

“AND IT CAME ABOUT WHEN THE LORD WAS ABOUT TO TAKE UP ELIJAH BY A WHIRLWIND TO HEAVEN, THAT ELIJAH WENT WITH ELISHA FROM GILGAL.”
-- 2 KINGS 2:1



The famed “Horseshoe Bend” in the Colorado River downstream from the Glen Canyon dam and upstream from Lee’s Ferry near Grand Canyon, Colorado River, Arizona

“He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit”

Titus 3:5

“Victory in 2023!!”

September 3, 2023

Christ's Church

Special Family Camp Edition

MORNING SCHEDULE:

7:00 am — Devotion, *Caleb Wilson*, Great Falls, MT

9:00 am — Bible classes (*Mike Martin*, Missoula, MT- Adult Class)

10:15 am — Assembly

Stewardship exhortation — *David Renner*, Williston, ND

Communion meditation — *Mondie Villalobos*, CO Springs, CO

Preaching — *Jay Wilson*, Bozeman, MT

FAMILY CAMP OLYMPICS -3:00 pm

EVENING SCHEDULE:

7:00 pm

Communion meditation — *Corban Icenogle*, Bozeman, MT

Preaching — *Marshall Harbour*, Wauseon, OH

Preaching — *Steve Doty*, Bellevue, MI



GREAT FALLS (TODAY) -
3:00 PM -

Preaching - *Caleb Wilson*

BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Book of Hebrews

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson – Grand Canyon trip

Great Falls

School begins - Wed. Sept. 6

Bozeman

School begins - Mon. Sept. 11

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

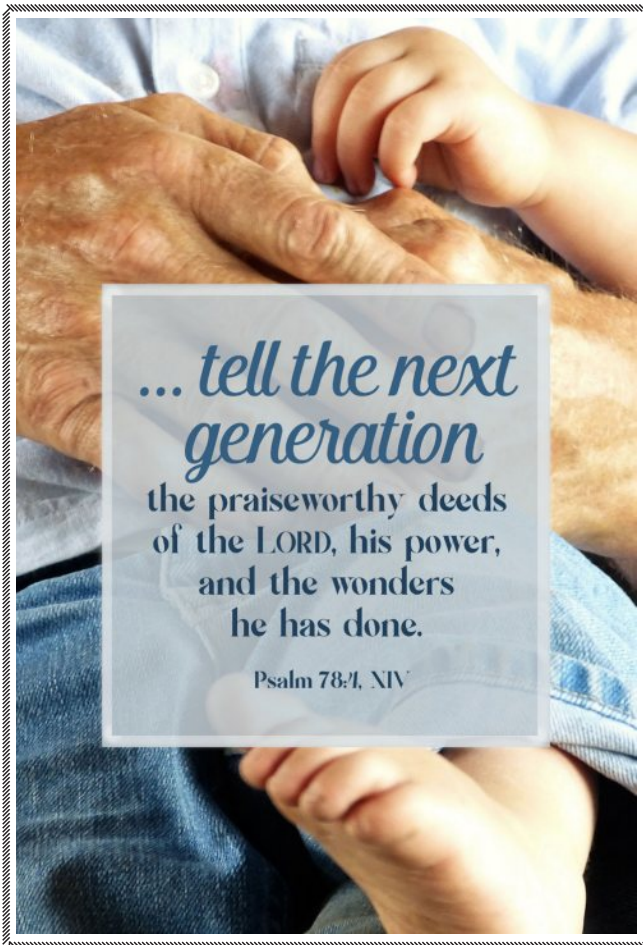
Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 27,28

Bible Bowl - Mar. 16, 2024

Ladies' Advance - Bozeman ladies in charge

Men's Peaks - July 25-27, 2024

Family Camp - Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2024



Question of the week:

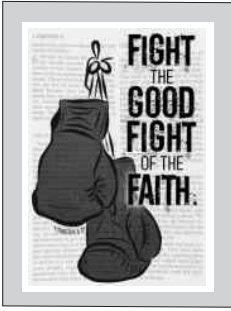
When the apostle Paul was pointing out that the temple of God has no "agreement" with idols, he gave a major condition under which the individual might be called a child of God. What was that condition?

