

“Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me. ”

-- Ezekiel 3:17



Young people playing a game of their invention
inside the church building during the rain
Family Camp'23
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

“And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:7

“Victory in 2023!!”

October 22, 2023

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

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

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Andrew Wallace
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
Prayer med - Tyson Jacobs
L.S. - Andrew Wallace
Preaching - Luke Wilson
L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -
*** KADEN REIJGERS**
L.S. - Daniel Arriaga

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
St’dship - Jared DuPaul
L.S. - Zac Zech
Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes
8:15 pm - Assembly
L.S. - Jason Shanahan
Preaching - Bob Edgar

Bozeman
Prayer/Fasting for evangelism - Oct. 21,22
Fellowship dinner following assembly Oct. 22; Theme: football tailgate

Butte
Fellowship dinner - Nov. 19, 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

Harvest Party - Oct. 31st at church building

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

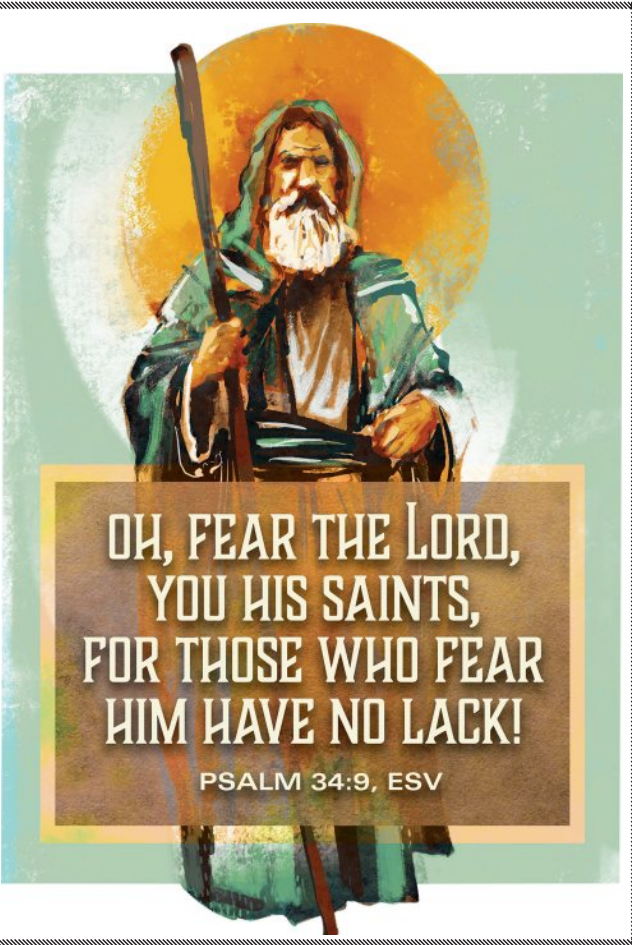
Spiritual Warriors’ Weekend - Oct. 27,28

Bible Bowl - Mar. 16, 2024

Ladies’ Advance - April 18-20,2024, Beartooth Christian Camp, Fishtail, MT

Men’s Peaks - July 25-27, 2024

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



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PSALM 34:9, ESV

Question of the week:

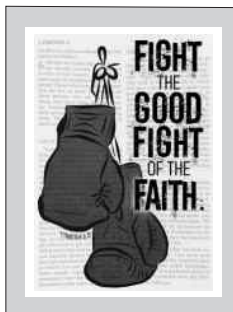
In Jeremiah 32, God answers Jeremiah's prayer, and in the process speaks of the high places of Baal and where the people of Judah caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire to Molech. Where was this done?

Last week's question: In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he mentioned something Timothy had done in the presence of many witnesses. What was it? *Answer: Timothy made "the good confession" (1 Timothy 6:12).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 72
Morning Assembly – 101
Evening Assembly – 61

Wednesday Night (10/18) – 61
Butte Lord's Day – 17
GF Lord's Day – 72,88 Wed. - 64



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Soldiers, Athletes, and Farmers

An effective evangelist is going to face many challenges along his journey as a faithful proclaimer of God's living word. In the physical realm, there will be many travel obstacles such as bad roads, long hours, mechanical breakdowns, and other unforeseen (at a human level) hazards (no different from anyone else out there working in earth's physical environment). There will be "strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances" (2 Corinthians 12:20). There will be "dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from countrymen, dangers from Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers from false brethren" (2 Corinthians 11:26). There will be pressures to compromise the word of God "just a little bit," to make it more "palatable," and to be "less offensive and more loving" in its presentation. The apostle Paul set the example, as he emphasized to those Corinthian brethren, "For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God" (2 Corinthians 2:17). Hence the apostle has some advice with which to challenge and encourage the young preacher.

- **Soldier** – The spiritual warfare in which the evangelist is engaged is aptly compared to a soldier in battle. "Suffer hardship with me," Paul encourages Timothy (and all other evangelists in the future), "as a good soldier of Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:3). There will be a lot of slogging through the mud, and bearing up under enemy fire. "No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier" (2 Timothy 2:4). A true evangelist knows that his work is primarily seeking and saving the lost, coupled with establishing and stabilizing congregations so that the new and older brethren will be sustained spiritually. The soldier knows what his duty is; and he is to focus on that, rather than going AWOL (Absent With Out Leave). If a preacher gets pulled into thinking that he has a "job" of being a "minister" to a congregation with office hours and a lot of nonsense, he is actually being entangled. "Everyday life" must not interfere with the tremendous mission of getting the gospel out!
- **Athlete** – For an athlete to be competitive at a high level, his discipline and training must be consistent and adhered to strictly. Any sport has its rules, boundaries, and often time limitations, and part of the training is disciplining the body to stay inside those boundaries and pay close attention to the markers. "And if anyone competes as an athlete," Paul further illustrates for Timothy, "he does not win the prize unless he competes according to the rules" (2 Timothy 2:5). Stepping outside the boundaries or breaking the rules results in disqualification; the doctrines of the word of God must be carefully preached and taught by the budding evangelist, and his character must match the principles contained within the scriptures' contents.
- **Farmer** – Farmers definitely sow "in hope," weed the crop "in hope," and harvest "in hope" of feeding themselves, having enough for next year's planting, making expenses, and garnering a bit of profit. The work of an evangelist is very similar; much work must be done before there is any semblance of a return. "The hard-working farmer," notes the apostle, "ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops" (2 Timothy 2:6). There needs to be some financial compensation for the laborer; even Jesus, who could have had manna fall from the sky or could have turned stones into bread, put himself in the position where He too had to be sustained by contributions from His followers. In the same way, those who preach the gospel need to get their living from the gospel in order to maintain their proper focus.

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"Consider what I say," is Paul's summary statement, "for the Lord will give you understanding in everything" (2 Timothy 2:7). Timothy's continuing life experiences—in earnestly desiring to make and keep disciples—would give him, by God's providential hand, an understanding of the principles the apostle is herein setting forth.

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