

**“...NOT ONE WORD HAS FAILED OF ALL HIS
GOOD PROMISE...”
-- 1 KINGS 8:56**



Mary Jo Harbour, with son and preacher, Marshall Harbour
enjoying the time at Lancaster Family Camp
Lancaster, OH

**“...those who worship Him must
worship in spirit and truth.”**

John 4:24

“Follow through in 2022!!”

June 12, 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 - Jason Shanahan

L.S. - Nick Jacobs

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Young Adult Fellowship – Sat. June 18, 5:00 pm. Bozeman beach cook-out. More info, contact Andrew

VBS - July 11-14

Butte

Fellowship dinner - June 19

Great Falls

Congratulations to **Aurora Walker Grace Kruck**, who was born on Thu. June 2, to Cody and Laura Kruck!

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Bobo Womagno

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Cody Kruck

L.S. - Rick Vaught

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" - debate video

Montana Youth Camp

- June 12-17

- Beartooth Campground
S. of Columbus

Great Falls

June 19 - Prayer and fasting for evangelism

VBS – June 27-30

Congratulations to **Zach and Megan Gersack**, who were immersed into Christ in the Yellowstone River at Livingston on Friday June 10!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men’s Peaks - July 21-23-Theme: "Full Armor"

Family Camp - Sept. 2-5-Theme: "The Way"

May I never boast except in
**THE CROSS OF
OUR LORD**
Jesus Christ,
through which the
world has been
crucified
to me,
and I to the
WORLD.
GALATIANS 6:14, NIV

Question of the week:

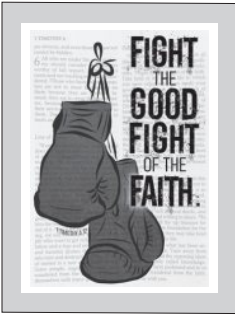
In Acts chapter 8, Philip is recorded as immersing the Ethiopian eunuch. How do we know that the Ethiopian was Jewish and not a Gentile?

Last week's question: Abiathar and Zadok the priests came to David in the wilderness as he left Jerusalem during the rebellion of Absalom, they brought something with them. What was it? *Answer: The ark of the covenant (2 Samuel 15:24).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 105
Morning Assembly – 128
Evening Assembly – 85

Wednesday Night (6/8) – 84
Butte Lord's Day – 12
GF Lord's Day – 60,81 Wed. - 52



More Qualities of a Bishop

The office of *overseer* or *bishop* requires that the office-holder be a “people person.” Disciplined in thought, speech, and action, this man exhibits leadership in his bearing and his conduct. He uses good judgment in his interaction with the saints, there are no legitimate complaints against him, and his home is a welcoming environment for brethren locally or in transit. But that is not all.

- **Not self-willed, etc.** – The apostle Paul’s letter to Titus also notes some character qualities that an overseer must possess. “For the overseer must be above reproach as God’s steward,” Paul notes, echoing some of what he had mentioned to Timothy, “not self-willed, not quick-tempered...not pugnacious” (Titus 1:7). A person who would have the appellation “self-willed” would be someone arrogant

and hard-headed, someone who would not be willing to sit down for a reasonable discussion; the bishop must be someone with sufficient compassion to give those with whom he works a fair hearing. Nor can he be quick-tempered; a “bad temper” or “quick temper” is actually a defense mechanism an individual has to isolate himself from important personal interactions with others. It is not befitting for the general Christian not to be able to govern this passion, much less someone in a leadership position. “Not pugnacious” shows up in both the lists to Timothy and Titus, along with words like “uncontentious.” Some people like to escalate tensions, so that the opportunity for verbal violence breaks out; such a one is “pugnacious” (the root “pug” is the same as in “pugilism,” which is boxing or fist-fighting). The true shepherd, following in the footsteps of Jesus, is “gentle,” and in strength of character able to sooth things down, and provide an atmosphere for providing solutions rather than reveling in problems. The letter to Titus includes, parallel to the points in 1 Timothy, that the bishop is described as “loving what is good, sensible, just [fair], devout [holy], self-controlled” (Titus 1:8). This man is clearly in control of himself, so that he can engage in “crowd control” and provide great leadership in any situation.

- **Ability to teach** – Paul remarks to Timothy that the elder must be “able to teach.” His comments to Titus give more information on what the apostle’s thoughts were on that topic: the bishop must be “holding fast the faithful word in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict” (Titus 1:9). Such a man must have had some years of experience in personal studies as well as public expositions, converting

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the lost and edifying the saved. He must be skilled in the use of the word of truth in order to exhort in sound doctrine; he must be able to think clearly to expose the false propositions of those “who contradict.” He must be able to reason correctly, express his thoughts precisely and concisely, and engage in the disputation which necessarily comes with all important doctrines. This man cannot be appointed to the presbytery [eldership] simply because he is a big financial contributor.

- **“Free from the love of money”** – The comments in Titus include “not fond of sordid gain,” whereas in Timothy the scripture records “free from the love of money” (Titus 1:7; 1 Timothy 3:3). There can be quite a bit of financial resources flowing through the local congregation as it engages in its various ministries. It is absolutely critical, therefore, that the bishop not be interested in any illicit pecuniary gain. It calls to mind the apostle Paul’s comment of exhortation to the elders of Ephesus, “I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothes” (Acts 20:33).

The bishop must truly be interested in the work, and therefore interested in the people. He will clearly develop the personal and communication skills necessary for him to provide the proper leadership for the local congregation. He will become skilled in teaching and preaching the word of God, and knowledgeable in exhorting in sound doctrine and refuting falsehoods. And he will be personally disciplined financially, and a contributor rather than a drone.