

**“Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley
of decision...” -- Jeremiah 3:14**



Young adult class with Mr. Shanahan
working through the mechanism by which the Bible proves its definitions
Lord's Day Bible School
Christ's Church in Bozeman

**“...Blessed is he who heeds the words of
the prophecy of this book.”**

Revelation 22:7

"Follow through in 2022!!"

March 27, 2022

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—Randall Ferguson

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Charlie Brown

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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March fasting/potluck – March
26,27

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Connor Maphies

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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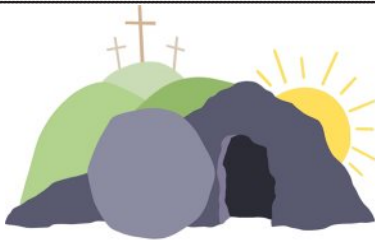
L.S. - Steve Durnan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Young Adult Fellowship – Sat. 4/2 at
church bldg; game night "Minute to
Win it"; pizza and wings. More info:
call Andrew

Butte

Fellowship dinner – April 17



*I want to know Christ
and the power of his
resurrection.*

Philippians 3:10, NRSV

BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm: **Phil
Sutton** on "The Gold Stan-
dard" Matt. 7:12

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

Fellowship dinner - April 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

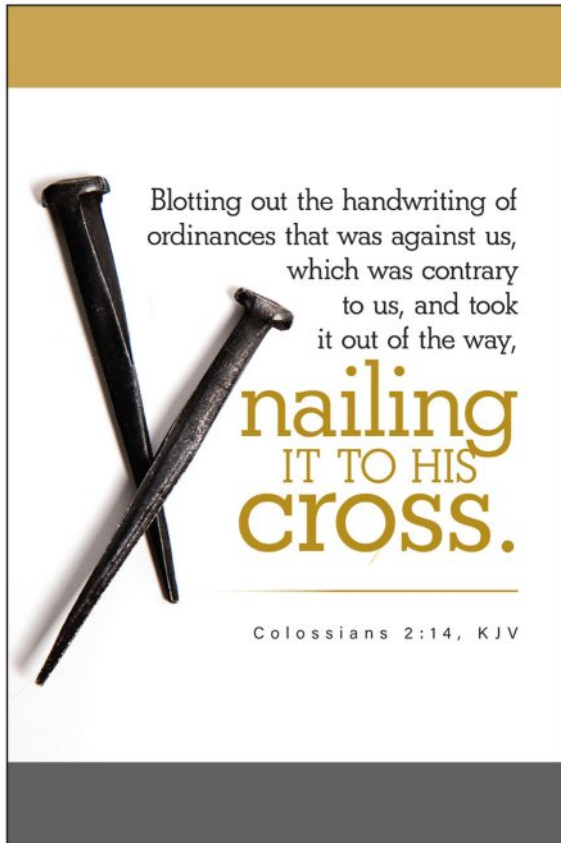
Ladies' Advance - April 14-16

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:

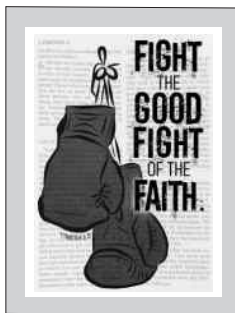
In Deuteronomy's account of the return of the spies from the first foray into the Promised Land, what was the location in which the Israelites grumbled against God?

Last week's question: What kind of roof was on the home where the men let the paralytic down through the roof so that Jesus would heal him? *Answer: Tile (Luke 5:19).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 75
Morning Assembly – 102
Evening Assembly – 55

Wednesday Night (3/23) – 65
Butte Lord's Day – 13
GF Lord's Day – 78,102 *Wed. - 59*



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Call to Prayer

“Christ Jesus,” said Paul, “came into the world to save sinners.” Jesus Himself, during His years on the surface of earth, engaged in tremendous spiritual warfare with the prince of darkness in carrying out His mission, and was personally tempted by “the big bad one.” Even as the hour of His crucifixion was approaching, as Jesus was finishing inaugurating the Lord’s Supper, He stated to the apostles, “the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me” (John 14:30). Judas Iscariot, however, had succumbed to pressure, and the scripture states that when he ate the morsel that Jesus gave him, “Satan then entered into him” (John 13:27). These examples show that the battle for the soul is fierce, and Jesus deserves maximum praise for winning that battle.

That battle is also that to which Paul called Timothy in exhorting him to “fight the good fight.”

- ▼ **Spiritual warfare** – Spiritual warfare is not fought with the weapons of spears, mortars, or “cruise missiles.” “The weapons of our warfare,” explained Paul, “are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses” (2 Corinthians 10:4). What, therefore, would be the first weapon in the arsenal? “First of all, then,” is Paul’s imploring, “I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men” (1 Timothy 2:1). The apostle has a series of logical points: 1) Christ came to save sinners; 2) Timothy, set aside to preach, is to fight the good fight, which would be for the souls of those lost sinners; and 3) he is to pray. Prayer, as it fits in with God’s design, is the first weapon in seeking and saving the lost. In the book of Acts, the record is that the apostles and the early church prayed, then the preaching began!
- ▼ **Entreaties, etc.** – *Entreaties* are humble and earnest prayers; begging, pleading, appealing to the One who could answer the requests. *Petitions* carry the picture of making formal requests to the King. *Thanksgivings* have the connotation of gratefulness for past requests granted.
- ▼ **For all men** – The baseline is that “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” The sweet incense of the saints in prayer on behalf of even the most abject of sinners is pleasing to the Almighty, and the brethren are obviously urged to add their contribution in modern times as was Timothy in his.
- ▼ **For kings and all in authority** – The baseline still is that “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” Often it is that the most despicable, most brutal, and most ruthless of human beings rise to the top of the rubble heap of humanity. Pray for these? Yes! “I urge,” says Paul, that prayers be made “for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we might lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity” (1 Timothy 2:2). One of the purposes of such prayers is for peaceful conditions of comparative freedom in which the gospel might spread, and saints might live their quiet lives in their communities while setting up Bible studies with their neighbors and acquaintances.

These prayers are necessary, as Paul restates in his point about the purpose of spiritual warfare. “This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,” he notes, “who desires all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:3,4). Timothy, and all who are likewise addressed and challenged in this epistle, remain open to the possibility that anyone can be saved. Hence comes the exordium from Jesus Himself, “But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). Each saint is reminded that at one point he too was an enemy of God: “For if while we were enemies,” Paul reminded the Romans, “we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son” (Romans 5:10). Children of faith are greatly encouraged to take on the character of their Father in loving their enemies and praying for those who persecute them, “in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven...” (Matthew 5:45). Let entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men!

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