

**“You shall remember all the way
which the Lord your God has led you”
-- Deuteronomy 8:2**



Sandy Tewell, with grandson Damien
Grandma cheering the team on!
2022 Bible Bowl
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“Now these things happened to them as
an example, and they were written for
our instruction, upon whom the ends of
the ages have come.”**

1 Corinthians 10:11

“Follow through in 2022!!”

April 24, 2022

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Matthew Wilson

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med – Davis Ashley

L.S. - Steven Doty

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Joe Shanahan

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Potluck today after assembly

Judy Hirsch memorial - Sat. April 30, 1:00 pm at church building

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Levi DuPaul

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Jared DuPaul

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Butte



BOZEMAN -

Wed. April 27 - Gladys Morrison memorial service 7:00 pm at church building

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

“Perfectionism” - debate video

Montana Youth Camp

- June 12-17

- Beartooth Campground

S. of Columbus

Great Falls

Potluck after assembly next Lord’s Day May!

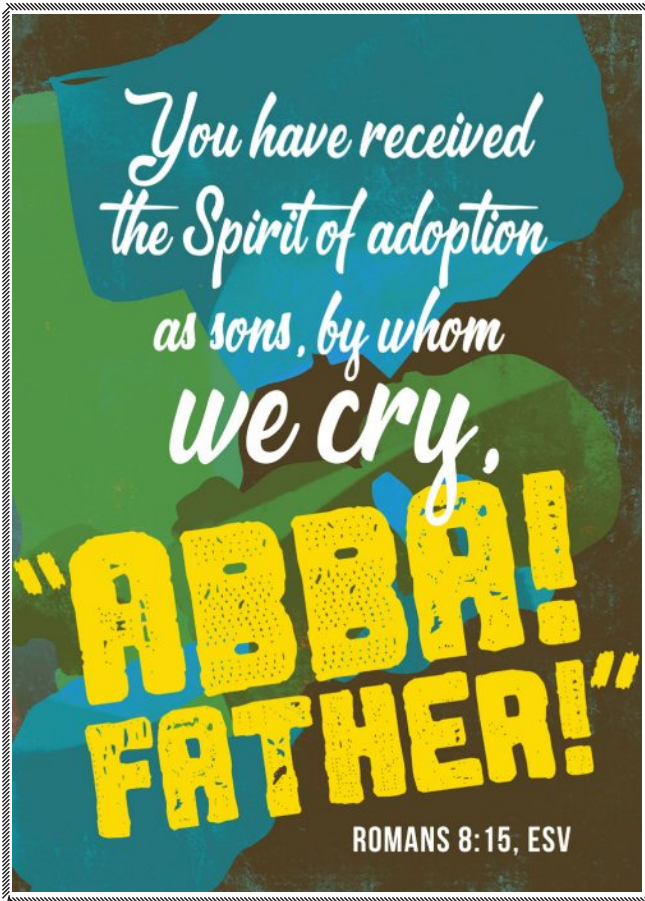
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

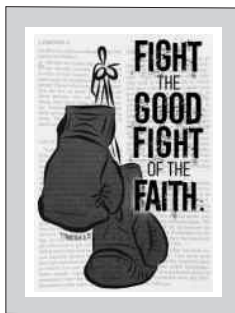
In Joshua's farewell address to Israel, he commanded them to keep and do all that was written in the law of Moses. Why were they to do this?

Last week's question: What did Jesus say would be happening when the recalcitrant Jews saw Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and the prophets in the kingdom of God, but these Jews being cast out? *Answer: Weeping and gnashing of teeth (Luke 13:28).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 95
Morning Assembly – 117
Evening Assembly – 68

Wednesday Night (4/20) – 76
Butte Lord's Day – 15
GF Lord's Day – 67,84 Wed. - 43



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Instructions for Christian Men

Paul did point out to Timothy that he had been called as an apostle. Speaking to the point of his participation in the gospel as a preacher, a teacher, and an apostle, when he spoke of his apostleship he emphasized, "I am telling the truth, I am not lying." As an apostle, Paul is about to give Timothy some instructions to pass along to Christian men and women in the congregation in Ephesus (and ultimately to all congregations in Christ), and he wants Timothy and the listeners to know that these are coming with apostolic backing. It is similar to the specific statement that he made to the church at Corinth in his second epistle, where he spoke of "the authority [exousia]

which the Lord gave me, for *building up*, and not for tearing down" (2 Corinthians 13:10). Functioning in "faith and truth," the apostle stated, "Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension" (1 Timothy 2:8).

- ▼ **Men must pray** – One of the functions of prayer is that it reminds men of their need for God. Natural man has a tendency to think that he doesn't need God's help—a form of pride. Thus in natural man there is often no acknowledgement of the major things God does to even make crops available, or His work in having metals in the ground or trees for wood. The simple statement out of Jesus' model prayer illustrates the need to recognize God's hand in making man's labor productive: "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). The apostle opened this section of the epistle with an exhortation that prayers and entreaties, petitions and thanksgivings be made on behalf of all men. Here, then, he adds, "I want the men in every place to pray."
- ▼ **Holy hands** – Paul requests that men in their prayers to be "lifting up holy hands." The "hands" are only holy if the petitioner has pure and sincere motives in that prayer. Jesus, for example, spoke of the hypocrites whose desire was "to be seen by men" in their prayers (Matthew 6:5). "They have their reward in full," was His analysis. Many modern "religionists" make quite a show of "lifting" up their hands, which actually is the fruit of manipulation techniques of those herding the crowd down the wrong road. No saint needs to "lift up" his hands in prayer; he can kneel, he can stand, he can sit, he can have his eyes closed, he can have his eyes open. A picture that could have been in Paul's mind was Solomon at the dedication of the temple. "Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel," is the record, "and spread out his hands toward heaven" (1 Kings 8:22).

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- ▼ **No wrath or dissension** – An angry man is hard to deal with; no one knows when that cauldron is going to burst over. Such anger in a Christian is a result of not having put to death the flesh, and needs to be firmly and summarily handled by the saint with the problem; wrath is not caused by another person's action or inaction in the context of which Paul here speaks. Dissension is another major issue. Those who cause division, who create factions, are walking by the flesh rather than by the Spirit, and are incredibly destructive to the body of Christ and its ability to get its job done.

Paul established his authority as an apostle of Christ, tested and trusted by the Lord Himself. Timothy, then is to pass the apostle's instructions on to the congregation in Ephesus with the full force of Christ's command and the apostle's exhortation. "Therefore," began the injunction, "I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath or dissension." We got it, Paul, we got it!

JAY WILSON