

“And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel.”

-- Judges 2:10



“Where Montana really began”
Courthouse at Bannack
site of first significant gold “diggin’s” in 1862
(placer mining - panning for gold in Grasshopper Creek bottom)
and Montana’s first territorial capital

“Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it.”

Colossians 4:17

“Follow through in 2022!!”

August 28, 2022

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls
Holiday Inn Express — Butte

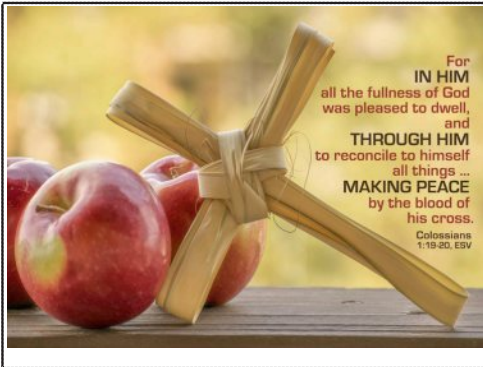
BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Elliot Ashley
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
Prayer med - Steven Doty
L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard
Preaching - Luke Wilson
L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -
***DANIEL**
L.S. - Dan Tuck

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
St’dship - Jon Reijgers
L.S. - Nick Odell
Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes
8:15 pm - Assembly
L.S. - George Stone
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman
Prayer/Potluck - Aug. 27,28. Potluck following assembly!
Pre-Family Camp Young Adult Fellowship Cookout - Fri. Sept. 2 - Nick Jacobs’ place, 4:00 pm, BBQ and volleyball

Butte
Sept. 18 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



BOZEMAN -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Epistle of Titus
Phil Sutton

GREAT FALLS -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jay Wilson – “Motivation”

Great Falls

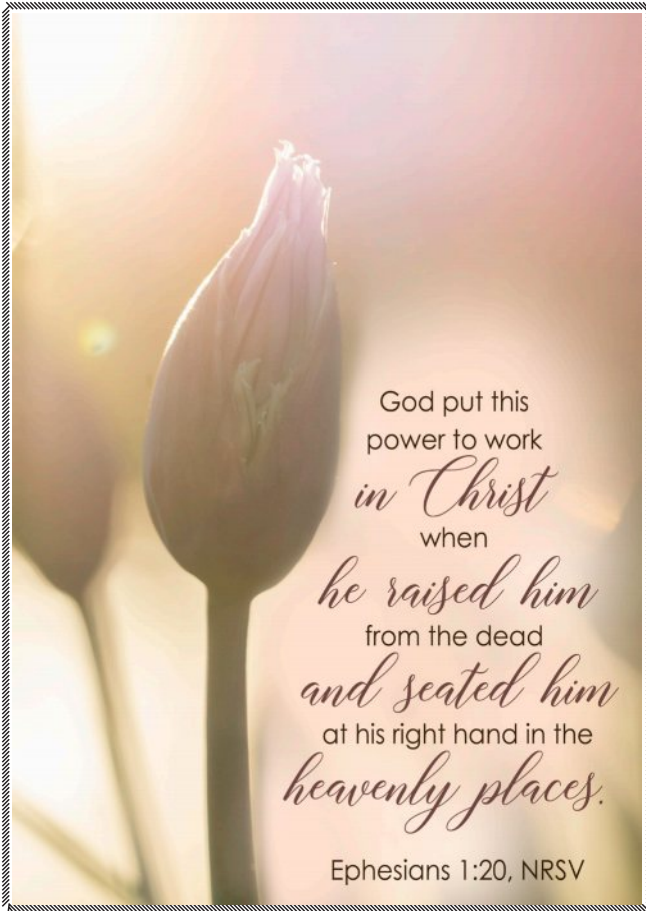
School Meeting - Mon. Aug. 29

L.D. Sept. 4 – Assembly at 3:00 pm. No classes due Family Camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Family Camp - Sept. 2-5-Theme: “The Way”

Ladies’ Advance - April 13-15, 2023, Hampton Inn, Great Falls



Question of the week:

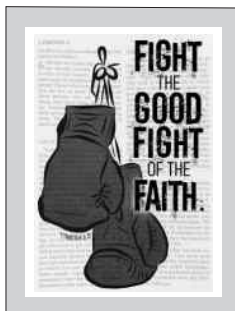
When Job was commenting on the greatness of God, he spoke of the Almighty as stretching out the north over empty space. On what did Job say that God hung the earth?

