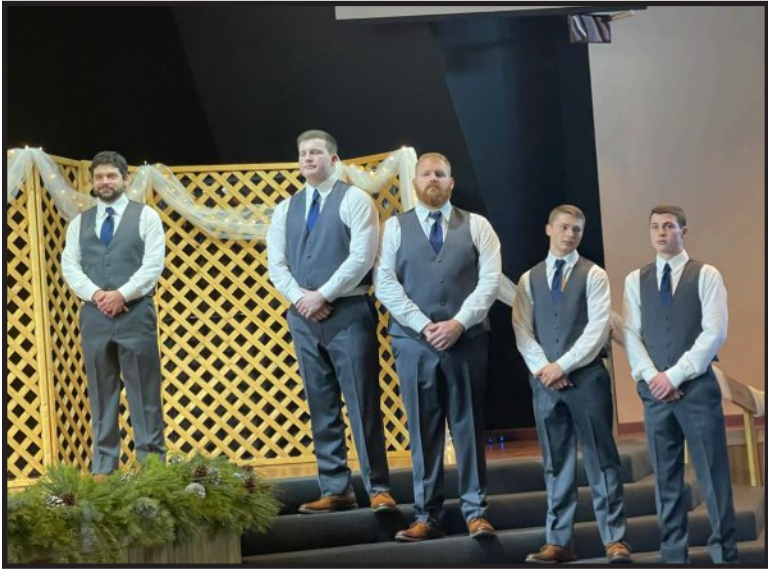


**Do JUSTICE,
LOVE KINDNESS,
AND WALK HUMBLLY WITH YOUR GOD**



Mequel Baril, of Billings, MT; Joseph Martin, of Missoula, MT
Brandon Cook, of Harrisonburg, VA
and Ethan and Noah Miller, of Missoula, MT
groomsmen for the wedding of Jacob Martin and Emily Miller
Missoula, MT

**“Guard, through the Holy Spirit who
indwells us, the treasure which has
been entrusted to you.”**

2 Timothy 1:14

“Follow through in 2022!!”

February 13, 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. - Charlie Jacobs

L.S. - Steven Doty

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Andrew Wallace

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Josiah Smith

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Jared DuPaul

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Sonny LaBuff

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Feb. 20 - Fellowship dinner following assembly

Ladies' night; Feb. 22 - 7:00 pm at the Landsgaards. Bring snacks or treats

Young Adult Fellowship - Feb. 26, 6:00 pm at Helfrich's (game night)

Butte

Fellowship dinner - Feb. 20, 6:30 pm



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Phil Sutton on 2 Peter

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

“Perfectionism” - Jay

Wilson presentation

and debate video

Montana Youth Camp

- June 12-17

- Beartooth Campground

S. of Columbus

Great Falls

Feb. 20 - Congregational prayer and fasting

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - Mar. 12, 2022

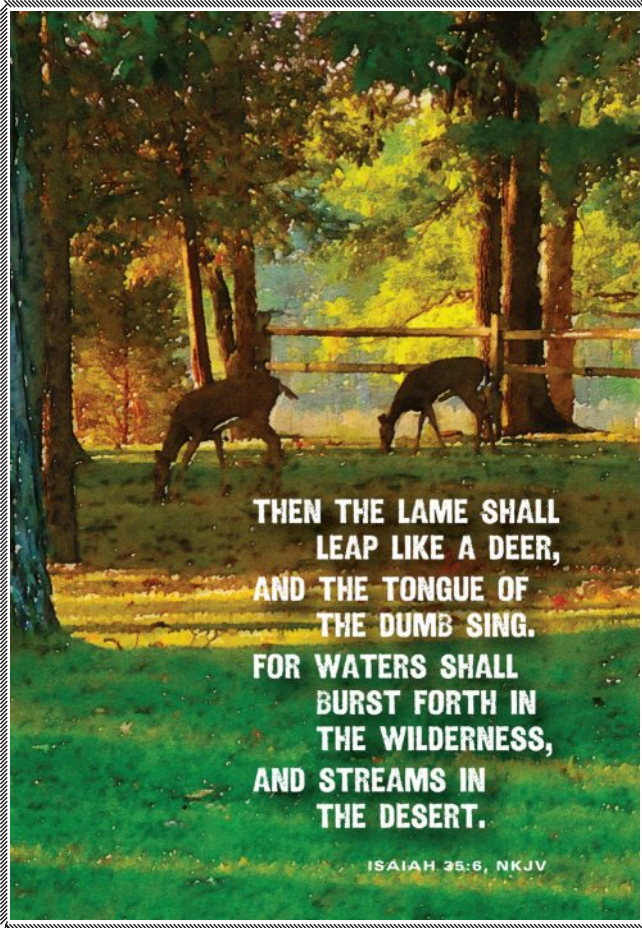
Ladies' Advance - April 14-16

Lancaster Family Camp - May 27-30

Badlands Family Camp - May 27-30

Men's Peaks - July 21-23, 2022

Family Camp - Sept. 2-5, 2022



Question of the week:

