

“BEHOLD, I AM GOING TO SEND AN ANGEL BEFORE YOU TO GUARD YOU ALONG THE WAY AND BRING YOU TO THE PLACE WHICH I HAVE PREPARED.”

-- EXODUS 23:20



Aspen Kover, happily volunteering for vacuum duty
Mrs. Anita Garlock's "Learning to Read" learning center
Bozeman Christian School
an integral ministry of Christ's Church in Bozeman

“For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”

Mark 3:35

“Follow through in 2022!!”

December 11, 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

St'dship - Matthew Wilson

L.S. - Gary DiPaolo

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***DANIEL**

L.S. - Corban Icenogle

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Steve McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Cole Hunsicker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Young Adult Fellowship - Sat. Dec. 12, 7:00 pm at the SUB

Girls' 12-17 study - Dec. 17 - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon at the church building; contact Talitha DuPaul

Prayer/Fasting - Dec. 17, 18

Dec. 18 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: stuffed food items



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Book of Proverbs

Phil Sutton

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

*December program by
children of Great Falls
Christian Academy*

Butte

Dec. 18 - Fellowship
dinner 6:30 pm

Great Falls

Dec. 18 - prayer and fasting

*Congratulations to **Jeremy Schmiedeke**, who completed his high school requirements and graduated Tuesday!!*

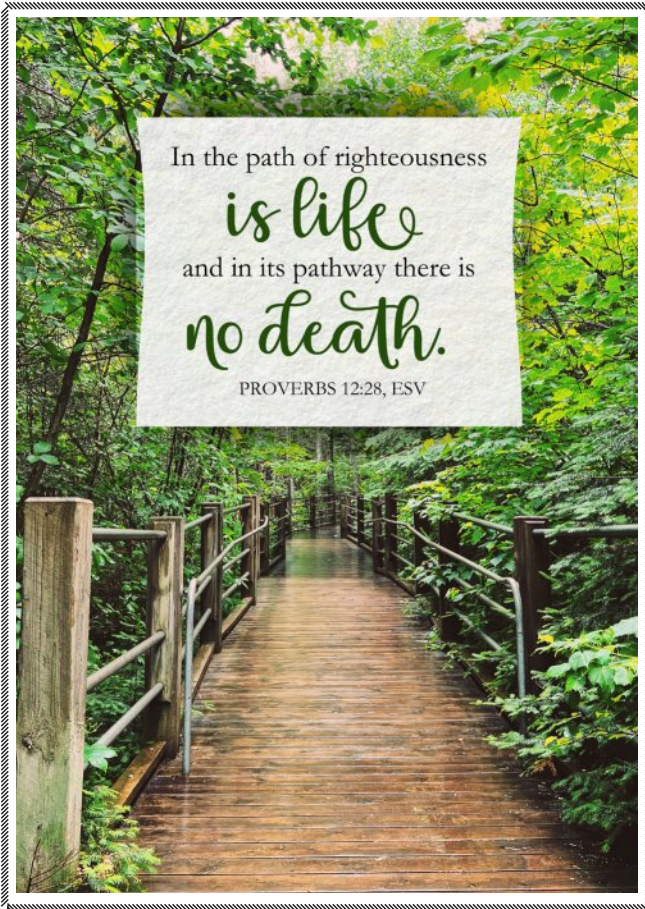
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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:

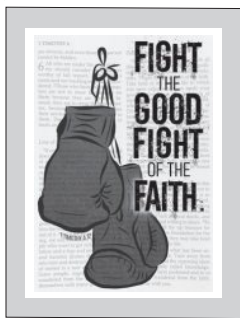
When Jude speaks of the types of people present in the new covenant “love feasts,” he references back to three Old Testament miscreants. Who were they?

Last week’s question: Who was the angel who delivered the “70 weeks” vision to Daniel? *Answer: Gabriel (Daniel 9:21).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 86
Morning Assembly – 113
Evening Assembly – 63

Wednesday Night (12/7) – 66
Butte Lord’s Day – 12
GF Lord’s Day – 72,89 Wed. - 50



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Destruction Associated with Money

Since the Fall of man as recorded in Genesis three, this has been an evil world! The apostle Paul, for example, spoke of how God delivered us “from this present evil age” (Galatians 1:4). Just how evil it is, man himself is not able to process completely or objectively. It requires the perspective from God Himself for saints progressively to understand the spiritual malaise that has fallen upon the race and the various layers of evil that have enveloped the descendants of Adam. At the core of all this evil is a certain selfishness of which the Tempter takes advantage, a driving desire to “want what I want, and I want it no matter what destruction I have to cause to get it.” James states it this way: “Each one is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when

sin is accomplished, it brings forth death” (James 1:14,15). So where does *money* come in? *Money*, as the instrument of purchase, becomes a primary means by which selfish desire is implemented. Hence, as the apostle Paul noted, “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). The rush to the gold camp or the trample of crowds cramming to get in “on the ground floor” are pictures of those desires, and provide a good glimpse into the attendant destruction which befalls most who are so driven.

- **More on love of money** – The screaming, squalling, brawling brats who are the “grown up” progeny of the first Adam, then, are usually in this tremendous scramble for money—often dishonest, sometimes scheming, sometimes brutal. The Holy Spirit and Paul make a statement whose truth cannot be overemphasized and which should be deeply processed: “For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil...” (1 Timothy 6:10). Small, family-sized tempests, such as a family fight over an inheritance, to large global wars and impositions of tyranny all have the same root!
- **Warning for saints** – While these statements are understandably a description of the non-Christian world, the warning is directed toward the brethren. Paul’s experience in preaching for about 30 years and having worked in many congregations in the first century, led him to state, concerning the love of money, that “some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith...” When viewed from a spiritual perspective, this is the most grave or serious matter. “For what will a man be profited,” asked All-knowing Jesus, “if he gains the world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:26). Poignant, and permanent, questions!! The enticement of more money causes the glance to look away from Jesus for a little bit, then a little more, and more, and finally the individual is not looking at Christ at all. He has “wandered away from the faith” in a gradual but deadly fashion.
- **Unhappy results** – How many a man has lost his relationship with his family in his pursuit of unrighteous mammon? How many a woman destroyed her opportunity for happiness in a home-centered family because she desired career and more money? The wide variety of unhappy results for the Christian who allows himself to go down that path are summarized by the apostle, who observes that they “have pierced themselves with many a pang.” Sounds really painful!!

The positive thrust of this section of Paul’s epistle is *contentment*. “Godliness,” he had noted, “is actually a means of great gain, especially when accompanied by *contentment*.” The apostle further emphasized, “If we have food and covering, with these we shall be *content*.” It is that lack of being content with what God has given that often drives saints into those snares and temptations, thinking that more money will buy the things that result in contentment. The resultant wandering “away from the faith” will end up in an eternal fire and eternal discontentment! Be content with what you have!!

Misdirected saints
“have pierced
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many a pang!”