THOSE WHO DO INIQUITY RETURN AT EVENING, THEY HOWL LIKE A DOG, AND GO AROUND THE CITY



Carol Hurd, of Capon Bridge, WV and Karen Tuck, of Delta, OH having a good conversation PA Family Camp Everett, PA

"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly."

John 10:10

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

November 28, 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 St'dship - Tommy Widner L.S. - Matthew Wilson Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Josiah Sutton **Great Falls -** 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly St'dship - Rick Vaught L.S. - Joe McDunn Preaching - Jay Wilson Butte - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

General announcement -

Jacob Martin and Emily Miller of Missoula will be getting married on Jan. 22 in Missoula. All are invited! Details to follow.

Bozeman

Young adult fellowship - Dec. 4, 5:30 at building. Live action clue banquet. More info: Andrew Wallace



BOZEMAN -

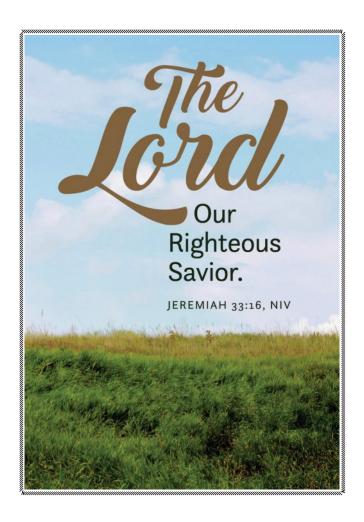
Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Phil Sutton on 2 Peter

GREAT FALLS - Wed. night, 7:00 pm: "Is Genesis History" video presentation

Great Falls Fellowship dinner - L.D. Dec. 6 following assembly

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



Question of the week:

When bosses (including Christians) withhold the pay of their laborers, the cries reach the ears of whom?

Last week's question: When the glory of the Lord came to fill the "house" (Ezekiel's temple of prophecy), what was revealed as "the law of the house"? *Answer: "Its entire area on the top of the mountain all around shall be most holy"* (Ezekiel 43:12).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 87 Morning Assembly — 103 Evening Assembly — 66 Wednesday Night (11/24) – 49 Butte Lord's Day – 14 GF Lord's Day – 72,103, *Wed. - 46* You shall be My witnesses: even to the remotest part of the Barth Acts Alive ...

An Audience with Agrippa

The Herod's had been around for a long time. It was Herod the Great who tried to kill baby Jesus in Bethlehem to eliminate a potential rival "King of the Jews." His son, Herod the tetrarch, had been the "King" to whom Pilate sent Jesus in the night trials, and who thought Jesus was John the Immerser raised from the dead. The next in line, Herod Agrippa I, was struck down by an angel as he delivered an oration to screaming Sidonians. So, when Herod Agrippa II arrived with his wife Bernice at Caesarea to pay his respects to Governor Festus, Festus was excited because this man came from a family with more than 100 years' experience dealing with Jewish problems.

What do you do when company arrives and stays for quite awhile, and you've about run out of ideas to entertain them? If you're

Festus, you realize that you can kill a couple of days with an examination of Paul's case, and at the same time figure out how to get some worthwhile information to authorities in Rome. Festus therefore laid Paul's case before Agrippa, making the following points:

- A certain man, named Paul, had been left prisoner by the previous governor, Felix.
- When Festus was in Jerusalem, the chief priests and elders brought charges against Paul, and asked that he be executed.
- Festus said that he told the Jews that it was not the custom of the Romans to hand over any man before the accused meets his accusers face-to-face and has the opportunity to make his defense against the charges.
- When the Jews came down to Caesarea. Festus took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought.
- The Jews did not accuse Paul of crimes like Festus expected; instead, they simply had points of disagreement in their own religion, and about a dead man Jesus whom Paul asserted to be alive.
- Since Festus felt a little out of his league in these matters, he asked if Paul would be willing to stand trial in Jerusalem.
- But Paul appealed to Caesar, so Festus held him in custody until he could send him to the Emperor.

Agrippa told Festus, "I would like to hear the man myself." "Tomorrow," said Festus, "you shall hear him" (Acts 25:22). Festus was going to accomplish a dual purpose—keep his guests entertained, and find out what to do with Paul.

"And so," the inspired record reads, "on the next day when Agrippa had come — together with Bernice — amid great pomp, and had entered the auditorium accompanied by the commanders and the prominent men of the city — at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in" (Acts 25:23). Festus then addressed Agrippa with some formal opening remarks, commenting that though the Jews had loudly

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declared that Paul should live no longer, Festus himself found that Paul had committed nothing worthy of death. Since Paul had made his legal appeal to Caesar, Festus was obligated to send him. "Yet I have nothing definite to write to my lord," said the governor. "Therefore I brought him before all of you, and especially you, King Agrippa, so that after the investigation has taken place, I may have something to write. For it seems absurd to me in sending a prisoner, not to indicate also the charges against him" (Acts 25:25-27).

Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself" (Acts 26:1). While the apostle languished in jail for more than two years, the Lord was at work. Paul on his own effort could never have gotten the political dignitaries, the businessmen, and leading Jews together at one time to hear him preach, but that is exactly what the Lord did! Thus the words of Jesus to the apostles in general continued to be fulfilled: "You shall be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles" (Matthew 10:18). It also calls to mind the words of the Lord to Ananias as He sent him to one Saul of Tarsus in Damascus, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel" (Acts 9:15).

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