

“SO WHATEVER THE LORD OUR GOD HAS DRIVEN OUT BEFORE US, WE WILL POSSESS IT.”
-- JEPHTHAH IN JUDGES 11:24



Karen and Kaylyn Sowder, and Taylor Nguyen
enjoying some time after dinner and Q&A in Roanoke, VA
at the Sowder residence and meeting place of congregation

**“For whoever does the will of My Father
who is in heaven, he is My brother and
sister and mother.”**

Matthew 12:50

“Victory in 2023!!”

June 4, 2023

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Nathanael Dschaak

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer Med - Kaden Reijgers

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***ANDREW WALLACE SERIES**

L.S. - Corban Icenogle

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

S’tdship - Jon Reijgers

L.S. - Cody Kruck

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Video - “God, Darwin, Dinosaurs”

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

June 24,25 - Prayer/fasting. Lord’s Day potluck; theme: Mediterranean

Butte

June 18 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



BOZEMAN -

***Wed. night*, 7:00 pm:**

Book of Hebrews

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

***Wed. night*, 7:00 pm:**

Video: Patterns of Evi-

dence: “Era of the Exodus”

Great Falls

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

VBS - June 26-29; ages 3-12

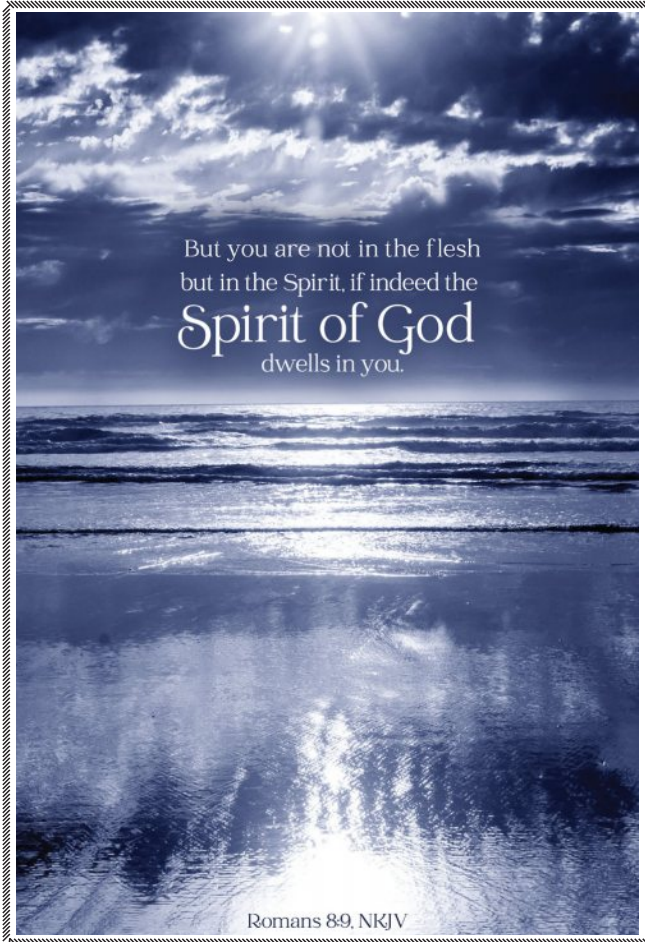
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



Question of the week:

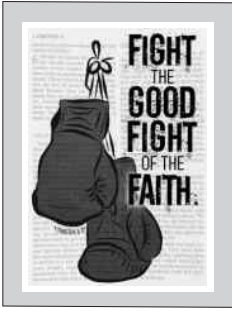
In 1 Samuel 22, David's song of the Lord when he was delivered from the hand of Saul and his enemies recorded. It is also essentially the same as which Psalm?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: They came to engage in a weeklong purification ritual before Passover (John 11:55).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (BADLANDS FAMILY CAMP)

Bible School – 45
Morning Assembly – 68
Evening Assembly – 46

Wednesday Night (5/31) – 83
Butte Lord's Day – 14
GF Lord's Day – 42,58 Wed. - 48



The Epistles to the Evangelists

God's Kindness and Love

If God were to execute only His justice, all of accountable age would be lost forever. The late Don DeWalt said with great insight that “the love of God searched the wisdom of God to find a means of satisfying the justice of God” in regard to the problem of what to do to salvage lost men. “The result,” said DeWalt, “was the cross of Calvary.” The thrust of his insight was correct; but it took not only the shed blood at Calvary to deliver mankind, but also the sprinkled blood by the action of the great High Priest of the order of Melchizedek to make the redemption operative. Hence there was a loving and kind plan in motion for Christ’s sacrificial offering to satisfy the justice of God and thus provide

a mechanism for the release of captive souls. “He made Him who knew no sin,” asseverated the apostle Paul, “to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

- **God’s kindness** – God’s kindness is a topic not often considered; while God’s love is generally bandied about, the kindness of God takes a distant second seat. “Do you think lightly,” queried the apostle Paul in another place, “of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?” (Romans 2:4). If it is the *kindness* of God which leads us to repentance, that is clearly worth some careful consideration. “Friendly, generous, considerate,” says the dictionary of *kindness*. It was very *kind* of the Most High to *consider* the lost and helpless condition of mankind without His intercession. He has been very *generous* in providing “out of His riches” the mercy which was undeserved. “But when the kindness of God our Savior...appeared,” in the form of the coming of Christ into the world, then the somewhat vague “lovingkindness” of old covenant expression now began to be much more clearly defined (Titus 3:4). Though He came into the world and the world did not know Him, and though He came to His own (the children of Israel) and His own did not receive Him, it was still a significant effort on Jesus’ part to be *friendly* and open the door of reconciliation.
- **God’s love** – “But God demonstrates His love toward us,” emphasized the apostle Paul, “in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Anyone who would honestly consider and contemplate the suffering of Christ and His separation from the Father during the crucifixion would realize that this was a tremendous exhibition of God’s love for each individual. As Paul again phrases it, “His love for mankind appeared” (Titus 3:4). So many scriptures paint this picture; God gave His only begotten Son, for example. “We know love by this,” was another of John’s contributions, “that He laid down His life for us” (1 John 3:16).

The kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared

“The Word became flesh,” the apostle John pointed out, “and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). This “Word,” cloaked in human flesh, was a step by which the glory of God was eventually beheld by the apostles by revelation, and the fulness of His character exhibited through the new covenant writings. This Word was “full of grace and truth.” Having laid down this point, the apostle John goes on to note that while “the Law was given through Moses,” this same “grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). The clarification of these big concepts such as grace, truth, kindness, and love is pin-pointed through the revelation of who Jesus is and what He has done for the lost race of man. “No man has seen God at any time,” was John’s definitive remark, “the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him” (John 1:18). Without the coming of Christ into the world and the attendant gospel revelation, man would still be in the dark. As Paul had stated, “the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared.” What an appearance!!

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