

**“For I am the LORD your God.
Consecrate yourselves, therefore,
and be holy, for I am holy.”
-- Leviticus 11:44**



Overall snapshot of Mr. Davis Ashley's learning center
“Great kids with great attitudes!”
Bozeman Christian School
an integral ministry of Christ's Church in Bozeman

**“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for
He has visited us and accomplished
redemption for His people.”**

Luke 1:68

“Follow through in 2022!!”

December 18, 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 - Jason Shanahan

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***DANIEL**

L.S. - Bob Edgar

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

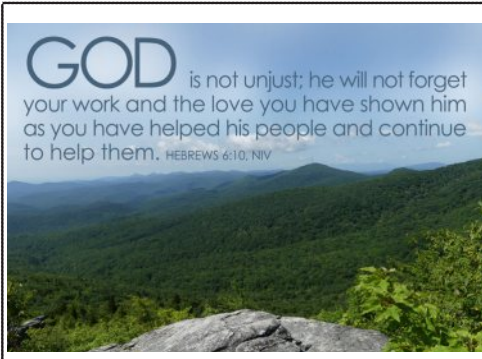
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Prayer/Fasting - Dec. 17,18

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

Men's prayer time for upcoming new year - Dec. 31, 8:00 am at building

Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve party at building



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Book of Proverbs

Phil Sutton

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

“New Creation Information”

Butte

Dec. 18 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm

Great Falls

Dec. 18 - prayer and fasting

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

His intent was that now,
through the church,
**the manifold
wisdom of God**
should be made known
to the **rulers** and
authorities in the
heavenly realms.

Ephesians 3:10, NIV

Question of the week:

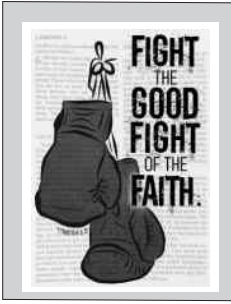
Zephaniah speaks of the great day of the Lord, when neither silver or gold will be able to deliver. That day was also called _____ ?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: Cain, Balaam, Korah (Jude 1:11).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 71
Morning Assembly – 98
Evening Assembly – 68

Wednesday Night (12/14) – 52
Butte Lord's Day – 9
GF Lord's Day – 63,83 Wed. - 105



Proper and Positive Pursuit

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you *today*," said God to the new generation of Israelites, before they crossed the Jordan, "that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life, that you may live..." (Deuteronomy 30:19). The physical blessings promised to Israel, and the physical curses, were recorded for the benefit of modern saints, "those upon whom the ends of the ages have come" (1 Corinthians 10:11). The physical was recorded so that Christians might understand that there are spiritual blessings for those who follow Jesus, and a curse upon those who lose their focus on Christ, who become discontent, and who therefore get pulled into all kinds of destructive allurements, and pierce "themselves with many a pang" (1 Timothy 6:10).

- **Flee from these things** – There are some types of temptation from which the child of God can carefully back away. But some of these other temptations, such as a desire to get rich and the pull of "the love of money," require stronger action. "But *flee* from these things, you man of God," exhorted the apostle Paul to Timothy (1 Timothy 6:11). Timothy was not merely to stroll away from these things, he was to *flee*! Every saint, generally speaking, is "a man of God." The message should be plain for all those making a claim to godliness.
- **What to pursue** – The disciple of Christ, then, is to run from the snares connected with lack of contentment, and to use that energy to chase after more beneficial qualities. "Pursue righteousness," pointed out the apostle, "godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness." *Righteousness* is not the mere absence of doing wrong things; "the righteous acts of the saints" are deeds which must be pursued—thought about and then executed. Similarly with godliness, faith, and love. It is interesting that *perseverance* should show up on this list. The ability to keep going "when the going gets tough" is absolutely necessary for the saint to maintain his faith firm to the end. Pursue perseverance!
- **It's a fight!** – The rebellious nature of the outcast angel and his minions results in a tremendous hate for mankind, a desire to pull the race into the same destructive path he is on and the end as he will experience. That hate is particularly directed against those who follow in the steps of Jesus. One of the pictures from the book of Revelation is that "the dragon was enraged with the woman [the people of God, the church from the time of the institution of the new covenant onward], and went off to make war with the rest of her offspring [also the church], who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus" (Revelation 12:17). It is war! Hence the apostle would encourage Timothy, "Fight the good fight of faith" (1 Timothy 6:12). There are many battles in which the saint could be embroiled. But the only one which is eternally productive is the "fight of faith." Since time, energy, and other resources are limited, it makes sense that everything should be funneled into that which lasts forever as contrasted to frittering those resources away on that which is a vapor. But, the saint needs to be reminded, it is a *fight!* This spiritual wrestling match requires all the effort all the time in order for the saint to be victorious in the battle for his own soul. But it is a *good fight*. It is not over land or kingdoms or bank accounts; it is a fight for the saint's eternity.

The fight of
faith is a good
fight!

The need clearly is to flee from the love of money and related issues. In the warfare, righteousness, godliness, faith, gentleness, and love are to be pursued. But because it is a fight, and weariness can strike the Christian soldier, the instruction is particularly noteworthy: pursue perseverance. And the exhortation is for Timothy and all brethren, to "take hold of the eternal life to which you were called"!