

**“Wisdom is a tree of life to
those who take hold of her.”
-- Proverbs 3:18**



Jackson Maphies and Tyler Zech
funnin' around after Wed. night assembly
Christ's Church, Great Falls, MT

**“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you
may prosper and be in good health, just
as your soul prospers.”**

3 John 1:2

“Follow through in 2022!!”

October 30, 2022

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Andrew Wallace

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Jack McGraw

L.S. - Phil Sutton

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***SHOTGUN PREACHING**

L.S. - Charlie Brown

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Jared DuPaul

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Jon Reijgers

L.S. - Brent Borelli

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

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

Great Falls

Fellowship dinner - Lord's Day,

Nov. 6; theme: breakfast

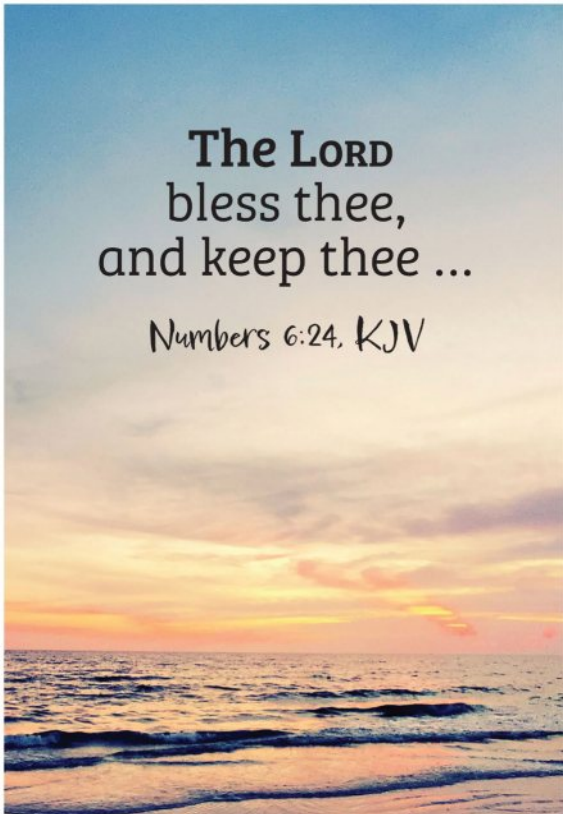
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - Mar. 11, 2023

Ladies' Advance - April 13-15, 2023

Men's Peaks - July 20-22, 2023

Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023

A framed image of a sunset over the ocean. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow, with the sun low on the horizon. The ocean waves are visible in the foreground. The text is centered over the image.

The LORD
bless thee,
and keep thee ...

Numbers 6:24, KJV

Question of the week:

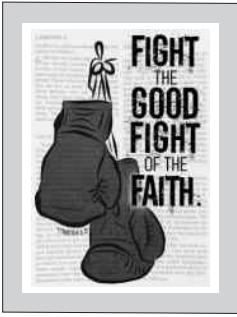
To the pure all things are pure, stated Paul to Titus. What about the conscience of the individual whose motive is not pure?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: they went to Egypt (Jeremiah 43:6,7).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 89
Morning Assembly – 113
Evening Assembly – 75

Wednesday Night (10/26) – 75
Butte Lord's Day – 9
GF Lord's Day – 55,80 Wed. - 58



The Epistles to the Evangelists

“Random” Points

Internal workings of the congregation are, for good reason, a major focus of the new covenant writings. The local church is the key to the forward movement of the gospel, and the gospel distribution is therefore tied to the proper functioning of each congregation. Hence the instructions. Widows indeed are to be cared for. Elders who are working hard at preaching and teaching are to be respected and paid. An elder whose sin is serious enough that it requires public rebuking is to be straightened out “in the presence of all” by an evangelist. Evangelists or preachers must be unbiased in their functioning, without partiality. What next, Paul?

- **Laying-on-of-hands** – Elders (bishops/pastors) are appointed by evangelists, as Paul instructs Titus. “For this reason I left you in

Crete,” the apostle gives his reminder, “that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you” (Titus 1:5). When Paul and Barnabas, serving as evangelists from the perspective of the congregations which they were establishing, “appointed elders in every church,” that appointment was carried out “by the stretching forth of their hands” (Acts 14:23). Thus when Paul, in the context of paying elders and rebuking those who have gone off course, talks about the laying-on-of-hands, he is speaking about the appointment of elders. “Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily and thus share responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin” (1 Timothy 5:22). It makes good sense that care and some caution is to be taken in appointing elders and thus setting in motion much of the future of that congregation.

- **Stomach ailments** – Having to deal with godliness issues, widow problems, and elder shenanigans might be enough to give someone a bit of an upset stomach. “No longer drink water exclusively,” indicates the apostle, “but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments” (1 Timothy 5:23). The Greek word translated “wine” [oinos] generally refers to fermented grape juice, but it can also be used to describe the unfermented product of the grape as well. Research, even from wine producing companies, shows that while wine is helpful to the stomach, grape juice is a bit better. Even in those far off days, people like Timothy were fighting health issues while trying to accomplish the Lord’s work.
- **Obvious and not-so-obvious sins** – Paul has been talking to Timothy about the necessity of rebuking sinning elders, but only on the basis of the testimony of two or three witnesses. Such sins, in order to be testified about, would have to be fairly obvious. This seems to trigger a thought from the apostle, based on his experience in the churches. “The sins of some men are quite evident, going before them to judgment; for others, their sins follow after (1 Timothy 5:24). Falling-down drunkenness or being caught in adultery are “quite evident”; other sins, such as sowing the seeds of division, are not. One of the great lines from the Old Testament comes in the statement of Moses to the tribes who had already settled east of the Jordan before the west side was conquered under the leadership of Joshua: “Be sure [of this],” was the thought-provoking lead in, “your sin will find you out” (Numbers 32:23). No one, even elders/bishops, get past the revealing and consequences of sin.

But most of the shepherds working for the Lord will be engaging in solid work for his glory; to fit the picture that Paul and Peter painted of good shepherds, their character would be such that they would be upright, loving the sheep entrusted to their care, and wanting to please Christ openly and privately. “Likewise also,” says Paul, playing off the statement that the sins of some men are out in the open, “deeds that are good are quite evident, and those which are otherwise cannot be concealed” (1 Timothy 5:25). The exordium to all elders, indeed to all saints, stands: “Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

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