

**“MAY THE LORD WATCH BETWEEN YOU AND ME  
WHEN WE ARE ABSENT ONE FROM THE OTHER.”  
-- GENESIS 31:49**



Fall sunrise  
as the school day begins  
Christ's Church building  
Bozeman, MT

**“...Make ready the way of the LORD, make  
His paths straight!”  
*Matthew 7:2***

“Follow through in 2022!!”

**December 4, 2022**

**Christ's Church**

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med. - Kaden Reigers

L.S. - Andrew Wallace

Preaching - Luke Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**

**\*DANIEL**

L.S. - Elliot Ashley

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Jared DuPaul

L.S. - Cody Kruck

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes**

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

**Young Adult Fellowship - Sat. Dec.**

12, 7:00 pm at the SUB

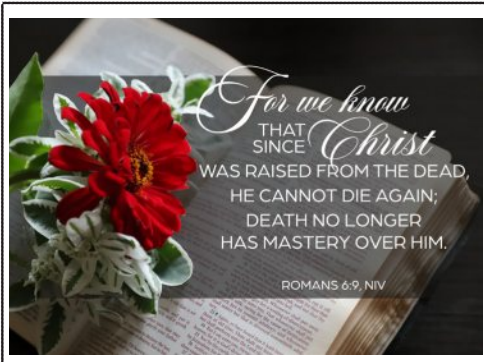
**Girl's 12-17 study - Dec. 17 - 9:00**

am - 12:00 noon; contact Talitha

DuPaul

**Prayer/Fasting - Dec. 17,18**

**Dec. 18 - Fellowship dinner follow-**  
ing assembly. Theme: stuffed food  
items



**BOZEMAN -**

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm:**

*Book of Proverbs*

**Phil Sutton**

**GREAT FALLS -**

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm:**

*Jay Wilson, some New*

*Creation information*

**Butte**

**Dec. 18 - Fellowship**  
dinner 6:30 pm

**Great Falls**

**Dec. 4 - Fellowship dinner, follow-**  
ing assembly. Theme: soups and  
salads

**Wed. Dec. 14 - School program, 7:00**  
pm at the church building

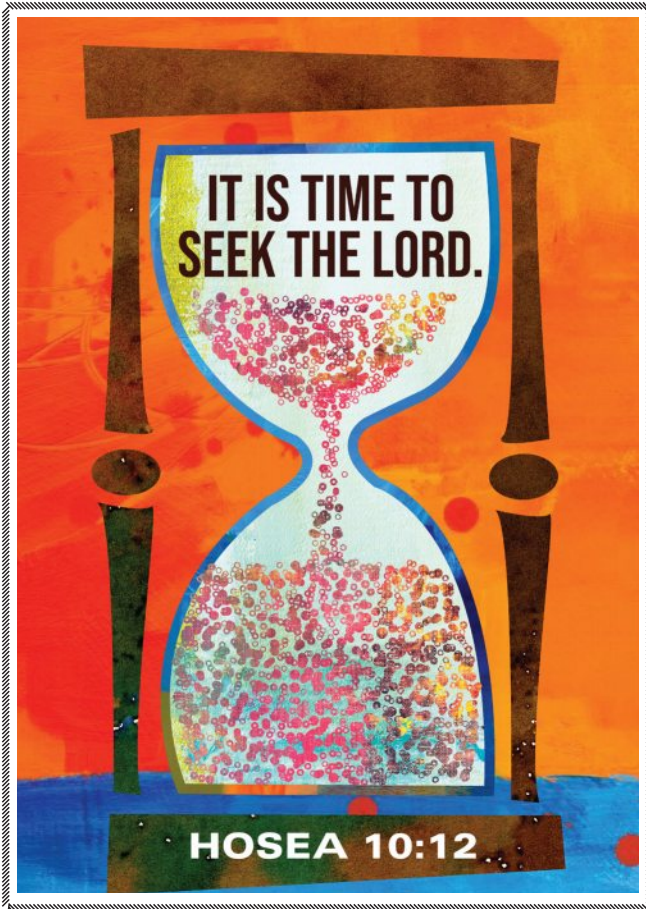
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bible Bowl - Mar. 11, 2023**

