"So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered justice and righteousness for all his people." -- 2 Samuel 8:15



Pam Kruck of Great Falls, and Jennifer Odell of Helena glad to be at the 2023 MT Ladies' Advance hosted by the ladies of Christ's Church in Great Falls

And Jesus answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

Matthew 19:26,27

"Victory in 2023!!"

# May 21, 2023

## Christ's Church Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman 2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Elliot Ashley 9:00 am - classes 10:00 am - Assembly St'dship - Davis Ashley L.S. - Jerry Hoffman Preaching - Luke Wilson L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -\*JERRY HOFFMAN L.S. - Bob Edgar GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes 4:00 pm - Assembly St'dship - Dan McDunn L.S. - Jared DuPaul Preaching - Jay Wilson BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes 8:15 pm - Assembly L.S. - Jay Wilson Video pres. - Sodom gets blasted

### Bozeman

May 21 - Tom Burnell memorial -1:00 pm

#### Butte

June 18 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



"But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." BOZEMAN -Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Awards and Graduation Ceremony

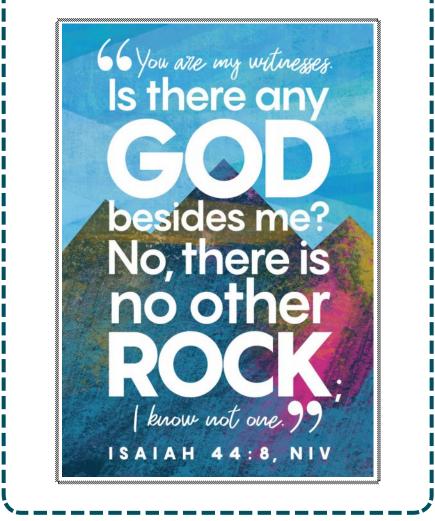
May 20-21 – Fasting and prayer for evangelism; May 21 - Potluck after assembly. Theme: Asian

**GREAT FALLS -Wed. night**, 7:00 pm: Awards and Graduation Ceremony

Great Falls May 21 - Prayer and fasting

### <u>Announcements:</u>

Badlands Family Camp - May 26-29 Glendive Lancaster Family Camp - May 26-29 in Ohio Montana Youth Camp - June 11-16 Lima Rally - June 23-25 in Ohio Men's Peaks - July 20-22, 2023 Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023



### Question of the week:

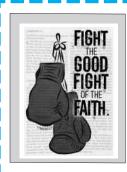
After David killed Goliath, King Saul's general Abner brought David to be introduced to Saul. As David stood before the king, what did he have in his hand?

Last week's question: Jesus said that those who ate His flesh and drank His blood would be raised up. When would that resurrection occur? Answer: "on the last day" (John 6:54).

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 69 Morning Assembly – 102 Evening Assembly – 64

## Wednesday Night (5/17) – 68 Butte Lord's Day – 14 GF Lord's Day – 56,85 *Wed. - 54*



The Epistles to the Evangelists

## Some Divine Reminders

The apostles were divinely inspired men. The apostle Paul, in writing to the congregations of Galatia made it clear that the gospel and the connected teachings which he delivered did not originate in mere man. "For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:12). The apostle Peter, in discussing his authority as an apostle and the seriousness of the exhortation he was giving in his second epistle, commented, "For we did not follow cleverly designed tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty" (2 Peter 1:16). That eyewitness was not just the time of Jesus' earthly sojourn, but included His ascension to the power position on high as well. "What

we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also," averred the aged apostle John, "that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3). The instructions coming from the apostles, and their reminders, are stressed as important by the inspiration of the Spirit Himself. Hence Paul has some things for Titus to pass on to the brethren on Crete.

A submissive attitude – A part of the apostle's earlier instructions were to "deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age." Gone then is the rebellious spirit so characteristic of the outcast angels and a lost and raging world. "Remind them," says Paul of the brethren, "to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient..." (Titus 3:1). If a saint has the character of being an anarchist against governmental authorities, that will carry over and he will be an anarchist inside the church. The brethren need to be co-operative and team players, including working

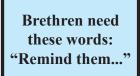
with governmental authorities wherever possible. This is not mindless submission, but a general willingness to move forward.

Ready for every good deed – It takes extra energy to be helpful. Noticing that someone needs help with some packages, or help getting out of a snowbank, isn't of value until the help is actually given. It is easy to pretend that the help wasn't necessary, or that need was even noticed. The wording, then, of the apostle Paul is significant:

"Remind them," he says, "to be ready for every good deed." The saint has the character of looking for an opportunity to "do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith" (Galatians 6:10).

- Control the tongue The word of God has warnings and exhortations concerning the tongue. When the tongue is uncontrolled and destructive, bad things happen! "How great a forest," observed James, "is set aflame by such a small fire" (James 3:5). Remind the brethren, Paul continued, "to malign no one" (Titus 3:2). The word translated malign [similar to malignant evil and destructive] is rooted in "blasphemy," which literally means deliberately to ruin the reputation of someone. Also, the apostle says, "be uncontentious." No reason to use the tongue to provoke a fight; "blessed," said Jesus, "are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God" (Matthew 5:9).
- Thinking things through Interactions with fellow saints and people in the world can be difficult at times. Remind the disciples to be "gentle," Paul instructs Titus. That means taking into account the circumstances of the other person's life and giving him some grace when he might not say or handle everything perfectly. The apostle closes this section with these words: "showing every consideration for all men."

Christians really are to be "lights in the world." God intends for His children of faith to be shining examples of conduct, exhibiting the morals consistent with the name of Christ. He desires that "sons of the Father in heaven" love and care for the saints and for the lost. He wants His name to be vindicated and glorified; and a major way in which He gets that done is through individual Christians, working alone or in concert. Brethren, then and now, need these words: "Remind them..."



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