

**“I, WISDOM, DWELL WITH PRUDENCE,
AND I FIND KNOWLEDGE AND DISCRETION.”**

-- PROVERBS 8:12



Taryn O'Connell, Lydia Sutton, Clair Ashley, and Lance Ashley
all of Bozeman
mostly under the umbrella during the rain
Family Camp '23
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“Pray on my behalf, that utterance may be
given to me in the opening of my mouth, to
make known with boldness the mystery of
the gospel.”**

Ephesians 6:19

“Victory in 2023!!”

October 8, 2023

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls
Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Joe Shanahan

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Charlie Brown

L.S. - Tommy Widner

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** BOB EDGAR**

L.S. - Dan Tuck

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Connor Maphies

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Brad Smith

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Congratulations to **Preston Fisher**, who was immersed into Christ on Lord's Day Oct. 1 by Jason Shanahan!

Butte

Fellowship dinner - Oct. 15, 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 - Oct. 15

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

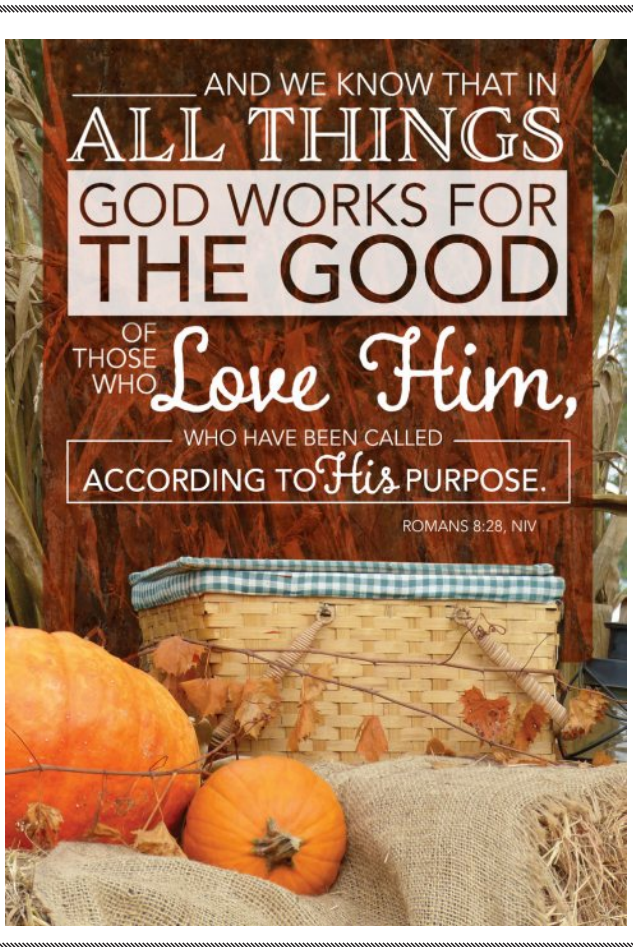
Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 27,28

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:

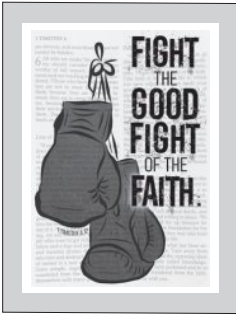
In Jeremiah 2, the Lord is mocking the people who say to a tree, "You are my father," or to a stone, "You gave me birth." How many gods did He say Israel had?

Last week's question: At the end of Paul's instructions for husbands and wives in Ephesians 5, what does he say husbands are to do for their wives, and what are the wives to do for their husbands? *Answer: "The husband is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband (Ephesians 5:33).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 81
Morning Assembly – 113
Evening Assembly – 58

Wednesday Night (10/4) – 60
Butte Lord's Day – 12
GF Lord's Day – 67,99 Wed. - 58



Be Strong in Grace

The apostle Paul, possibly more than any other of his contemporaries, knew first-hand of the tremendous pressure placed on promulgators of the true gospel of God. Early in his teaching career in Christ, his enemies tried to put him to death in Damascus. When he made his way to Jerusalem, before long the Hellenistic Jews there were attempting to execute him. That pressure never let up until he was released from his body shortly after the completion of this epistle. If he would have compromised his message a bit, much of that pressure would have gone away, the concessions satisfying his opposition.

In writing to the congregations in Galatia, the apostle detailed the intensity of these forces placed upon those who preached the true and unadulterated gospel of Christ. The apostle Peter, for example, caved in to the Judaizers working in Antioch of Syria, refusing to eat with Gentile Christians. "He began to withdraw and hold himself aloof," Paul recounted, "fearing the party of the circumcision" (Galatians 2:12). The fact that even the apostle Peter was driven into hypocrisy by these forces shows how intense these coercive elements were. But Paul is very straight forward about how important it is to stand firm in the face of such opposition. "If I were still trying to please men," he noted, "I would not be a bond-servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10). He was able to withstand such pressures because, as he put it in his first epistle to Timothy, "Christ Jesus our Lord ... who has strengthened me" (1 Timothy 1:12). Such strength is available to all Christians, as Peter encouraged the brethren who speak forth the word of God to do so "by the strength which God supplies" (1 Peter 4:11). It takes extra strength, but it is exciting that God will assist the faithful saint, offering for each "to be strengthened with power in the inner man" (Ephesians 3:16).

- **Be strong** – To Timothy, then, the apostle exhorts, "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:1). Paul knows that he is about to make his departure from planet earth, and it is his earnest desire that Timothy continue the legacy of unbending preaching of the whole gospel of God. With Paul's passing, the forces of darkness would leap at the opportunity to make further inroads into the church and in public defamation of the church and the name of Jesus Christ. Having seen his fellow apostle Peter crumple under pressure, and having witnessed the hypocrisy of his fellow preacher Barnabas, the apostle Paul is appealing to Timothy to be strong enough to withstand those coming storm winds of persecution and false doctrine. In fact, shortly after Paul's death, the writer of Hebrews commented that Timothy himself had been in prison, and that he had just been released (Hebrews 13:23). Timothy clearly needed that strength!
- **Grace in Christ Jesus** – "Grace," as mentioned, not only refers to God's providing a mechanism for forgiveness of sins, but it is more than that. The previously detailed "strength" is part of what is supplied through God's grace. But even things like circumstances, or special people at the right time, or food and clothing for the soldier of Christ come under the heading of "grace." An example of God's grace in Paul's case, or His Providence, occurred when more than forty Jews took an oath to neither eat nor drink until "they had killed Paul." The plan was to overpower Paul's Roman guards while he was being escorted from the jailhouse to the courthouse and "slay him." Here the grace of God came in: "But the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, and he came and entered the barracks and told Paul" (Acts 23:12-16). The plot was thus foiled, and Paul was able to begin his journey to Rome.

Timothy was very familiar with the details of Paul's life, and knew that Paul's end would not come until the Lord Himself decided that his work on earth was done. He therefore could take good courage from the words, "my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

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We can take courage from the words of "strength through God's grace."