

**Arise, O God, and plead Your own cause;
Remember how the foolish man reproaches You all day
long.
-- Psalm 74:22**



Sandy Tewell, Kathy Simpson, and Judy Adams
Billings ladies participating in the 2023 MT Ladies' Advance
hosted by ladies of Christ's Church in Great Falls

**At that time Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you
come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as
you would against a robber? Every day I used
to sit in the temple teaching and you did
not seize Me."**

Matthew 26:55

“Victory in 2023!!”

May 28, 2023

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Andrew Wallace

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Charlie Brown

L.S. - Steven Doty

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP**

L.S. - Charlie Brown

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Bobo Womagno

L.S. - Steve Durnan

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Tom McDunn

Bozeman

Girls' study - June 24, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. Going on hike, meet and pick-up at building. Contact Talitha for more details

Butte

June 18 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm

Turn to me and
be gracious to me,
as is your
way with those
who love your
name.



PSALM 119:132,ESV

BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Book of Hebrews

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Caleb Wilson

Great Falls

June 4 - Fellowship dinner following assembly -- Picnic in the Park

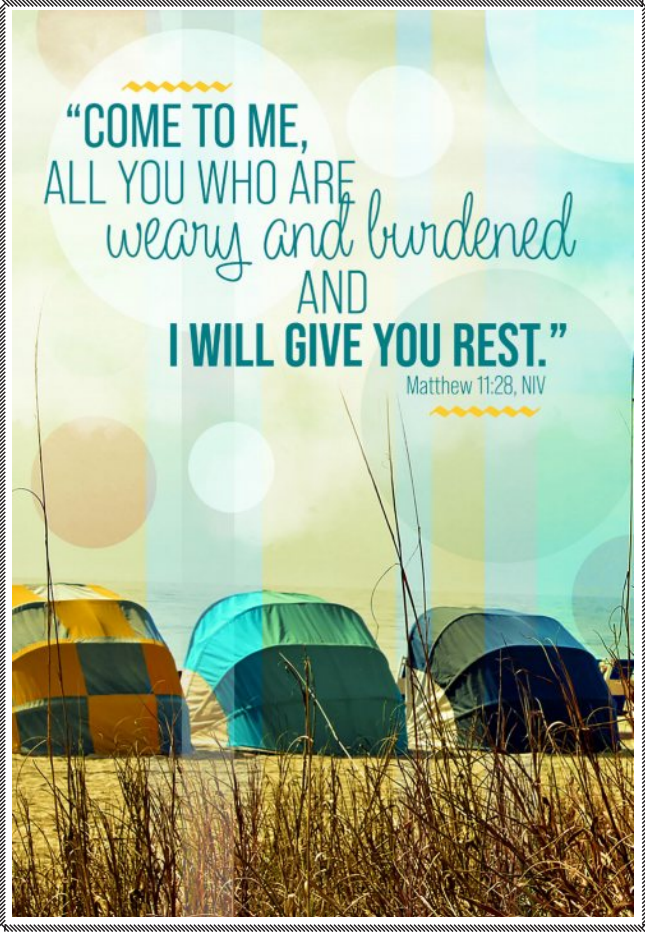
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



“COME TO ME,
ALL YOU WHO ARE
weary and burdened
AND
I WILL GIVE YOU REST.”

Matthew 11:28, NIV

Question of the week:

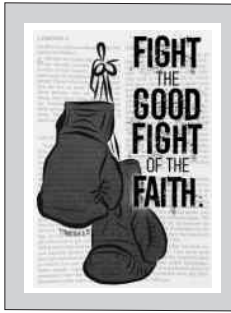
Many Jews were in Jerusalem the week before the Passover, and therefore were present to watch Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the donkey. Why were they in Jerusalem that week?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: Goliath's head (1 Samuel 17:57).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 76
Morning Assembly – 98
Evening Assembly – 62

Wednesday Night (5/24) – Grad./Awards
Butte Lord's Day – 21
GF Lord's Day – 56,85 Wed. - 100 app.



The Epistles to the Evangelists

A Backward Look

It is possible for a disciple of Christ to quit working diligently on his forward progress in the faith. The apostle Peter noted that such a one “is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins” (2 Peter 1:9). Israel had to be reminded that they were once slaves in Egypt, and therefore they had some commands about how they were to interact positively with foreigners in their land. In the same way, followers of Christ under the new covenant encounter scriptural reminders of what their former lives were like, in order that they may show “every consideration for all men” (Titus 3:2). Every saint started in the same place as every other human being on the planet: lost, without God and without real hope in this world. No reason for the brethren to be supercilious.

- **Foolish** – “For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived . . .” the apostle tells Titus to remind the Cretan brethren (Titus 3:3). One of the things that proceeds out of the corrupted heart of man, pointed out Jesus, is “foolishness” (Mark 7:22). Such foolishness arises from having the wrong basis for making decisions; when selfish or emotional interests run ahead of scriptural directives, disastrous decisions are going to be made. Jesus had said, “He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters” (Matthew 12:30). A person who is “disobedient” is on the wrong side of the battle, pulled into opposing Christ by being “deceived” by the Deceiver.
- **Enslaved** – In a hostile exchange, Jesus told the ranking Jews, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin” (John 8:34). Everyone — that means “no exceptions.” In these comments by Paul to Titus, the apostle thus says “we also.” “We also once were . . . enslaved to various lusts and pleasures” (Titus 3:3). And from that enslavement, in the words of Jesus, only the Son can make people “free indeed” (John 8:36). “Lusts and pleasures” do have an immediate appeal, but just around the corner this “sowing to the flesh” reaps a fearful harvest. Saints need to be reminded that is what their condition once was, and that Christ delivered them. Compassion for the enslaved is now needed, and a corresponding desire to make certain that the saint himself is not pulled back into the painful enslavement.
- **Malice and envy** – Out of the corrupted heart flow all kinds of perverse and twisted behaviors. *Malice* — setting destruction in motion out of an evil intent and a desire to hurt — is certainly one of the most perverse activities of a twisted mind. Disciples of Christ are always exhorted to “put aside” malice and its evil sisters—“guile and hypocrisy and envy and all slander” (1 Peter 2:1). The apostle Paul notes that “we” were “spending our life in malice and envy.” *Envy* is a powerful force driving people to put others down and be hostile to what is right and good. It is instructive that the Jewish hierarchy, spiritual sons of Satan, delivered Jesus to Pilate “because of envy” (Matthew 27:18). If the saint fills his life with thankfulness, malice and envy will vanish away.
- **Hateful** – It is pretty clear that the outcast angels, beginning with the devil himself, are filled with hate for God and hate for the human race as a whole. The utterly senseless war of destruction waged by those evil forces pulls people away from God and His redemption and into the permanent pits of darkness and pain. It is the supreme example of Satan’s perversity that preaching against sin and calling lost men into the blessed light of Christ would be called “hate speech.” “We were foolish ourselves,” is the divine reminder, “hateful, hating one another.” The solution is to replace that hate with scripturally defined love for the souls of men.

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The “backward look” being used by the apostle Paul helps brethren to process properly the great redemption which Jesus accomplished for them. It also helps them to engage in a bit of self-reflection to ensure that they are not falling back into the same destructive habits that once plagued their lifestyle. Finally, it helps them to continue to show “consideration for all men.” Prayers for the lost and repeated attempts to reach them with the gospel are always activities desired by the Father!

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