

**ABRAHAM CAME NEAR AND SAID, “WILL YOU
INDEED SWEEP AWAY THE RIGHTEOUS WITH THE
WICKED? SUPPOSE THERE ARE FIFTY RIGHTEOUS
WITHIN THE CITY?”
-- GENESIS 18:23,24A**



Older brother encouraging younger brother
lads from Williston, ND
53rd annual men's Peaks
Delmoe Reservoir

**“For Moses from ancient generations
has in every city those who preach him,
since he is read in the synagogues ev-
ery Sabbath.”**

Acts 15:21

“Victory in 2023!!”

August 6, 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. - Tyson Jacobs

Preaching - Jay Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***JOE SHANAHAH**

L.S. - Charlie Brown

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Rick Vaught

L.S. - Brent Borelli

Preaching - Nathan Zech

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Bob Edgar

Bozeman

Special Lord’s Day evening - Aug. 13

Evening assembly at a park. Details forthcoming.

Butte

Aug. 20- Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm



BOZEMAN -

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

Jerry Hoffman

Congratulations to **Jon**

Odell and Glenna Jacobs,

who were united in marriage on Sat. July 29!

GREAT FALLS -

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

Caleb Wilson

Great Falls

Aug. 6 - Fellowship dinner after assembly. “Picnic in the park”

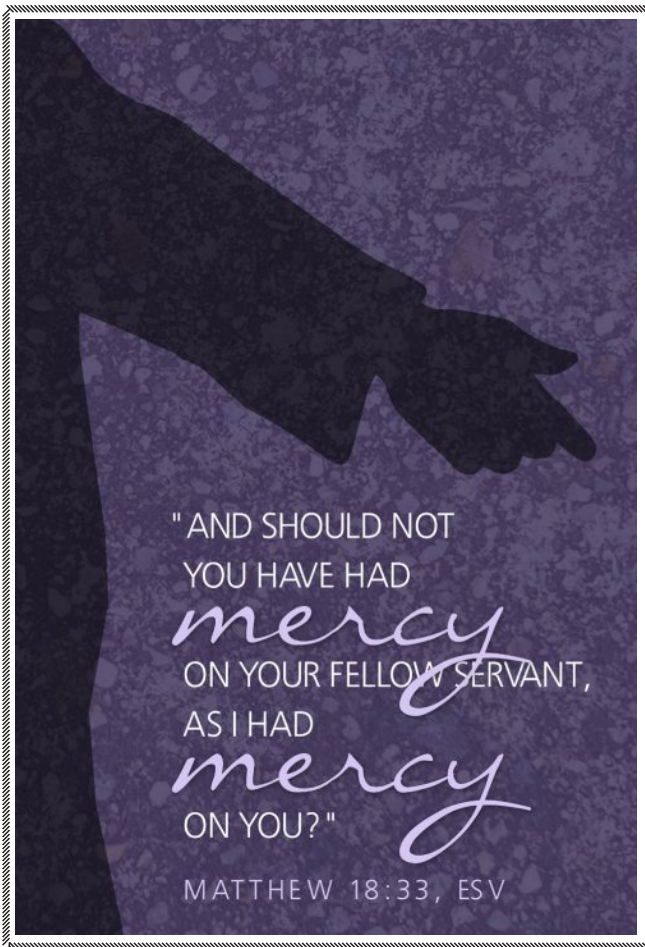
Sat. Aug. 26 - backyard movie at Macklin residence

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023 - Theme:

“The O.T. is the N.T. _____; ”

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Question of the week:

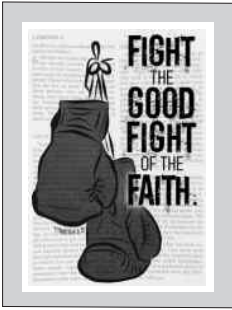
The world through its wisdom, the apostle Paul noted in his 1st epistle to the Corinthians, can not come to know God. So how was God pleased to make the knowledge of Himself known?

Last week's question: In the days of Asa king of Judah, a prophet spoke something of seeking the Lord. What did he say? *Answer: "If you seek Him, He will let you find Him" (2 Chronicles 15:2).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 90
Morning Assembly – 112
Evening Assembly – 68

Wednesday Night (8/2) – 74
Butte Lord's Day – 14
GF Lord's Day – 63,85 Wed. - 62



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Timothy's "Spiritual Gift"

There is much devilishly-driven confusion about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as "speaking in tongues" and prophesying. The purveyors of false doctrine find room to press their agenda because the scriptures on the topic of the Holy Spirit are scattered, and they have to be connected properly in order to process correctly the scriptural teaching on the "immersion in the Holy Spirit," the "indwelling Spirit," and the "gifts" or "manifestations of the Spirit." For example, in the apostle Paul's instruction to the church at Corinth about the proper use of the gifts such as prophesying, miracles, and speaking in tongues, he commented, "But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing

to each one individually just as He wills" (1 Corinthians 12:11). A surface reading of that verse opens the idea that each Christian is to receive one of these miraculous capabilities, and the false teachers drive through that apparent crack in the wall to get their hearers to think that they will be able to possess one of these gifts if they pray enough, believe enough, or have a multitude of people "lay their hands" on them. The key phrase in 1 Corinthians 12:11 is "just as He wills." An examination of the rest of the scriptures shows that the Holy Spirit willed to give these gifts or manifestations of the Spirit through the laying on of the apostles' hands!

- **Control of the gift** – One of the key points in understanding gifts of the Spirit is found in Paul's exhortation to Timothy. Paul had commented about the sincere faith that was in his mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois, and added that he was sure it was in Timothy as well. "And for this reason," he continues, "I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands" (2 Timothy 1:6). Timothy is to exercise his sincere faith to "stir up" the spiritual gift within him. The picture is a residual set of coals for a fire, still warm, but which need to be stirred with a stick so that the flames rise and more fuel can be added to get the fire going. Since Timothy had not been using his gift and Paul was reminding him to kindle it afresh, it is clear that this gift is one Timothy controls. This is an important piece in "connecting the dots" in understanding how gifts or manifestations of the Spirit were given in the first century; Timothy had control of his gift just as those in Corinth (such as those who prophesied and those who spoke in tongues) controlled their gifts and thus were instructed how to use the gifts.
- **Laying on of Paul's hands** – The apostle says that this gift of God was in Timothy "through the laying on of my hands." This also is an important bridge between the epistles and the book of Acts; this clue points to the "*laying on of the apostles' hands*" in Acts concerning receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 6:5,6, the apostles laid hands on Stephen and Philip; in Acts 6:8 Stephen is exercising gifts of the Spirit in "performing great wonders and signs among the people," and in Acts 8:5-8 Philip is also exhibiting gifts of the Spirit in casting out demons and healing many who had been paralyzed. But only *after* the apostles laid hands on them. In Acts 19, the apostle Paul, after immersing twelve men in the name of Jesus, *laid his hands* on them and they were speaking in tongues and prophesying.

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Without exception, anyone who has these gifts of God as recorded in the pages of the New Testament has them because one of the apostles of Jesus laid hands on him. (Even those who possess the gifts but who are not apostles, such as Philip in Acts chapter 8, do not have the ability to pass on the gifts; only the apostles.) Timothy is to "kindle afresh" his gift which was in him through the laying on of Paul's hands, get out there, get to preaching, and have his word confirmed by the signs that would be performed through his use of the gift!

JAY WILSON