**Ladies' Advance - April 13-15, 2023**

**Men's Peaks - July 20-22, 2023**

**Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023**



**Question of the week:**

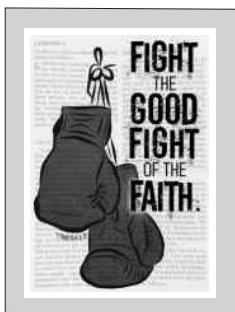
Who was the angel who delivered the "70 weeks" vision to Daniel?

Last week's question: According to the book of James, what is "the royal law? Answer: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (James 28).

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 89  
Morning Assembly – 110  
Evening Assembly – 66

Wednesday Night (11/30) – 79  
Butte Lord's Day – --  
GF Lord's Day – 56,69 Wed. - 49



## The Love of Money

Money itself is not bad. It is just neutral sacks of gold hidden in a vault, or (in terms of use in modern times) computer entries in the “cloud.” But because of what money can do, it is often tied to temptation, Jesus Himself calling it “mammon” and “mammon of unrighteousness” (Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:9). (*Mammon* gets its name from a Syrian god of *riches*; hence you can’t serve God and mammon.) Money is necessary and useful, but it can easily become the master rather than the servant. The word of God, therefore, is laced with warnings concerning money, and much instruction and illustration about its proper use. Even the writer of Hebrews, in encouraging the Hebrews to be faithful through the upcoming Roman destruction

of Jerusalem, has to warn about the downward pull of mammon. Christians, facing privation and displacement might turn to trust in money, even compromising their faith to get some lucre, rather than continuing to trust in God. “Let your character be free from the love of money,” says the writer, “being content with what you have” (Hebrews 13:5). The positive thrust of the comment, then, was to focus on the God of promise who said that He would never forsake the saint, and that He would help the saint through even the most extreme of difficulties.

- **Dangerous desire** – The apostle Paul, like the author of Hebrews, was quick to point out, that “if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.” The burr of discontent under the saddle of difficulties and persecution can quickly become a major sore, driving the saint away from first principles and trust in God. The warning: “Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction” (1 Timothy 6:9). “More money,” is the subtle thought, “will solve my problems, and enable me to carry out my desires.” The problem is that when the *desire* for more strikes, the individual’s thought processes have now been opened to the possibility of theft, for example, or embezzlement. The “scammers” are well aware of the weakened moral and disciplined codes in their targets, and are pretending to offer “something for nothing,” or running a “bait and switch” operation. The fact that the term “scammer” exists, or that the other expressions in quotes are commonly understood, underscores the widespread use of such techniques by those who are skilled in separating their targets from their money. “Snare,” “foolish,” and “harmful” are words carefully chosen by the Holy Spirit to help the saint understand the severity of toying in that devil’s playground. It is a quick “plunge” into the barrel of spiritual ruin and destruction.
- **Love of money** – It is not money, *per se*, that is the problem; it is the *love of money!* A person can have a lot of money and not have the love of money, and a person can be destitute and have the love of money. So it is not money by itself that is the problem. “For the love of money,” instructs the apostle Paul, “is a root of all sorts of evil...” (1 Timothy 6:10). Much could be written on this point, but perhaps a series of illustrative questions would be in order: What is behind the drive to push fentanyl and other destructive drugs onto victims? What would cause a family, because of a “better” job offer, to move to a location where they would die spiritually? What would be the reason that an individual’s credit card is always “maxed out”? Why would “big pharma,” “big tech,” “big business,” and “big education” combine with big government to suppress competition in the market place?

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The devil preys on people’s unholy desire for “more and more and more.” Once an individual, a saint even, starts down one of those appealing rabbit holes, it is difficult to get out, and the destruction in the physical realm is tremendous, to say nothing of the destruction in the spiritual realm. It is worth repeating: “Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have!” (Hebrews 13:5).