

“The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

-- Job 1:21



Angels rejoicing!
Eli Odell, being immersed into Christ
by older brother Jon Odell following Bible studies together
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

“And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments.”

2 John 1:6

“Follow through in 2022!!”

October 23, 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

Prayer med - Jerry Hoffman

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***DANIEL**

L.S. - Brent Dschaak

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Sonny LaBuff

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Prayer and fasting - Oct. 22-23

Potluck - Oct 23 following assembly.

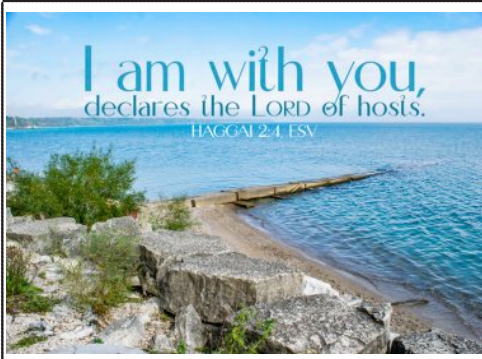
Theme: comfort food

Young adult fellowship - Sat. Nov.

5 at building at 6:00 pm. More info
call Andrew

Butte

Nov. 20 - 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, some New

Creation information

Harvest party - Mon. Oct

31st, 5:00-8:00 pm at the

building

Bozeman

Congratulations to **Luciana Victoria Wallace**, who was born on Tues. Oct. 18 to Andrew and Keirsten Wallace!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 28,29

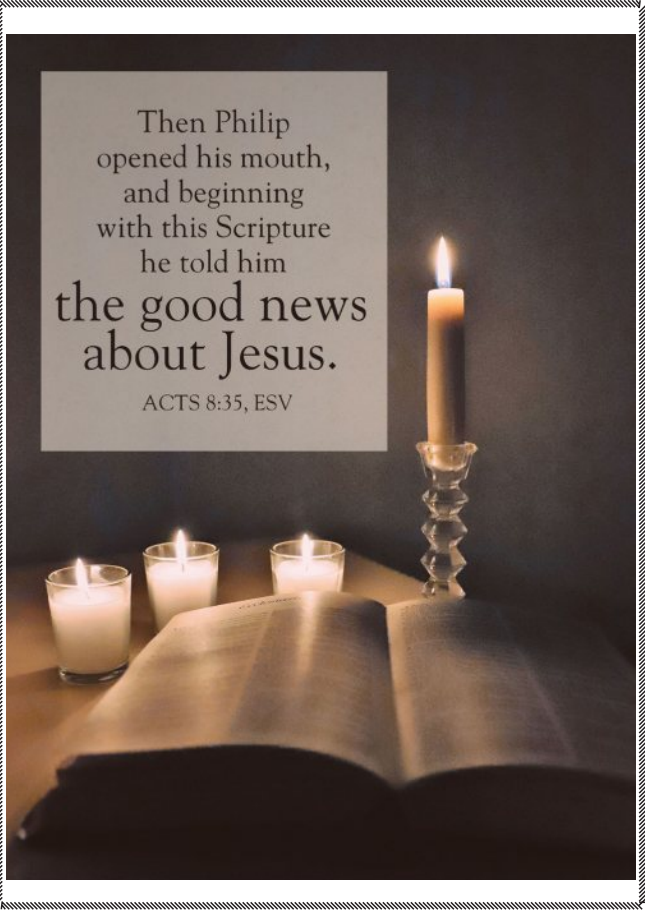
Theme: "Defending the Faith"

Bible Bowl - Mar. 11, 2023

Ladies' Advance - April 13-15, 2023

Men's Peaks - July 20-22, 2023

Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023



Then Philip
opened his mouth,
and beginning
with this Scripture
he told him
**the good news
about Jesus.**

ACTS 8:35, ESV

Question of the week:

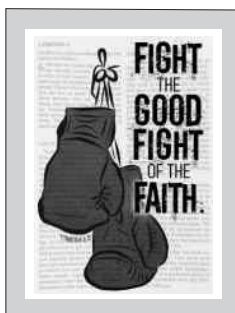
The remnant in the land right after the capture of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, when they asked of the Lord through Jeremiah if they should go to Egypt, were told to stay in Judah. What did the remnant do?

Last week's question: In 1 Thessalonians, the apostle Paul said that the saints are not destined for wrath. What are they destined for? *Answer: for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:9).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 77
Morning Assembly – 113
Evening Assembly – 70

Wednesday Night (10/19) – 74
Butte Lord's Day – 14
GF Lord's Day – 62,93 Wed. - 47



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Interactions with Elders

The local church needs instruction. The apostle has been giving Timothy some directives in areas where the congregation at Ephesus and others need that instruction. Furthermore, Lord made sure those were recorded in the eternal record, that all saints may look at that instruction and desire to implement the principles in their own lives. Near the core of those inculcations are the interrelationship between elders, evangelists, and the congregation. For a congregation to function as the Lord intended, those relationships need to be in the process of being put in order in accordance with Paul's divinely inspired directives.

- **Paying elders** – The work of a true elder is really a full-time position. It is one thing for an overseer to stand off at a distance and superintend at a surface level; it is another thing for said bishop to be busy calling on the sheep, getting down in the trenches and being involved in their personal lives. When shepherds are truly doing their shepherding, that is full-time work and they should be paid. "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor," explains the apostle Paul, "especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17). The word "honor" needs to be re-emphasized: it not only has to do with respect, but also with financial considerations. "Honor your father and your mother" means to provide for them financially when they are no longer able to do so themselves, in addition to giving them the Biblical respect to be accorded to them as parents. "Honoring" hard working elders means paying them. These elders who "rule well," intelligently guiding the congregation through all the doctrinal and interpersonal challenges connected with the functioning of the local church, are worthy workmen, joyfully plugging away day by day helping the saints maintain the road to heaven. "For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing,' and 'The laborer is worthy of his wages.'" (1 Timothy 5:18).
- **Possible problems** – Not only did God place elders/pastors in His organizational pattern for the church, He also placed evangelists. Evangelists may be located in one congregation as was Timothy in Ephesus, or they may work in an area, as Titus was working with the congregations on the island of Crete. Since elders are appointed by evangelists, problem elders are also dealt with by evangelists. "Do not receive an accusation against an elder," Paul informs the evangelist Timothy, "except of the basis of two or three witnesses" (1 Timothy 5:19). The principle all through the word of God is that accusations have to be made by more than one witness; one "witness" may have a personal "axe to grind" which renders the accusations null and void. The witnesses, of course, need to be reliable people, unlike the "worthless men" who testified against Naboth when evil Queen Jezebel was maneuvering to get Naboth's vineyard for the king. If the witness accounts line up, and the accusation is serious enough, then the evangelist needs to take action.

Timothy is getting this instruction from Paul, and so is the congregation. This is necessary because if Timothy needs to take action against an elder, the congregation is going to have to back that action. "Those [elders] who continue to sin," the apostle charges the evangelist, "rebuke in the presence of all, so that the rest may be fearful of sinning" (1 Timothy 5:20). If the local church is working against the evangelist in this case, the rebuking action is not going to be effective. But Timothy has to be objective. "I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in the spirit of partiality" (1 Timothy 5:21). The spiritual warfare is so intense, and the challenge before the church is so large, that there is no room for petty games. Furthermore, this is all carried out in the clear sight of the Father, the Son, and the good angels! All of those should guarantee that everything done in regard to a sinning elder is done in the right spirit and for the future of each saint in God's kingdom.

JAY WILSON

“Maintain these principles without bias.”