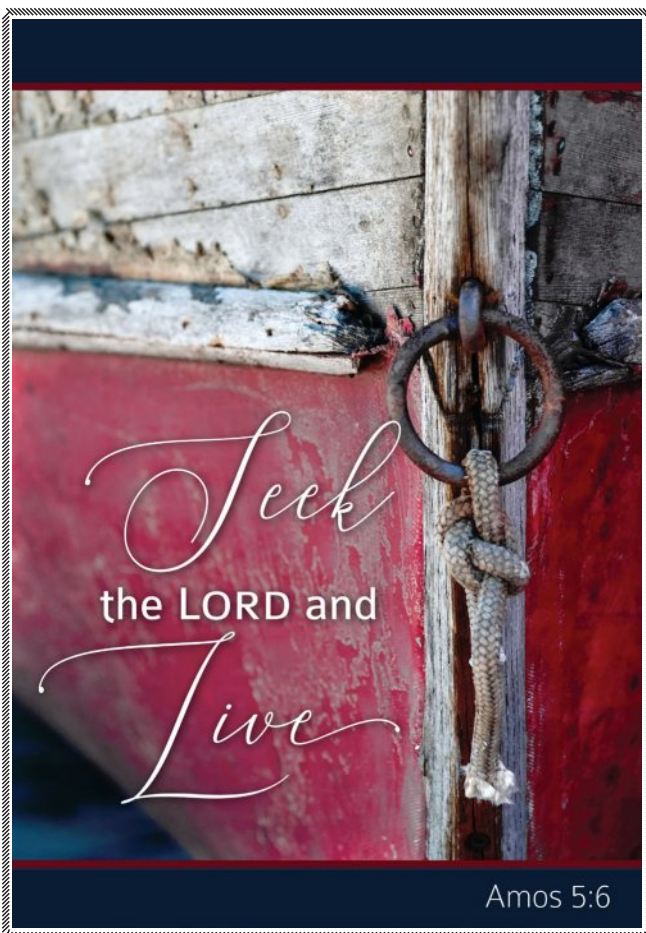
Congratulations to Zac
and Aubrey Dschaak,
who were married on
Sept. 18!!

Butte -

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 29,30

Congratulations to *Alayna Wilson*, who was immersed into Christ on Mon. Sept. 20 by her dad, Luke Wilson in the Tom Jacobs' hot tub!! Alayna graduated from high school last spring, attends college at Montana State University and is a great all around young lady.



Question of the week:

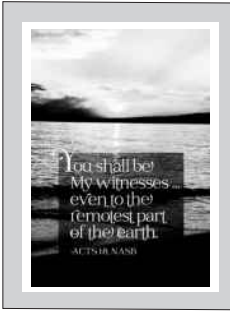
There is a verse in Isaiah 48 that references the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Which verse is it?

Last week's question: In Galatians chapter 4, the apostle Paul used the relationship between Sarah and Hagar to illustrate the difference between the old covenant people and the new. What quotation from this portion of Genesis shows that the physical Jews were no longer God's people? *Answer: Cast out the bond-woman and her son, for the son of the bond-woman shall not be an heir with the son of the free woman (Galatians 4:30).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 82
Morning Assembly – 105
Evening Assembly – 68

Wednesday Night (9/22) – 73
Butte Lord's Day – 7
GF Lord's Day – 72,87, Wed. - 50



Acts Alive ...

Inspired Instruction on Elders

Paul left Troas as soon as he finished preaching all night. He was "hurrying," says Luke, "to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost" (Acts 20:16). He sailed past Ephesus (where he would be sure to get "boggled down") and sent word for the elders of the congregation to meet him down the coast at Miletus. In this historic meeting, the Holy Spirit records for us one of the most significant and instructive passages of the word of God.

Some general points;

1. Elder-bishop-pastor—A continuing source of confusion is the structure of the local congregation. Either the church is designed and built by Jesus Christ, or the church is designed and built by man.

If the church is designed and built by man, then man may choose to call the regional head of his denomination Bishop, and he may choose to designate the local ramrod by Pastor. But if the church is designed and built by Jesus Christ, then men are constrained to use those words in accordance with the sacred writ.

It is apparent to anyone who will examine the precepts of the sacred writings apart from the smog of the precepts of men that the terms elder, bishop (overseer), and pastor (shepherd) are used to describe different functional aspects of the same man. Thus Paul "called to him the elders of the church" (Acts 20:17), and told them to "be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you bishops [overseers], to pastor [shepherd] the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).

A man can only attain this office if he is one who aspires to the work (I Timothy 3:1), if he is an older man who has developed the skill necessary to oversee the general working of the congregation, and if he has the personal capacity to guide or shepherd those who are called sheep under his charge. Woe to those who set aside the Holy Spirit and His word by short-circuiting the process by "diplomas" or "elections." We challenge anyone to show where—under the New Covenant—the Holy Spirit appoints anyone to any position or place apart from the industry and initiative of the individual.

2. Plurality — There is no such situation as "one elder" or "one bishop" or "one pastor" for a congregation recorded in the pages of the New Testament. While that may not be "conclusive" in the minds of some, it cannot fail to be "significant."

3. "Buildings" and "congregations"—The modern concept of a congregation is a group of people who meet regularly [more or less] at one building commonly designated "church house" or "church building."

While it can be demonstrated that Christians met in something called "synagogues" (James 2:2) and in the upper room of a large home in Troas, it is pretty clear that the thousands immersed into Christ in Ephesus (and other cities of the New Testament) did necessarily not meet in one building — yet there was one set of elders for "the church" (Acts 20:18). This oversight was over the whole movement of the gospel in that city and what we would call "suburbs."

4. Commitment—These men from Ephesus had long since committed themselves to the spread of the gospel. They were witnesses of Paul's humility and suffering, as he put it, "from the first day I set foot in Asia" (Acts 20:18). They were with Paul as he "fought with the wild beasts at Ephesus" (I Cor. 15:32), and they were with him as he developed them into "faithful men" who would in turn be able to teach others. Thus it was in the real closeness of men who have gone through battle together that they wept and kissed Paul as they saw him for the last time this side of glory. And they weren't preachers. They were elders who ruled.

God, work with us and help us to raise up such men today.

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JAY WILSON