

“...and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up along with Korah, when that company died, when the fire devoured 250 men, so that they became a warning.”

-- Numbers 26:10



Camels behind the fence
near the meeting place of the Greenford Church of Christ
Greenford, OH

And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.”

Luke 22:8

“Victory in 2023!!”

July 16, 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 series

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Josiah Sutton

L.S. - Kaden Reijgers

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***VIDEO: EARTH: FLAT OR ROUND#2**

L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Brad Smith

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Fasting for evangelism - July 29,30

Girls’ 12-17 study - July 28,29. Over-
nigher Wallace res, hike Sat morn-
ing. Finish Wallace’s. Call Talitha

Special Lord’s Day evening - Aug. 13

Evening assembly at a park. Details
forthcoming.

Butte

July 16 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm

BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Book of Hebrews

Luke Wilson

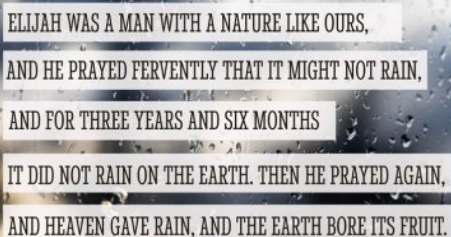
GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Video: Patterns of Evidence

- Time of the Exodus

Jay Wilson



ELIJAH WAS A MAN WITH A NATURE LIKE OURS,
AND HE PRAYED FERVENTLY THAT IT MIGHT NOT RAIN,
AND FOR THREE YEARS AND SIX MONTHS
IT DID NOT RAIN ON THE EARTH. THEN HE PRAYED AGAIN,
AND HEAVEN GAVE RAIN, AND THE EARTH BORE ITS FRUIT.

JAMES 5: 17-18, ESV

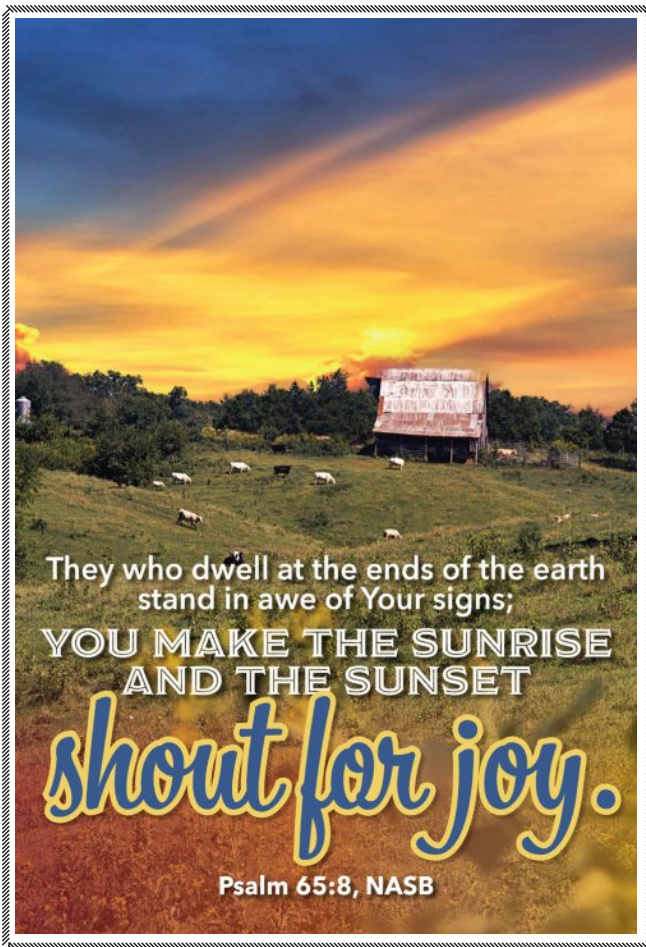
Great Falls

July 16 - Prayer and fasting for
evangelism

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men’s Peaks - July 20-22, 2023 Theme: “The Enemy,
the Battle, the Victory” -- 2 Thessalonians
chapters 2&3

Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023



Question of the week:

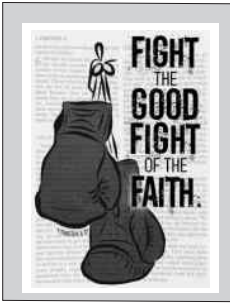
After David brought the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem and pitched a special tabernacle for it, he left Zadok the high priest to minister before the altar of the Lord at the tabernacle Moses constructed. Where was that tabernacle located?

