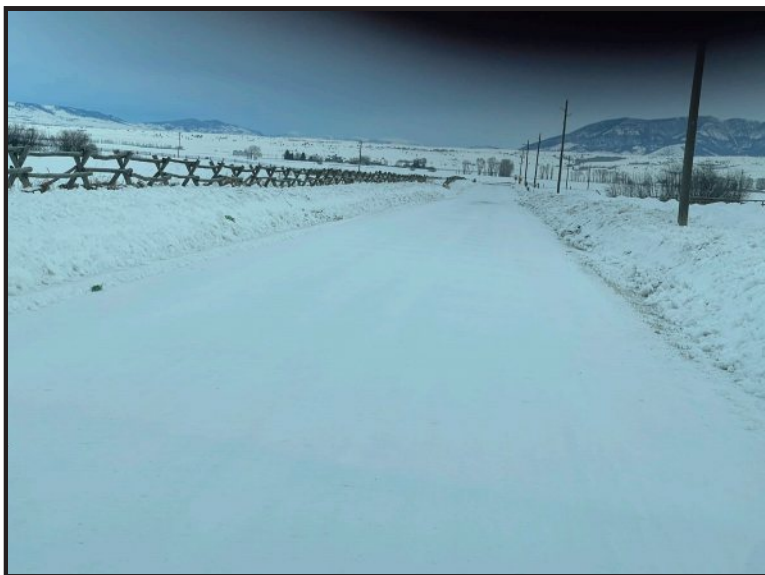


**“When Gideon heard the account of
the dream and its interpretation, he
bowed in worship.”**

-- Judges 7:15



“Waiting for the Spring thaw”
Spain Bridge Road
just north of Christ’s Church building
Bozeman, MT

**“For the mind set on the flesh is death,
but the mind set on the Spirit is life and
peace.”**

Romans 8:6

“Victory in 2023!!”

February 19, 2023

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Josiah Sutton

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Daniel Arriaga

L.S. - Mike Kover

Preaching - Jay Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***THE FIRST ALPHABET!! - VIDEO**

L.S. - Scott Schweitzer

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Jared DuPaul

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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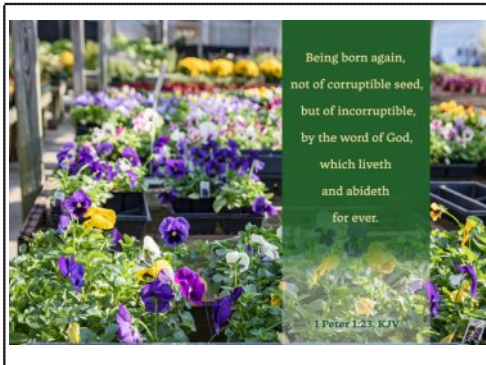
Fasting & Prayer - Feb. 18,19

Fellowship dinner - Feb.19 following assembly. Theme: Italian

Sat. Mar 4 - Young Adult Fellowship, 6:00 pm; karaoke and snacks at building

Butte

Feb. 19 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Book of Proverbs

Phil Sutton

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

PowerPoint - “Mentally Tough -- The secret of winning at sports applied to winning at life and for eternity”

Great Falls

Feb. 19 -- prayer and fasting for evangelism

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - Mar. 11, 2023

Ladies' Advance - April 13-15, 2023

Montana Youth Camp - June 11-16

Men's Peaks - July 20-22, 2023

Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023

GOD PROVES
HIS LOVE
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CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

ROMANS 5:8, NRSV

Question of the week:

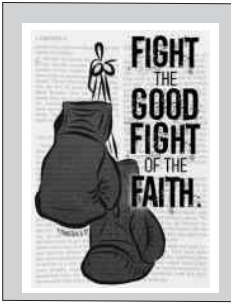
When the women left the empty tomb, according to Matthew's account, Jesus met them. What did the women do to Jesus' feet?

Last week's question: When God gave Moses instructions in regard to the cherubim on the top of the mercy seat, what did God say that He would do between the wings of the cherubim? *Answer: that God would meet there with Moses and speak to him the commandments Moses was to pass on to Israel (Exodus 25:22).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 77
Morning Assembly – 110
Evening Assembly – 66

Wednesday Night (2/15) – --
Butte Lord's Day – 8
GF Lord's Day – 72,86 Wed. - 60



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Handling Rebellious Men

The Old Testament prophets, looking ahead, often give pictures of the future church or kingdom. The ideal for the church is laid out in many ways by many prophets, but the pictures are very encouraging for those who do labor in God's spiritual vineyard. Both Isaiah and Micah graphically portray the church an elevated mountain where the nations (Gentiles) stream to it to learn the ways of the God of Jacob, and former enemies beat their swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:1-4; Micah 4:1-4). The church is a place of peace, where each one sits under his vine and under his fig tree, with no one to make him afraid, and where the wolf dwells with the lamb (Micah 4:4; Isaiah 11:6). But to reach that ideal, much work has to be done continuously, and challenges have to be overcome.

- **Rebellious men in Crete** – One of the major challenges that early congregations faced came from the Jewish community, the “circumcision.” Jewish opposition to the gospel was, by definition, irrational (because the gospel is God's reasoned presentation to mankind). Hence it is not surprising that the apostle would have to encourage Titus in fighting off this opposition. “For there are many rebellious men,” is Paul's Spirit-inspired observation, “empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision” (Titus 1:10). Titus, in “setting things in order” in the congregations in Crete, was going to have this kind of opposition inside the churches. These guys are “deceivers,” indicating that they put up an urbane false front, probably using their Jewish background as a tool to position themselves as being authoritative on Biblical issues. They are described as “empty talkers,” pointing out that for all their high-sounding words and convincing appeals, there was nothing of real substance underpinning their propaganda. This is parallel to what Timothy had to deal with in Ephesus, where the same types of characters were “wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they confident assertions” (1 Timothy 1:7). Rebellious men, wanting to turn others aside from the truth and down the same road of destruction on which they themselves tread.
- **Must be silenced** – Titus has a big and difficult job in front of him, having to root out these deceivers and expose them intelligently to the congregations into which they had inserted themselves. These are men, says Paul, “who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach, for the sake of sordid gain” (Titus 1:11). The false teachers, using the principle that the one who is taught should share “all good things” with the teacher, were twisting the gospel message and accepting money and donations for their twisted work — “sordid gain.” Having ingratiated themselves in the Cretan congregations, having gotten “whole families” off track, these rebellious men were going to be difficult to expose and to be dealt with. But, Paul, says, “They must be silenced.”

False teachers are rebellious men, and they must “be silenced.”

The appeal of those who, like these from the “circumcision,” is to go back to something physical rather than the proper focus of the spiritual elements of new covenant teaching. A “Passover seder” is much more exciting and unusual in its once-a-year observance than the simple loaf and cup of the new covenant Lord's Supper observed as the weekly basis for congregational assembly. The killing of a “Passover lamb” is much easier to process than Christ's being the great unseen High Priest of the covenant of the Spirit, offering His spiritual blood in the spiritual inner sanctum in heaven. A once-a-week physical Sabbath holy day is easier to comprehend than the soul's being at rest through reconciliation which God provided through Christ. And a physical clergy with distinct clothing is more easily processed than a holy spiritual priesthood for whom every day and everything is holy.

False teachers then and now are rebellious men, using whatever fleshly appeals they can to upset whole families. They are still “empty talkers,” regardless of their high-toned rhetoric. And they must still “be silenced”!!