

**Deliver me from those who do
iniquity, and save me from men of
bloodshed**



McKenna Mzingo and Pearl McDunn, both of Missoula, MT
enjoying some “catch up” moments
48th annual Family Camp
Christ’s Church, Bozeman, MT

**“But he who enters by the door is a
shepherd of the sheep. To him the
doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear
his voice, , and he calls his own sheep by
name, and leads them out.**

John 10:2,3

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

October 17, 2021

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Joe Shanahan

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer Med - Steven Doty

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

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

St’dship - Kody Kruck

L.S. - Rick Vaught

Preaching - Nathan Zech

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

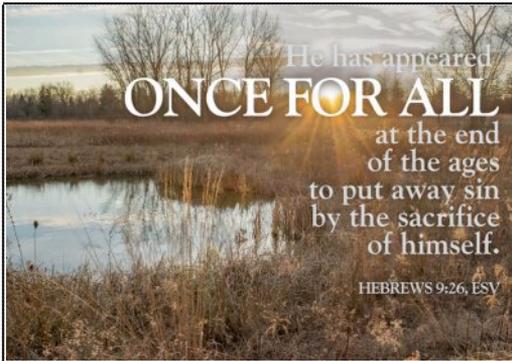
Bozeman -

Young Adult Fellowship (18-29)

-Sat. 10/23 at 5:30 pm at church
bldg. Harvest-themed potluck. More
info - Andrew 406-595-1220

Great Falls -

Oct. 17 - Prayer and fasting



BOZEMAN -

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

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
“Expelled” (Ben
Stein’s intelligent
design expose’)

Butte -

Oct. 17 -- Fellowship dinner, 6:30
pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

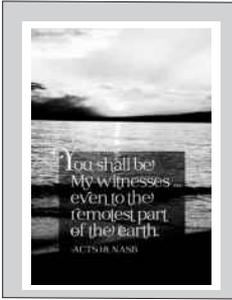
Spiritual Warriors’ Weekend - Oct. 29,30

South Carolina Men’s Retreat - Dec. 10-12

Bible Bowl - Mar. 12, 2022

Men’s Peaks - July 21-23, 2022

Family Camp - Sept. 2-5, 2022



Acts Alive ...

Trouble in the Temple

With his entourage of accompanying disciples, the apostle Paul arrived in Jerusalem. Instead of visiting the zoo and having a guided tour of the governor's residence, he went to the brethren, who received him gladly.

But there was a problem with Paul among the brethren in Jerusalem. There were some rumors floating around the congregation and the Christians from around the empire that created prejudice against Paul, particularly among those of Jewish extraction. The elders knew they had better meet with Paul and hatch a strategy to allay some fears and alleviate some prejudices.

On the next day, then, Paul and the elders met, and the discussion took the following course:

1. Paul related all the things God had done among the Gentiles, and the elders glorified God.
2. Then the elders got to their point in the conversation. The problem — Jewish brethren:
 - a. Many thousands among the Jews were believers in Christ, and they were all zealous for the Law.
 - b. These circumcised brethren heard that Paul was teaching all the Jews among the Gentiles to “forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs” (Acts 21:21).
 - c. These brethren would certainly hear that Paul had come.
3. What should be done? “We have four men,” said the elders, “who are under a vow” (Acts 21:23). To Paul:
 - a. “Purify yourself along with them.”
 - b. “Pay their expenses that they may shave their heads” in accordance with Law and custom.

The expected result — “All will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Law” (Acts 21:24).

4. The Gentiles among the Christians were simply instructed to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from those things which were strangled, and from fornication, as was decided earlier, recorded in Acts 15.

Paul did as instructed. But the results were not as the elders expected. Jews from Asia — the region around Ephesus — saw Paul in the temple and stirred the mob into a frenzy. “Men of Israel,” they cried out, “come to our aid!” Obviously, there was a huge “emergency” requiring the presence and help of every Jewish male present. “This is the man,” they claimed, “who preaches to all men everywhere against our people and the Law, and this place” (Acts 21:28). “And all the city was aroused, and the people rushed together, and taking hold of Paul, they dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut” (Acts 21:30).

These Jews from Ephesus were not interested in the truth nor were they interested in a fair and lawful hearing for the apostle Paul. Earlier, in the days of Jesus' earthly sojourn, the Pharisee Nicodemus made the point that “Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing” (John 7:51). When they claimed that Paul “preached against our people,” that was a bogus, open-ended charge without basis, designed only to stir the irrational emotions of the mob that was being orchestrated into action. They also should have listened more carefully to Paul's teaching before charging him with being against the Law. “We know,” he taught, “that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully” (1 Timothy 1:8). Their charge that he was preaching against the temple was also false; they should have listened objectively, as did the Berean Jews, to the apostle's explanation of the place of the temple in the overall plan of God. But there was no objectivity here; the agenda was to “get Paul” by any means possible, and have him exterminated by mob violence.

The crowd was so rowdy that the Roman soldiers garrisoned nearby rushed in to stop what they thought was a rebellion. In the process they rescued Paul, actually having to carry him to free him from the violence of the mob. Thus he was prepared to deliver his last address to the Jews in Jerusalem, and under the custody of Roman troops, eventually to arrive in Rome.

Could Paul entrust his soul to a faithful Creator? He could, because the Lord was still using even these vicious circumstances to forward the gospel.

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