

“So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.”

-- Daniel 9:3



Justin and Gabby Schmiedeke wedding ceremony
near Monarch, MT

“But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.”

Hebrews 2:9

“Victory in 2023!!”

October 29, 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 - Scott Schweitzer

L.S. - Cliff Renner

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** SHOTGUN PREACHING**

L.S. - Josh Wallace

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Nick Liston

L.S. - Jared DuPaul

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Great Falls

Harvest Party - Oct. 31st at church building

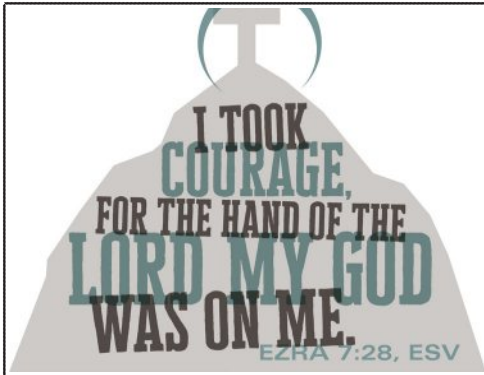
Congratulations to *Karissa*

McDunn, who was immersed into

Christ Oct. 22 by her dad Steve Mc-

Dunn!! Karissa is a recent graduate of

Great Falls Christian Academy.



BOZEMAN -

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

Grand Canyon presentation

Jay Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

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

Caleb Wilson

Butte

Fellowship dinner - Nov. 19, 6:30 pm

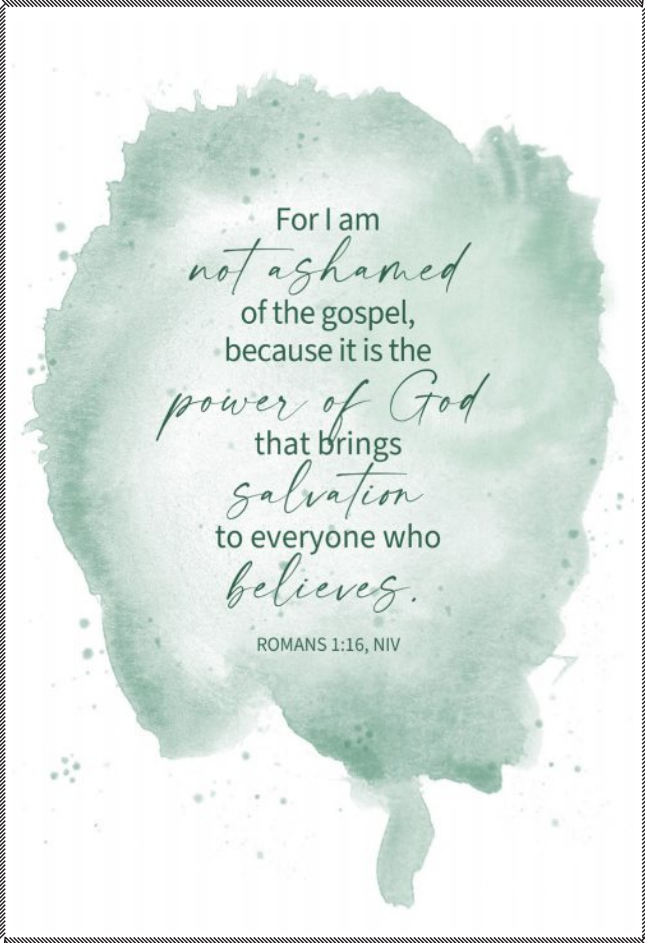
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



For I am
not ashamed
of the gospel,
because it is the
power of God
that brings
salvation
to everyone who
believes.

ROMANS 1:16, NIV

Question of the week:

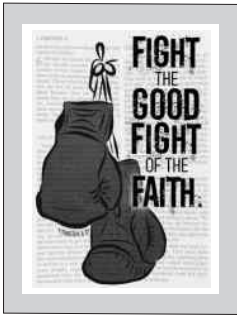
In Paul's epistle to Titus, in the second chapter the apostle exhorted him in what to speak. What was it?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: The valley of Ben-hinnom (Jeremiah 32:35).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 75
Morning Assembly – 102
Evening Assembly – 59

Wednesday Night (10/25) – 45
Butte Lord's Day – 8
GF Lord's Day – 59,79 Wed. - 44



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Hardship for the Gospel

The gospel of God faces tremendous opposition from Satan and his assembled forces of darkness. Because Satan is a spirit, the evidence of his activity can only be properly appraised by those whose minds are trained by scripture and experience to recognize the effects of his machinations. The intense spiritual battles connected with the spread of the gospel tend not to be recognized by those who citizenship is only on earth; hence struggle for souls experienced by an evangelist like Timothy is often a struggle that, from a human perspective, is a struggle alone. The apostle Paul, in writing to the brethren in Philippi, had positive comments about Timothy which also illustrate that even among saints there can be a lack of understanding of the full force of the battle.

“For I have no one else of kindred spirit,” stated the apostle, “who will genuinely be concerned about your welfare. For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:20,21). It is from prison, then, that the apostle now writes words of encouragement to one who also knows the intensity of the warfare for the souls of the saints and of the lost.

- **Remember Jesus Christ** – Return, then, to first principles! “Remember Jesus Christ,” the apostle exhorts, “risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel” (2 Timothy 2:8). It is good to go back to basic but powerful principles and points whenever a person is in the chaos of battle. It truly is all about Jesus Christ, “for from Him and through Him and to Him are all things” (Romans 11:36). But what about Jesus? He is a “descendant of David according to my gospel,” and thus the fulfillment of hordes of Old Testament prophecies which laid the foundation for the truthfulness of the gospel. He is “risen from the dead,” exalted as Prince, Savior, and High Priest, and worthy of all glory and honor and victory. This, then, is in accordance with the gospel which Paul delivered to Timothy, which, Paul stated, “I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ” (Galatians 1:12).
- **Suffer hardship** – As the apostle considers the awesomeness of the revelation he was given concerning Jesus Christ, and as he considers the value of the souls it is designed to save, he notes his willingness to endure difficulties in order for the gospel to progress. Of this gospel he says, “for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal” (2 Timothy 2:9). “For this reason,” he superadds, “I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Jesus Christ and with it eternal glory” (2 Timothy 2:10).
- **Not imprisoned** – Even though Paul was in prison in Rome (possibly in the famed Mamertine Prison), he encouragingly says, “but the word of God is not imprisoned.” It is exciting to know that God is “watching over His word, to perform it” (Jeremiah 1:12). The apostle knew that even though he “labored more than all of them [the other apostles],” and thus scattered seed over more acres of ground, that it is “God who causes the growth” (1 Corinthians 15:10; 3:6). How comforting it would have been for this valiant warrior of the faith to know that the word of God was still working, even though he was languishing in prison.

A proclaimer of the gospel such as Timothy is thus warned that in the spiritual conflict of darkness vs. light that much hardship is to be expected. The things concerning Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David according to the flesh, are unchanging and eternal. If therefore the servant of Christ suffers, even to the point of imprisonment, the word of God will continue to go forth. “So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth,” stated the Almighty through Isaiah. “It shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).

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JAY WILSON