

**“You shall therefore love the Lord
Your God, and always keep His
charge...”**

-- Deuteronomy 11:1



Karin Miller engaged in important conversation with Sue Shaefer
while Micah Miller looks on
48th Street Church of Christ
Billings, MT

**“He [Jesus] is the One whom God exalted
to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior...”**

Acts 5:31

“Victory in 2023!!”

January 15, 2023

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - John Odell

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med-Matthew Wilson

L.S. - Andrew Wallace

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***DANIEL**

L.S. - Justin Shanahan

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Jon Reijgers

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Jan. 21 - Girls 12-17 study, 9-11 am at the building. Contact: Talitha DuPaul

Jan. 28,29 - Prayer and fasting

Jan. 29 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: Chili, cornbread, pie

Butte

Jan. 15 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



**BUT WE HAVE
THE MIND OF
CHRIST.
1 CORINTHIANS 2:16**

BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Book of Proverbs

Phil Sutton

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Video on the development of the first alphabet

Butte

Dec. 18 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm

Great Falls

Prayer and fasting - Jan. 15

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - Mar. 11, 2023

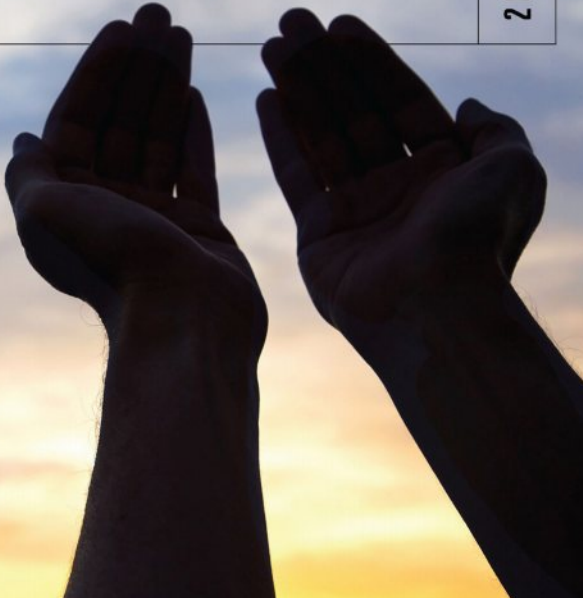
Ladies' Advance - April 13-15, 2023

Men's Peaks - July 20-22, 2023

Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023

**AS GOD'S CO-WORKERS WE
URGE YOU NOT TO RECEIVE
GOD'S GRACE IN VAIN.**

2 CORINTHIANS 6:1, NIV



Question of the week:

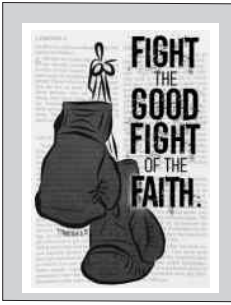
After Isaac was born, it was said of Hagar and Ishmael, "Drive out this maid and her son," [quoted in the New Testament as "Cast out the bondwoman and her son"]. Who made the initial statement in Genesis?

Last week's question: In Matthew's recording of the "Sermon on the Mount," as Jesus talks about not making oaths, how does He describe anything beyond your "Yes" being "Yes" and your "No" being "No"? *Answer: "of evil" (Matthew 5:37).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 92
Morning Assembly – 115
Evening Assembly – 57

Wednesday Night (1/11) – 83
Butte Lord's Day – 13
GF Lord's Day – 66,90 Wed. - 66



The Epistles to the Evangelists

More on "Riches"

The apostle Paul goes back to a thread of thought that he had been working on, concerning the danger of "the love of money." More money can mean more options, more ability to hire people to do work, and more opportunities for expansion. These aspects could cause a poor evangelist's head to turn; hence the apostle had given a stern warning that "some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith" (1 Timothy 6:10). Paul had even warned the elders at Ephesus in his parting words with them about the proper handling of money and a subtle warning about covetousness, "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35). So, some further instruction for Timothy.

- **Fix their hope on God** – People with money generally have influence; in fact, they are often spoken of as "influential people." Sometimes the money bought the influence; sometimes they ended up with money because they were influential. The apostle has a special message that he wants Timothy to get through to these saints: "Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy" (1 Timothy 6:17). There has to be a bottom-line reminder that God is the supplier of all things. The question of the apostle to the church at Corinth is worthy of tending to all who "are rich in this present world" (Paul's way of keeping wealth in the proper perspective): "What do you have that you did not receive?" (1 Corinthians 4:7). No reason, then, for the rich folks in Ephesus (or anywhere else) to be conceited, trying to hold themselves in some sort of elevated position above the "commoners." Riches are a very uncertain thing, but tend to give a false sense of security. An economy can collapse, banks can steal the money, hackers can get into accounts and take everything—riches are uncertain! The solution is for them to "fix their hope on God." God is very generous, having His delight in the sons of men, and "richly supplies us with all things to enjoy." It is not wrong for a Christian to be rich; it is just how he handles those riches. A key point in the conversation, however, is that directly spiritual interests must come first; trust in God must be in the forefront of saints' thinking and that trust in Him must be unwavering.
- **Be rich in good works** – "Instruct them to do good," the apostle guides Timothy, "to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share" (1 Timothy 6:18). Getting "more," and hoarding "more" is one of the most destructive forces on the planet. Jesus stated the solution in this fashion: "Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves purses which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys" (Luke 12:33). What a great line of encouragement for those who want to trust God and be generous: "make for yourselves purses which do not wear out!"

**"Take hold of
that which is
life indeed."**

Earth is very temporary, and brethren in whom is still the breath of life need to be reminded of that. Christians who have financial resources are encouraged to be "storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed" (1 Timothy 6:19). What children of God do with their finances here does count when the "books" are opened and the dead are "judged from the things written in the books, according to their deeds" (Revelation 20:12). It is that "unfailing treasure" of which Jesus spoke, wherein He added, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34). The correct focus for "those who are rich in this present world," and indeed for all brethren, is "take hold of that which is life indeed!"

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