Last week's question: Who was it who spoke through David in Psalm 40, saying, "In the scroll of the book it is written of me, 'I delight to do Your will, O my God.' " ? *Answer: Jesus (Hebrews 10:10).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 68
Morning Assembly – 95
Evening Assembly – 68

Wednesday Night (8/30) – 111
Butte Lord's Day – 14
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The Epistles to the Evangelists

The Revelation of the Gospel

The seeds of the gospel are there in the Old Testament writings, but they were hidden from the view of man. The apostle Paul, in writing to the Corinthians about “hidden wisdom” connected with the gospel, quoted from the prophet Isaiah: “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Corinthians 2:9). These things which were hidden were given to the apostles, as Paul also noted, “For to us God revealed them through the Spirit” (1 Corinthians 2:10). What awesome “things” God has prepared through Jesus Christ for those who truly love Him! God “saved us,” Paul has reminded Timothy, and “called us with a heavenly calling,” in conjunction with His purpose and grace “from all eternity.” But it

was not made known to the sons of men until the coming of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- **Now revealed** – One expression which occasionally shows up in Paul’s epistles to the evangelists is connected with Christ’s “appearing.” God’s grace “appeared,” the apostle had noted (Titus 2:11); and His kindness and love for mankind “appeared” (Titus 3:4). Thus in his second epistle to Timothy, in speaking of God’s overall plan to reach mankind, he writes, that it “has now been revealed by the *appearing* of our Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Timothy 1:10). God’s envisioning for the redemption of the lost and His granting the indwelling Spirit could not have been accomplished without Christ’s coming in the flesh, without His crucifixion and burial, without His resurrection, and without His appearances to qualified witnesses following that resurrection. Through the preaching and teaching of the apostles and new testament prophets from the Day of Pentecost onward, this complete plan of God is now said to be “revealed.”
- **Death abolished** – “Our Savior Jesus Christ,” averred the apostle Paul, “abolished death” (2 Timothy 1:10). Two simple, but powerful words: “abolished death”! “Fear of death” is one of the strongest forces affecting the minds of men. The writer of the letter of Hebrews, for example, pointed out that “through fear of death” men “were subject to slavery all their lives” (Hebrews 2:15). “Christ,” Hebrews’ author emphasized, partook of flesh and blood that “He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil” (Hebrews 2:14). Christ indeed “abolished death” and His adherents are freed from “fear of death” to carry out their missions for the Savior and King.
- **Life to light** – This coming of Jesus into the world, culminating in His ascension, “brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:10). “Life and immortality” were there “from all eternity,” but their substance was not able to be processed by man until the disciplined spiritual educational process was put into effect through the gospel. Jesus, during the years of His earthly sojourn, brought saliency to this concept, stating, “he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, *has eternal life*, and does not come into judgment, but *has passed out of death into life*” (John 5:24). Or, as the Lord had pointed out to Martha as He approached the village wherein lay the body of Lazarus, “everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die” (John 11:26). The Christian, if he remains faithful, is in fact *alive forevermore!* Life and immortality have been brought to light through the gospel.

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The apostle Paul counted it a tremendous privilege to be a purveyor of the message of eternal life. “I thank Jesus Christ,” he had stated in his first epistle to Timothy, that He “considered me faithful, putting me into service” (1 Timothy 1:12). But he not only was grateful to be a part of God’s reconciliation of the world to himself, he also had tremendous confidence in its truthfulness and in his proclamation, as he had reminded the Thessalonians, “our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction” (1 Thessalonians 1:5). For this gospel Paul was “appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher” (2 Timothy 1:11). What a legacy!

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