

“I [NEHEMIAH] TOLD THEM HOW THE HAND OF MY GOD HAD BEEN FAVORABLE TO ME AND ALSO ABOUT THE KING’S WORDS WHICH HE HAD SPOKEN TO ME. THEN THEY SAID, ‘LET US ARISE AND BUILD.’ SO THEY PUT THEIR HANDS TO THE GOOD WORK.”

-- NEHEMIAH 2:18



Kelsie McDunn and Jared DuPaul
being united in marriage
Nathan Zech officiating
near Monarch, MT

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

2 Corinthians 7:1

“Victory in 2023!!”

September 10, 2023

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Brayden Miller
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
Prayer med - Josh Wallace
L.S. - Steven Doty
Preaching - Luke Wilson
L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -
*** JERRY HOFFMAN**
L.S. - Justin Shanahan

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
S'dship - Jon Reijgers
L.S. - Cody Kruck
Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes
8:15 pm - Assembly
L.S. - Jay Wilson
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman
Prayer and fasting weekend Sept.
23,24. Potluck following assembly
Sept. 24. Theme: Southern food

Butte
Fellowship dinner - Sept. 17, 6:30
pm



BOZEMAN -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Book of Hebrews
Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jay Wilson

Great Falls

Prayer and fasting - Sept. 17

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

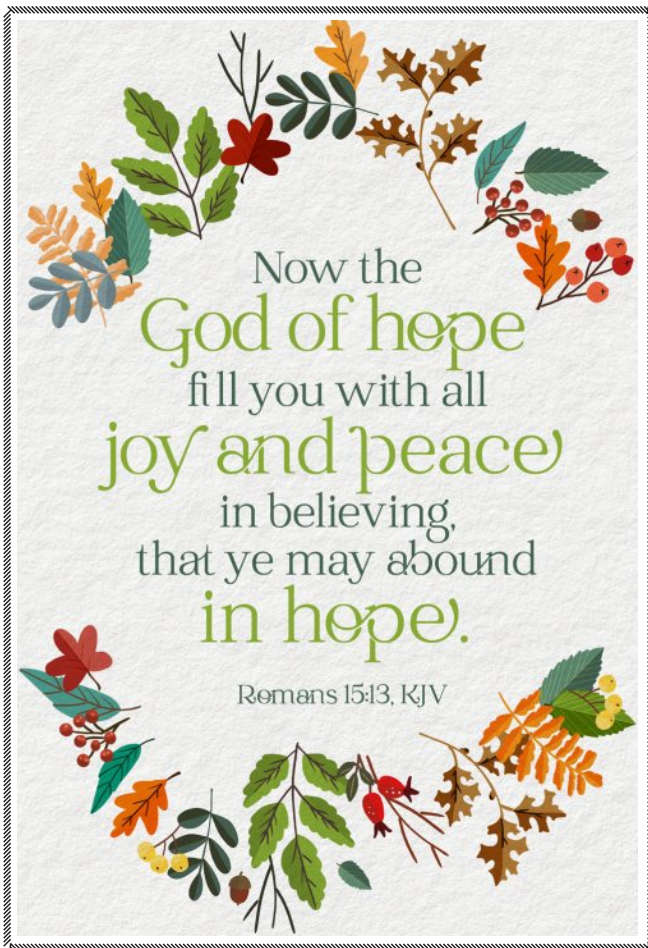
Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 27,28

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:

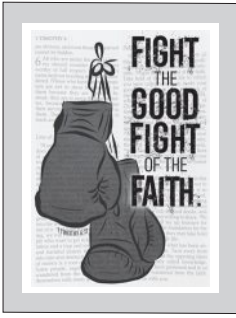
What does it say in Proverbs chapter 21 about a man who wanders from the way of understanding?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: "Come out from their midst and be separate, and do not touch what is unclean" (2 Corinthians 6:17).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: MORE THAN 560 AT FAMILY CAMP!

Bible School –
Morning Assembly – 139
Evening Assembly –

Wednesday Night (9/6) – 80
Butte Lord's Day – 12
GF Lord's Day – 84 camp, 18 GF Wed. - 70



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Strength for Suffering

Paul had just told Timothy that he was not to be ashamed of the apostles' testimony about Christ. In fact, he added that Timothy was to "join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God" (2 Timothy 1:8). Suffering and proclamation of the gospel (and its concomitant "sound doctrine") go together. Jesus had warned the apostles, while He was making the trek from the upper room (where He had instituted the Lord's Supper) to the Garden of Gethsemane, about the hostility of what He called "the world" to God's truth and God's ways. "If the world hates you," He explained, "you know that it has hated Me before it hated you" (John 15:18). Satan and his angels rebelled in heaven, and have done their part to extend that rebellion to earth by working in the minds of the sons of men. "Therefore," noted the Lord, "the world hates you" (John 15:19). That enmity can even carry over into the heart of the Christian if he does not maintain his proper focus; "the mind set on the flesh," said Paul to the saints in Rome, "is hostile toward God" (Romans 8:7). "Have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?" the apostle queried the Galatian brethren, who were in danger of drifting into the mind set on the flesh. Suffering, then, is going to be a part of the experience of the dedicated saint during his years on earth.

- **Not ashamed** – Paul *was appointed*, as he put it, "a preacher and an apostle and a teacher." Certain of the validity of his immersion, confident in his ability as a teacher, having been set aside by the laying on of hands of the leadership at Antioch to do the work of an evangelist and missionary, and having specifically been marked out as an apostle of Jesus Christ, he was not deterred by sufferings and persecutions. "For this reason," he says, referring to his appointment, "I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed" (2 Timothy 1:12). These words are here to encourage Timothy likewise not to be ashamed.
- **I know** – There are a couple of important pieces in the foundation for Paul's confidence. One of those he expresses in these terms: "I know," he states, "whom I have believed." Paul, by revelation, experienced the same things as the other apostles; hence much of the work going into Luke's gospel came from Paul, and it parallels the other eyewitness accounts concerning Christ during His time on earth. He also had by revelation seen the events connected with Christ in His ascension to glory, and describes himself as a witness of these things. "I K-N-O-W." He not only knew Christ in the flesh, but he *knew* Him as the revelation of the great God of glory.
- **I am convinced** – The second point in his foundation for confidence is this: "I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day" (2 Timothy 1:12). What a blessing to have these words of assurance, "He is able." Paul is not dependent on his strength alone. He rightly is convinced that he can entrust to the Almighty all that is necessary for him to attain to the resurrection of the dead. The apostle was trusting the Lord to keep His promise of granting remission of sins through the gospel; the apostle also was counting on the indwelling Spirit given him at his immersion as the guarantee of his positive resurrection.

The apostle could use the terminology "I know," and "I am convinced," with power and conviction. The modern saint, if his faith and appropriate obedience are based correctly on what the Bible says, can use that same terminology. "By this we know," also affirmed the apostle John, "that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given of us His Spirit" (1 John 4:13). With the same full assurance of faith, the Christian of today can go through the upcoming suffering without being ashamed, and confident also of his positive resurrection from the dead!

*The saint today
can "know" and
be "convinced."*