

**The Lord is good, a stronghold in the
day of trouble, and He knows those
who take refuge in Him**



**“Guardian of Nelson Road”
Bald Eagle protecting one of the roadways leading
to Christ’s Church building
Bozeman, MT**

**“I pray that the fellowship of your faith may
become effective through the knowledge
of every good thing which is in you for
Christ’s sake.”**

Philemon 1:6

"Follow through in 2022!!"

February 20, 2022

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Gunnar Landsgaard

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Nick Jacobs

L.S. - Herb Burnell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Tom McDunn

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)

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

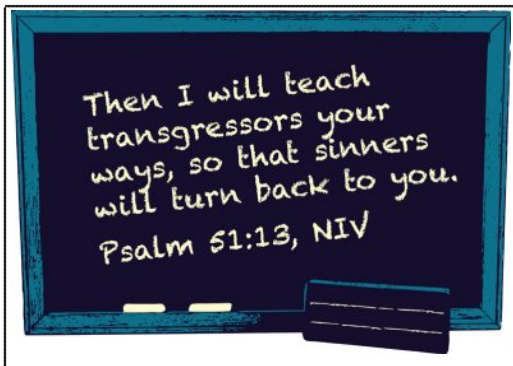
St'dship - Zac Zech

L.S. - Mike McDonald

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

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:

Jon Reijgers!!

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

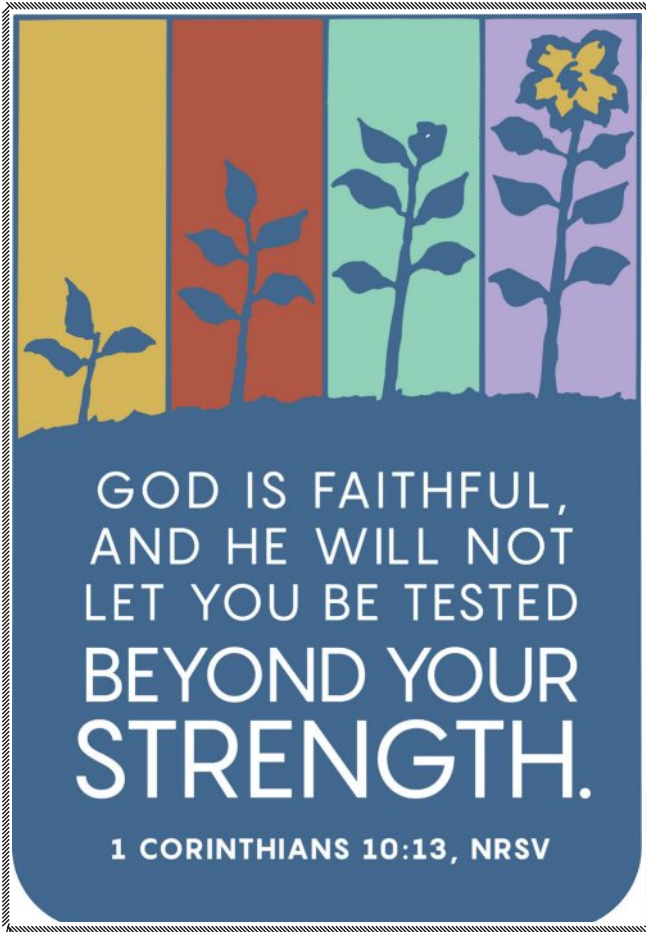
Ladies' Advance - April 14-16

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:

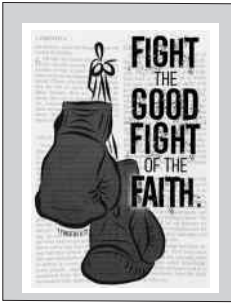
What was the relationship of Joseph of Arimathea to Jesus?

Last week's question: When the children of Israel were at the base of Sinai and made a golden calf to worship, who built an altar before it? *Answer: Aaron, Moses' brother (Exodus 32:5).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 75
Morning Assembly – 108
Evening Assembly – 59

Wednesday Night (2/16) – 70
Butte Lord's Day – 8
GF Lord's Day – 60,73, Wed. - 52



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Abundant Grace

It cannot be overemphasized: there is no grace under law! The system of law is inflexible: “one and done”; one sin and the person is dead spiritually and separated from God. The apostle Paul, to illustrate this point, quoted from the Law of Moses itself, “Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the Law, to perform them” (Galatians 3:10). It is evident, in order for God to save truth-seekers from the cursed fires of hell, another system, a system of “grace,” must be brought in. “The Law was given through Moses,” thus affirmed the apostle John, whereas “grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). God in His mercy covers the negatives of the saint’s

life; His grace is His giving the saint all the positives of the terms of the new covenant. “We believe,” stated the apostle Peter at the first formal welcoming of the Gentiles into the early church at a meeting in Jerusalem, “that we [the Jews] are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way they [the Gentiles] are” (Acts 15:11). The salvation of the Gentiles by faith through grace (operative at immersion into Christ) was clearer than the salvation of those coming out of Judaism because it was not cluttered with remnants of the Law.

- ◆ **Grace of the Lord** – Paul, then, the former blasphemer and persecutor of the church, was justified at his immersion and introduced to the grace of God. “I was shown mercy,” he said, “and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant” (1 Timothy 1:14). Before the coming of Christ, the apostle explained to the Romans, sin entered the world through one man, and so spiritual death spread to all men because all sinned. The result was a world in which sin reigned. But with the coming of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the means by which God, out of the goodness of His heart, could graciously forgive even the worst transgressions was inaugurated, and grace now reigns in righteousness. At Paul’s immersion, that grace became personally operative in his life, and, as he put it, “more than abundant” to cover his sins and make him worthy to serve in newness of life.
- ◆ **Faith** – Paul, former Pharisee and zealous for the Law and customs, understood the value of the new covenant, the covenant of “the faith of Christ.” But the foundations for that coming faith were laid in the old covenant writings. “What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather in the flesh, has found?” he queried (Romans 4:1). Abraham had obviously found something of great value, rudimentary as it was in his time, and that something was a belief and trust in God that resulted in God’s justifying Abraham. The apostle’s use of the term “found” with regard to Abraham expresses his own wonderment at what he “found” in regard to the “faith of Christ,” which is far superior to the “faith of Abraham.”
- ◆ **Love** – When the Law of Moses issued the commandment to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might,” that love was based on His creative power and His deliverance of Israel from Egypt. But the apostle was aware that much more of God’s love was expressed in His sending Christ into the world to seek and save that which was lost. “But God demonstrates His own love toward us,” the apostle noted, “in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). That demonstration significantly impacted Paul, and produced in him a love for God and for the lost.

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dant...”

The extreme hostility that the former Paul had for Christianity made him conscious of how great an effort God had gone to reconcile mankind to Himself, and to reconcile Paul personally. His words are worth restating: “I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and violent aggressor. And yet I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.” Amen!

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