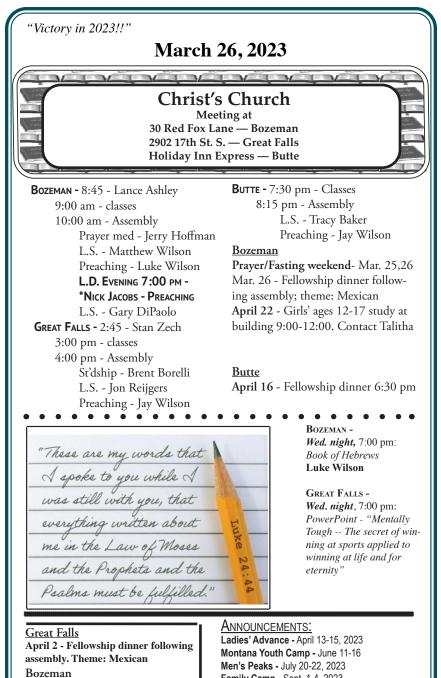
"And Isaiah the prophet cried to the Lord, and He brought the shadow on the stairway back ten steps." -- 2 Kings 20:11



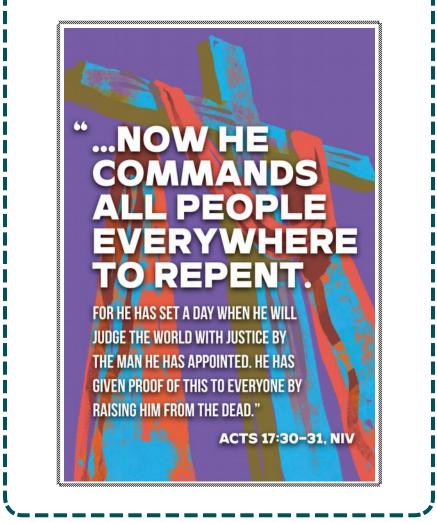
Marilyn DeMers Faithful saint and awesome lady at home in Kimberly, ID

"When he has found [the lost sheep], he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing...'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.'" Luke 15:5,6



Tom Burnell passed from earthly life Mar. 24. Pray that family members can be strengthened and encouraged.

Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023



## Question of the week:

If someone accidentally killed another person, and fled from the family "blood avenger," where did he flee to, and how long was he to stay there?

Last week's question: According to Luke' account of Jesus' immersion, were there other people around when Jesus was dunked by John the Immerser? *Answer: Yes (Luke 3:21). The apostles, unknown to each other and not yet apostles were there also (Acts 1:21,22).* 

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 73	Wednesday Night (3/22) — 82
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Evening Assembly – 73	GF Lord's Day – 60,83 Wed 62



The Epistles to the Evangelists

## **Instructions for Christian Young Men**

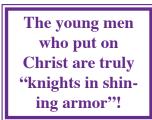
Young men who are classed as saints of the Lord can bring a lot of energy and positivity into Christ's church. Because of their age range and because of the social interactions that occur at that stage of physical life, they are also the key to a chunk of the evangelistic outreach of the local congregation. Hence, as Paul has given Titus some directives for older men, older women, and younger women, he is going to devote a section of this epistle to instructions for younger men.

• Sensible – The word "sensible" just keeps showing up in Paul's letter to Titus. "Likewise," the apostle continues his instruction on saints' conduct, "urge the young men to be sensible" (Titus 1:6). Spiros Zhodiates comments on "sensible" in his "lexical aids to the

New Testament" are instructive: "a person who limits his own freedom and ability with proper thinking, demonstrating self-government with proper restraint on all the passions and desires." Good advice for the young men in the congregation.

- Example of good deeds The dark world out there needs lights pointing truth-seekers in the right direction. Actions that back the words of an individual are powerful, and Paul sends instructions for younger men in the faith for them "in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds" (Titus 2:7). Jesus wants those "lights of the world" to be set up on a hill and shining brightly.
- **Purity in doctrine** Jesus wants His disciples to be able to make disciples. Thus the young men are to be "pure in doctrine." It isn't just the teachers and preachers that the Lord wants knowledgeable and solid; He wants the young men to step up to that line also.
- Dignified It is interesting that "dignified" should show up on the list for young men in the body of Christ as well as for the older men. Living out the scripture is serious business; for young men to be dignified in their comportment is very desirable.
- Sound in speech Satan, the god of this world, is a liar. It is not surprising, then, that this world is filled with lies at every level.

Young men in Christ are to go against this flow and speak truth. Paul exhorts them to be "sound in speech which is above reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us" (Titus 2:8). Not only are these saints to be truthful, but the things they talk about are to be "above reproach." In the apostle's comments to the church at Ephesus, he exhorted the brethren, "But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness



and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks" (Ephesians 5:3,4). Dignified young men of the faith, being sound in speech which is above reproach, will be great examples of this teaching which emanates from Christ Himself.

The word "devil" comes from the Greek word which means "a slanderer," and Satan uses slander as one of his most powerful weapons. When young men follow the instructions that Paul gives, it causes Satan's tools to fall to the ground. Because "the opponent is put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us," then the cause of Christ can move forward without distractions.

The list of qualities Paul passes on to Titus is a handy reference for young men. If they have areas where they need some more work, this list points those out. In areas where they are doing well, they are to be commended. The overall goal is to crucify the flesh with its passions and desires (Galatians 5:24), to "lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12). The young men who do this are truly the "knights in shining armor"!