Last week's question: When the apostle Paul appeared before Portius Festus, what was King Agrippa's response when Paul appealed to his knowledge of events surrounding the death of Christ? *Answer: "In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian" (Acts 26:28).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 91
Morning Assembly – 119
Evening Assembly – 83

Wednesday Night (7/12) – 74
Butte Lord's Day – 11
GF Lord's Day – 69,84 Wed. - 42



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Closing out Titus

The openings, and especially the closings, of epistles such as this one to Titus, are valuable for special information. They give the modern reader the assurance that these are real letters, written to real brethren, often at a time which can be tied to the record of the book of Acts. Personal details about Paul come to the surface, as well as information about the people in the congregations to which he is writing. By God's design, they give the letters the ring of authenticity necessary to shut the mouths of the scoffers and doubters of the present age. There are too many threads in too many directions and too many interconnections for these names, places, and events to be anything but real history.

- **Artemas and Tychicus** – Here the apostle makes mention of two men, saying, “When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you...” (Titus 3:12). This is the only mention of Artemas in the scripture, but he must have been very trusted. Tychicus was one of the men guarding the offering from the Gentile churches to the poor saints in Jerusalem (Acts 20:4). He was a hard-working saint, apparently from Ephesus, and entrusted by Paul with some important missions and ministries.
- **Wintering in Nicopolis** – After mentioning Artemas and Tychicus, the apostle goes on to say, “make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there” (Titus 3:12). Nicopolis (getting its name for the Greek word for victory *nike*) was established by Octavian (soon to be Emperor Augustus) in 29 BC to celebrate his defeat of the combined naval and land forces of Mark Antony and Cleopatra in his battle to be Emperor. It is on the west side of the Grecian main peninsula, and opposite the “boot heel” of Italy across the Ionian Sea. So after Paul was under house arrest during which time he wrote the letter 1 Timothy, he was released and eventually made his way to Nicopolis. Nicopolis is not far from Illyricum, where Paul indicated in his letter to the Romans that he had preached the gospel there. This is possibly Paul's last winter as a free man rather than being imprisoned.
- **Two more men** – The apostle gave Titus further direction. “Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way,” he advised, “so that nothing is lacking for them” (Titus 3:13). This is the only mention of “Zenas the lawyer,” but the Apollos is probably the same “mighty in the scriptures” preacher who followed Paul into Corinth. The teamwork here is instructive, showing the positive interactions with men like Titus, who was “diligently” to work to get what provisions and finances those two laborers needed.
- **Pressing needs** – Titus personally would not have the resources necessary for Zenas and Apollos. “And let our people also learn to engage in good deeds,” further noted Paul, “to meet pressing needs, that they may not be unfruitful” (Titus 3:14). Brethren need to be taught to be generous, and to realize that supplying the wherewithal for the gospel to go forward must be a priority. God can and will supply, but it is clear that He wants to use willing people in that process.

“Let our people also learn to engage in good deeds, to meet pressing needs.”

The apostle closes: “All those who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all” (Titus 3:15). It is an interesting variation in his close that he uses the expression “love us in the faith.” The fellowship of *the faith* and participation by faithful brethren is a key part of God's plan.

The letter to Titus is a rapid-fire set of instructions, covering everything from instructions on the eldership to warnings about encroaching Judaizers. Saints—male and female, young and old—are to exhibit in their lives the doctrines of God. They are to turn away from the deeds of darkness and recognize that they have been saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit. And there is a major emphasis on the brethren's need to be zealously “engaged in good deeds.”

This instruction and encouragement to Titus stands out, and is a signal for all other evangelists: “These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you” (Titus 2:15).