

**Shout joyfully to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of His name;  
make His praise glorious**



Bob Woodburn's "ride" to assembly  
Looking forward to hearing some  
"Old Paths" gospel preaching  
Christ's Church  
Bozeman, MT

**"These will wage war against the Lamb,  
and the Lamb will overcome them,  
because He is Lord of lords and King of  
kings, and those who are with Him are the  
called and chosen and faithful."**

***Revelation 17:14***

“Follow through in 2022!!”

## January 16, 2022

### Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

#### **BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Josiah Sutton**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer Med - Jeff Landsgaard

L.S. - Davis Ashley

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

L.S. - Bob Edgar

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

#### **Bozeman**

Jan. fasting (Jan. 29,30). Potluck

Jan. 30 following assembly, Theme: comfort food

#### **Butte**

Fellowship dinner - Jan. 16 at 6:30 pm

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

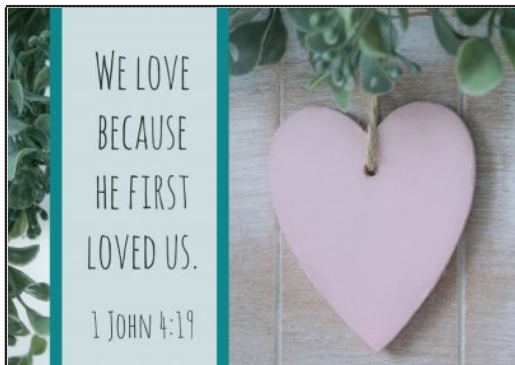
3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Steve McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson



#### **BOZEMAN -**

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

#### **GREAT FALLS -**

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm:**  
“Perfectionism” debate  
video presentation

#### **Great Falls**

Prayer and fasting for evangelism  
is Jan. 16

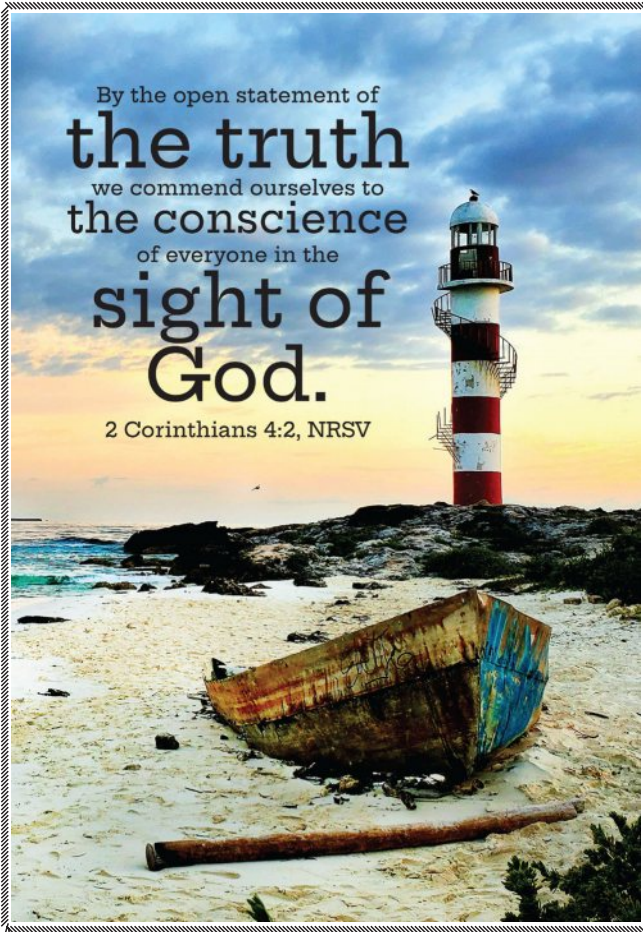
Congratulations to **Castin Ari Reijgers**, who was born to Jon and Jenny Reijgers on Jan. 6th!!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bible Bowl** - Mar. 12, 2022

**Men's Peaks** - July 21-23, 2022

**Family Camp** - Sept. 2-5, 2022



**Question of the week:**

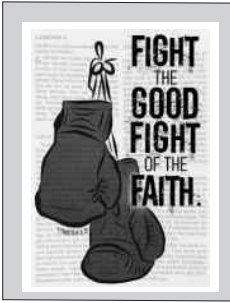
When Abraham bought the cave of Machpelah from Ephron the Hittite for 400 shekels of silver as a burial place for Sarah, what was the standard for weighing out the silver?

