

**“I WILL PUT A DIVISION BETWEEN MY PEOPLE [THE ISRAELITES] AND YOUR PEOPLE [THE EGYPTIANS]” -- EXODUS 8:23**



Part of the crowd at the 2022 Bible Bowl  
Christ's Church  
Bozeman, MT

**“Blessed is he  
who does not take offense at Me.”  
*Luke 7:23***

*"Follow through in 2022!!"*

**April 3, 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

St'dship - Phil Sutton

L.S. - Josiah Sutton

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

L.S. - Bob Edgar

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

**Butte**

Fellowship dinner – April 17

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

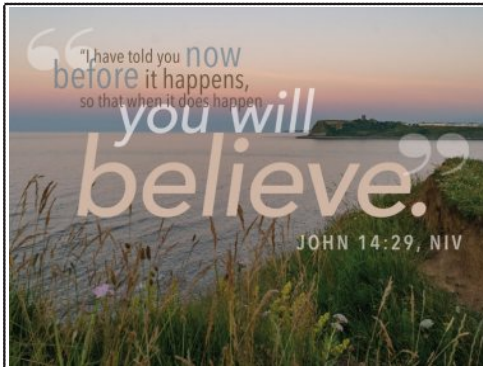
3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Rick Vaught

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson



**BOZEMAN -**

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Phil Sutton** on "The Gold Standard" 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:**

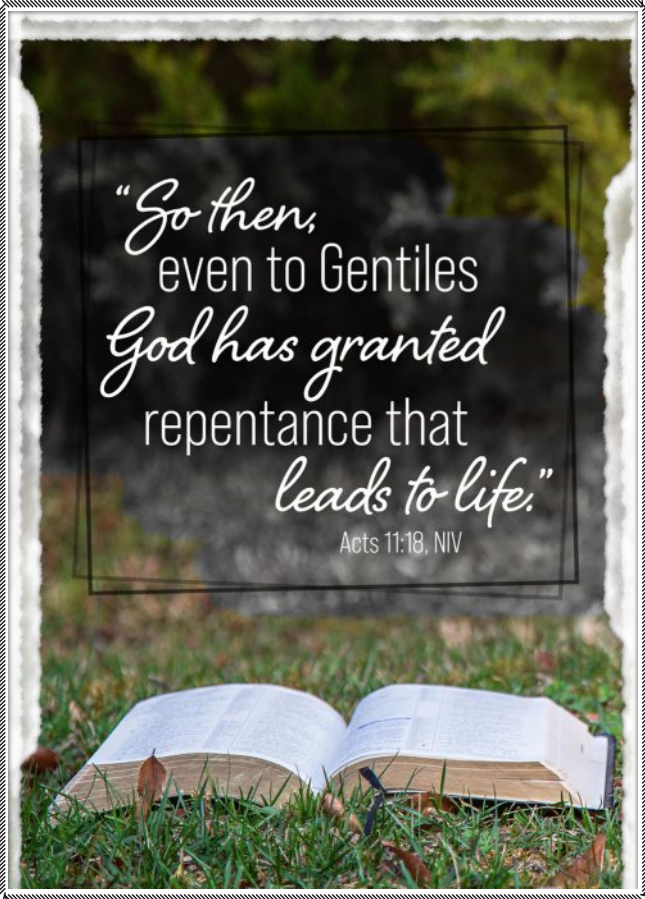
**Ladies' Advance - April 14-16**

**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**

An open Bible lies on a patch of green grass with some dry leaves. The Bible is open to two pages, and a blue pen is tucked between the pages. The background is a soft-focus green landscape. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the upper half of the image, containing white text in a mix of serif and script fonts. The text reads: "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life." Below this, in a smaller font, it says "Acts 11:18, NIV". The entire image is framed by a decorative teal dashed border.

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Acts 11:18, NIV

### **Question of the week:**

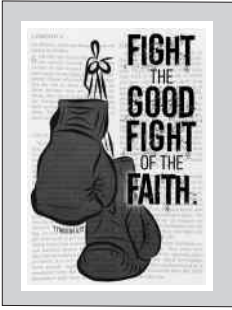
Luke's gospel account describes how Jesus raised a girl from the dead, and how He healed a woman who had had a hemorrhage. The woman had been suffering from the hemorrhage since the year the girl was born. How long was that?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: Kadesh-Barnea (Deuteronomy 1:19).*

### **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 81  
Morning Assembly – 117  
Evening Assembly – 69

Wednesday Night (3/30) – 62  
Butte Lord's Day – 13  
GF Lord's Day – 65,83 Wed. - 51



## The Knowledge of the Truth

The Law, although it was spiritual, did not produce a spiritual people. It took the coming of Christ in the flesh, and the gospel message emanating from that event, to begin to reach the calloused hearts of men, and move them to desiring spiritual and important truths. It is in the gospel that the love of God for each member of the lost race of man is expressed in the death of Christ on the cross. As Jesus put it, referring to His upcoming crucifixion, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself" (John 12:32). Hence comes the exhortation to "go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, immersing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Once the individual

is enrolled in the school of Christ, and is immersed per Acts 2:38, then the next step kicks in: "teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Naturally, as the spiritually awakening descendant of Adam recognizes his dreadful condition as a sinner before the justice of the Almighty God, his major concern is to be reconciled to God through his obedience to the gospel of Christ. Once he has peace with God, then he can continue his education in the all-important spiritual realm, revealed only through the scriptures. The apostle Paul expresses the concept in these terms, building off the base that saints should pray for all men: "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3,4). First the salvation, then the rest of the truth!

- **Desire for all to be saved** – The word of God emphasizes that God's desire is for *all men* to be saved, or, as the apostle Peter phrased it, the Lord does not wish for any to perish but "for all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Thus the scripture emphasizes that ultimately all individuals have a choice to make in whether they desire to pursue the information pointing to the truthfulness of God's written revelation to man. God is not in the process of "cherry picking" those with whom He desires to have fellowship; the information is available to all. There is enough information in the orderliness of Creation to give each person a start in following the threads of truth in his life to lead him to Jesus Christ. Therefore, "they are," said Paul, "without excuse" (Romans 1:20). "The light is come into the world," said Jesus, and men in general "loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil," and they avoid coming into the light. "But he who practices the truth comes to the light," is the contrast, "that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God" (John 3:19-21). God desires that all men be saved; those who end up not being saved chose that condition!
- **The knowledge of the truth** – Being immersed into Christ and thus having been "saved from sin," the new saint begins his marvelous educational journey. Step by step the manifold wisdom of God is revealed in the pages of God's word, as he learns from reading the scriptures and from teachers and preachers who challenge his thinking to move from an emphasis on the physical to an increasing understanding of the spiritual realm.

God truly desires all men to be saved, and He truly desires that His disciples come to a knowledge of the truth. Understanding the Father's desire for each of His spiritual children enables us to put the process of continued discipleship in the right context and to spur the heart's desire for more than just the basics. God is in the process of producing a truly spiritual people who have their minds set on the Spirit rather than the flesh. Time, tribulation, and torture have ways of sorting out who those people are.

**Jesus desires that His disciples come to a full knowledge of the truth.**