Last week's question: When Paul wrote to the congregation at Corinth, at one point he made a comparison in telling them to be imitators of him. What was that comparison? *Answer: as he also was an imitator of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 84
Morning Assembly – 111
Evening Assembly – 68

Wednesday Night (8/24) – 89
Butte Lord's Day – 12
GF Lord's Day – 85,113 Wed. - 59



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Godliness

“Discipline” is a major key to living victoriously through life’s trials and to entering the gates of glory. “Discipline,” from a scriptural perspective, not only has to do with the mind’s making the body do what it is supposed to do, but it has the broader context of “training,” or “regular and consistent exercise.” It is a matter of clear observation that no one is going to have “instant discipline”; true discipline is the result of constant and consistent effort and bringing about certain desired habits.

- **Discipline for godliness** – There are many who are disciplined in the arena of athletics, physically disciplined but totally ungodly in morals and character. While those moral laxities are deplorable, physical discipline does provide an avenue by which saints can understand the principles of “discipline for godliness.” Good physical discipline is going to begin with good physical nutrition; a diet that is lacking key minerals and enzymes, or a “junk food” diet, will not enable the athlete to be able to discipline himself to perform at a high level. The apostle Paul tells Timothy that he and his hearers need to be “constantly nourished on the words of faith and sound doctrine” and to avoid the spiritual junk food of “worldly fables.” “Discipline yourself,” exhorts the apostle, “for the purpose of godliness” (1 Timothy 4:7).
- **Godliness** – “Godliness” is the English contraction of God-like-ness, and thus it means to imitate the character of God in all word, thought, and deed. It is sometimes translated as “piety,” which has to do with dutifully carrying out the actions which please God. There are those who maintain that disciples of Christ are always going to sin as long as they live in a physical body, and therefore actual godliness is impossible. That unbiblical position really makes no sense in face of straight forward exhortations from the apostle Paul such as this one: “discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.” If godliness is unattainable, why try?
- **Physical discipline** – “Bodily discipline,” because it takes place in the physical realm, has tangible lessons that can be used to process the principles necessary for spiritual discipline. Work-outs at the gym need to be regular, consistent, with goals and progress noted. (Similarly, spiritual habits need to be developed by this same system of regularity, consistency, with goals and progress noted.) The Christian needs to engage in physical discipline, as Paul commented in his epistle to the undisciplined brethren in Corinth: “I buffet my body,” explained the apostle, using himself as an example, “and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified” (1 Corinthians 9:27). Disciplining the body is obviously serious business.
- **A contrast** – But mere physical discipline will not gain anyone access to heaven. In that context, “bodily discipline is only of little profit” (1 Timothy 4:8). By contrast, “godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.” Discipline of the body, coupled with the important spiritual disciplines, produce the best possible life on earth (meaning that a saint will be able to maintain his spiritual focus and thankful attitude regardless of his external circumstances). But the key point is that godliness is what gives the only promise of life eternal. “Pursue the sanctification,” is the imperative from Hebrews’ author, “without which no one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). That *sanctification* is equivalent to the *godliness* of which Paul wrote, and it is the result of *discipline*.

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“Discipline yourself,” was the emphasis of the apostle. Discipline is going to come from within, and ultimately cannot be delegated to someone else. The habits of regular prayer, Bible reading, developing positive attitudes, maintaining a strong work ethic, making the most of each opportunity to share Bible truths with the lost, consistent attendance in the assembly... these all are attributes of the godliness the Almighty expects of His children. The idea that such discipline is what holds the promise for eternal life is hugely significant and worthy of contemplation and implementation. “It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance” (1 Timothy 4:9).