

**“DO NOT BE GRIEVED, FOR THE JOY OF THE
LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH.”
-- NEHEMIAH 8:10**



Marilyn DeMers, of Kimberly, ID, near Twin Falls
Tony and Betty Hering, of Boulder, MT
having really great fellowship
Family Camp 2022
On the grounds of Christ's Church in Bozeman

**“...the Lord knows how to rescue the
godly from temptation.”**

2 Peter 2:9

“Follow through in 2022!!”

October 9, 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. - Bob Edgar

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

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L.S. - Nick Jacobs

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Caleb Wilson

Preaching - Zac Zech

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Tom McDunn

Bozeman

Young Adult Fellowship - Sat. Oct.

15, 6:00 pm at the building. 80's night

Prayer and fasting - Oct. 22-23

Potluck - Oct 23 following assembly.

Theme: comfort food

Great Falls



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Epistle of Titus

Phil Sutton

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson, some New

Creation information

Butte

Oct. 16 - Fellowship dinner 6:30

pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 28,29

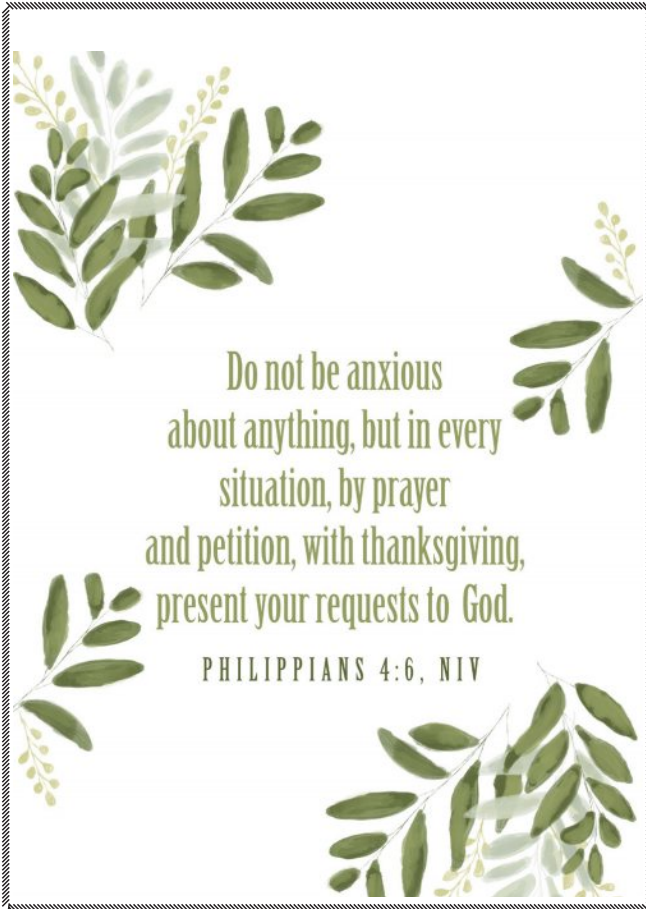
Theme: "Defending the Faith"

Bible Bowl - Mar. 11, 2023

Ladies' Advance - April 13-15, 2023

Men's Peaks - July 20-22, 2023

Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023



Question of the week:

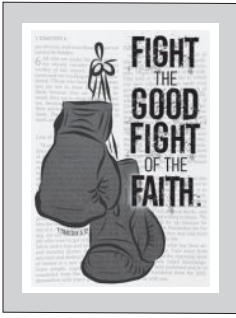
In Isaiah 66, the prophet foresaw a time when all the nations and tongues would be gathered. What would those gathered see?

Last week's question: The world is like a foreign country to the saint, because he is an alien here and his homeland is elsewhere. What is the location of his citizenship? *Answer: our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20,21).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 90
Morning Assembly – 123
Evening Assembly – 74

Wednesday Night (10/5) – 72
Butte Lord's Day – 9
GF Lord's Day – 69,81 Wed. - 36



More on Widows

God said to put a widow on the church support list “only if she is not less than sixty years old.” People and saints then, baring accident or untimely disease, lived about the same length of time as people do now. “As for the days of our life,” wrote Moses, describing the experience of most of the human race, “they contain seventy years, or if due to strength, eighty years” (Psalm 90:10). So a widow of sixty would be worthy of support; a younger widow would not be. But this older widow had to be a dedicated and disciplined saint. If she, for example, after the loss of her husband, allowed herself to get disoriented and plunge headlong into the world, she would certainly lose her standing with God and her salvation. “But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure,” explains the apostle, “is dead even

while she lives” (1 Timothy 5:6). The loss of companionship and intimacy is real, but the widow cannot allow herself to go down the road of “wanton pleasure.”

- **Younger widow challenges**—It is a general fact, by God’s design, that younger people’s bodies have a higher level of hormonal activity than older people’s bodies. One of the difficulties in aging is that the hormonal drop-off creates issues that were not there earlier in life. But there is also a decrease in passionate urges that accompany that drop-off; hence younger widows are often driven by desires that an older widow would not face so strongly. Paul’s instructions to Timothy concerning widows also deal with this. “But refuse to put younger widows on the list,” says Paul to Timothy and to the churches, “for when they feel sensual desires in disregard of Christ, they want to get married [implicit in the flow of thought here is that they want to get married to any guy hanging around rather than following scriptural spiritual directives], thus incurring condemnation, because they have set aside their previous pledge [cast off their first faith – NKJV]” (1 Timothy 5:11,12). They allow their drive for the companionship and intimacy they tasted before widowhood to overrun their spiritual commitments, and thus they incur the condemnation of those who fall away. Definitely should not be put on the “list”!
- **Further issues**—These younger widows, following sensual desires and not having the structure that Christian marriage provides, tend to fall into the destructive lifestyle of their neighboring non-Christian ladies. “And at the same time they also learn to be idle,” is the apostle’s observation, “as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper to mention” (1 Timothy 5:13). Idle hands, as many proverbs point out, are available for the devil’s use. When the young widows are drifting into the world, and possibly into a non-Christian environment because of the guy they latched onto, then their talk sinks to the lowest level. Gossip, and especially malicious gossip, is regarded as evil by the word of God. And the “busybodies” can’t manage their own lives, much less the others that they seem to want to direct.
- **Solution** – The solution is for the young widow to get the structure necessary for her life to be a glory and blessing to Christ. “Therefore,” Paul logically concludes, “I want younger widows to get married [flow of logic indicates marriage to a good Christian man], bear children, keep house, and give the enemy no occasion for reproach; for some have already turned aside to follow Satan” (1 Timothy 5:14,15). This is clearly serious advice for a serious issue: get married, have kids, keep house, and mind your own business!

Both older and younger widows face challenges peculiar to widowhood. That period following the death of a spouse can be very disorienting, with relational and financial challenges. The Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul has given advice for such widows, and has made sure that it has been recorded for all generations to follow.

Both older and younger widow face special challenges.