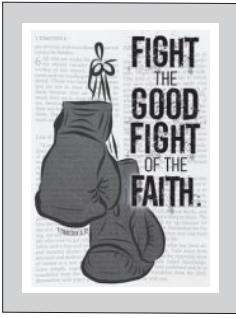
When the children of Israel were at the base of Sinai and made a golden calf to worship, who built an altar before it?

Last week's question: When Jesus rode the donkey and her colt into Jerusalem, in answer to the question, "Who is this?", how did the answer describe Jesus of Nazareth? *Answer: The prophet (Matthew 21:11).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 82
Morning Assembly – 107
Evening Assembly – 68

Wednesday Night (2/9) – 66
Butte Lord's Day – 13
GF Lord's Day – 73,87, Wed. - 52



Thanks to Jesus our Lord

It is clear from the word of God that the Almighty is less concerned about where we have been than where we are going! No matter how seemingly “saintly” a life an individual might have led prior to his immersion into Christ, his “small” sins (“small” to him, maybe, but “giant” in the sight of God) separated Him from his Maker, and transformed him into an enemy. “For if while we were *enemies*,” the apostle Paul had reminded the Roman brethren, “we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (Romans 5:10). The raw materials for God’s instruments of righteousness are abject sinners, strangers to the covenant of righteousness, without hope and without God in this world. The man who penned those words

and expressed those concepts was very conscious of his own standing before the Lord prior to his immersion at the hands of Ananias, and was grateful to the All Merciful for giving him another opportunity to serve Him in carrying out the greatest of all purposes.

- **Paul’s thanksgiving** – Every thoughtful new covenant saint is very conscious of the grace and mercy of the Lord in God’s rescuing him from Satan’s domain and from the fires of an eternal hell. But not only is the saint rescued, more importantly he is turned into a useful vessel, fitted to be a temple of God and serving the positive purposes of the great King. “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord,” are Paul’s words of great gratitude, “who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service” (1 Timothy 1:12). Once the former Saul of Tarsus recognized that Jesus was raised from the dead, due to his encounter with the Christ on the Damascus road, his belief system changed. Now ready to lay aside the system of the Law of Moses, he was ready to embrace the system of the faith of Christ, and to serve according to its terms. Because the Lord now considered Paul to be faithful, he strengthened him! The “new man,” in the process of laying aside the old self, has to be “strengthened” in order to be of use in this new system, “strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man” (Ephesians 3:16). “Born from above,” and now strengthened, the new Saul of Tarsus was ready and grateful to be “put into service.”
- **Paul’s past** – Paul’s past is instructive in that it shows that God is willing to use, and can use, any faithful individual who turns to Him on His terms, regardless of his past life. Paul can write about his past life without twinges of a guilty conscience, almost like it was another person, because of the grace and mercy of God. Christ put Paul into service, “even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor” (1 Timothy 1:13). Certainly the record of Saul of Tarsus as noted in the book of Acts shows him to be all those things, described as one who was “breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord” (Acts 9:1).
- **Ignorant unbelief** – Anyone who is running counter to the will of God is in some sense ignorant of the eternal consequences of his rebellion or his neglect. Paul did hear the gospel of Christ from the lips of Stephen, and actively engaged in Stephen’s execution for his preaching the gospel of Christ. But he really did not “hear” the words because of his own mental preset, so there was a “willful ignorance” on Paul’s part. That is why Jesus, in meeting Paul on that Road, stated, “It is hard for you to kick against the goads” (Acts 26:14). Thus, the apostle writes, “And yet I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief” (1 Timothy 1:13).

Conscious, then, of the great mercy of God exhibited through Jesus Christ, Paul was willing to offer his life as a living sacrifice to the One who saved him. Persecutions, privations, punishments, and prison could not turn him from proclaiming the gospel to the lost, and serving to preserve the saints. His example is worthy of our emulation!!

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