Last week's question: In connection with the birth of Christ, Herod destroyed many babies in the region around Bethlehem. What prophet spoke of this in terms of "Rachel weeping for her children"? *Answer: Jeremiah (Matthew 2:17; Jeremiah 31:15).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 72  
Morning Assembly – 100  
Evening Assembly – 53

Wednesday Night (1/12) – 72  
Butte Lord's Day – 14  
GF Lord's Day – 82,97, Wed. - 40



## The Epistles to the Evangelists

### *Problems with the Law System*

Men who did not understand the difference between “the Law of Moses” and “the faith of Christ” dogged the apostle Paul all his Christian life. Barnabas and Paul had just finished up the first missionary journey, coming to the base church in Antioch of Syria, and there arose a major problem over this issue. Luke recorded the statement of those from the “converted” Pharisees in Jerusalem, “It is necessary to circumcise them [the Gentiles], and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses.” (Acts 15:5). From that point on a significant portion of Paul’s public teaching and letters are devoted to clarifying the difference between “the Law” and “the faith.” The congregation in Ephesus, having begun with Jews converted from the synagogue, apparently continued to have these problems. Thus

the apostle has some instructions for Timothy.

- **Dealing with “strange doctrines”** – A careful reading of the inspired record shows that there was a lot of confusion within Judaism itself, and many charlatans of Jewish inheritance preying on that ignorance and confusion. When Paul and Barnabas met with Sergius Paulus on the island of Cyprus, the preachers were challenged by a “Jewish false prophet” who doubled as a “magician.” In Ephesus, the sons of “Sceva, a Jewish chief priest,” were supposedly casting out demons (and how is it that there was a “chief priest” in Ephesus, with no temple and no sacrifices to be offered there?). Lots of confusion! This confusion carried over into the congregation at Ephesus. Hence the apostle wrote this letter to Timothy, with a particular opening emphasis on those bringing the confusion of those in the Jewish system into the church. “As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia,” Paul reminds Timothy, “remain on in Ephesus, in order that you may instruct certain men not teach strange doctrines” (1 Timothy 1:3). Timothy was going to have to get “confrontational” with some of the brethren over what they were teaching, dealing with whatever “crazy stuff” these guys were trying to inject into the church’s teaching.
- **“Myths and genealogies”** – The Jewish heritage placed great emphasis on the genealogical record, and rightly so. The genealogical record provided the skeleton on which the rest of Israelite history hung, culminating in the coming of Christ as a descendant of David according to the flesh. But with the establishment of the new covenant, the physical is replaced by the spiritual, and the important aspect of genealogy is whether the individual is “born...of God” (John 1:13). If, in the spiritual sense, God is a person’s Father, his human heritage is irrelevant. The directive, then, to Timothy includes telling these “talkers” not “to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God” (1 Timothy 1:4). Who knows what myths were circulating!! “Mere speculation” was a problem then, just as it is now. What is always needed is sound doctrine, based on a solid “thus saith the Lord.”
- **“By faith”** – “The administration of God” is furthered “by faith.” The point here is that the entire purpose of God, being set in motion in Genesis, having groundwork laid in the Old Testament, being built under the terms of the new covenant, and culminating in the return of Christ, is to produce and reward a people who operate “by faith.” This “faith” is a system of thought and action as contrasted to the system of thought and lack of action under “the Law.”

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“Therefore the Law,” Paul informed the Galatian brethren, “has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith” (Galatians 3:24). Without the backdrop of the Law, with its teachings, types, foreshadows, and history, the significance of the new covenant system of faith would not be very understandable. But with the aid of the “tutor,” interested people can understand the faith of Christ, and through obedience to its gospel, be justified. “But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor” (Galatians 3:25). The system of law served its purpose; now it is time to move on to “furthering the administration of God, which is by faith.”

Jay Wilson