

**“But the path of the righteous
is like the light of dawn,
That shines brighter and brighter
until the full day”
-- Proverbs 4:18**



Red barn view
Farm near Manhattan, MT

**“Pay close attention to yourself and to your
teaching; persevere in these things, for as you
do this you will ensure salvation both for
yourself and for those who hear you. ”**

1 Timothy 4:16

Win one more in 2024 - "...he who is wise wins souls" - Proverbs 11:30

December 31, 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 - Su Nguyen

L.S. - Mike Kover

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** SHOTGUN PREACHING**

L.S. - Corban Icenogle

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Ryan Compton

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Jon Reijgers

L.S. - Rick Vaught

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Dec. 30,31 - Prayer and fasting

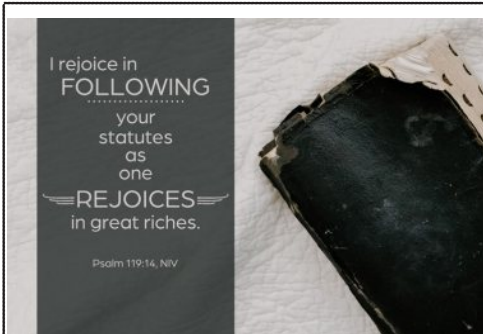
Dec. 31 - **Fellowship dinner 5:30**

pm before assembly. New Year's Eve celebration following assembly

Jan. 1 - Men's prayer gathering 8:30 am at the building

Butte

Jan. 21 - Fellowship dinner - 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

Jan. 7 - Fellowship dinner following assembly; theme: "Hors d'oeuvres and Charcuteries"

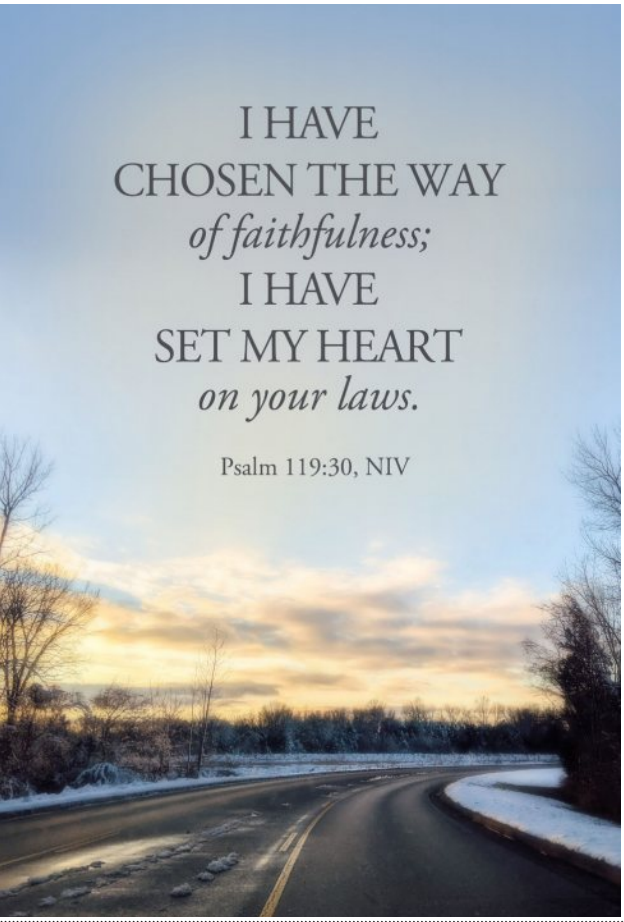
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



I HAVE
CHOSEN THE WAY
of faithfulness;
I HAVE
SET MY HEART
on your laws.

Psalm 119:30, NIV

Question of the week:

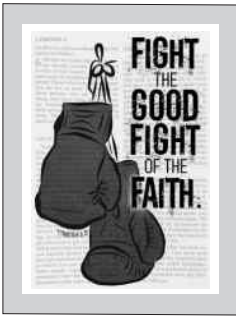
In Zechariah 9, God promised to do good to a future Judah and Jerusalem; what two things did He tell these in the future to do?

Last week's question: In one of the interludes between major visions in Revelation, there was a spot where there were flashes of lightning and peals of thunder, and the temple in heaven was pictured as opened; what appeared in that temple? *Answer: "the ark of the covenant" (Revelation 11:19).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 93
Morning Assembly – 115
Evening Assembly – 53

Wednesday Night (12/27) – 66
Butte Lord's Day – 11
GF Lord's Day – 64,77 Wed. - 48



The Epistles to the Evangelists

The Coming of Difficult Times

Once in a while, in the scriptures, the curtain parts for an instant and viewers get a glimpse of the shadowy realm of Satan and his fallen angels. The scriptures indicate that the devil reached for what was not his, and in anger staged a rebellion amongst his fellow angels. Peter described them as angels who “sinned,” and Jude pointed out that they were “angels who did not keep their own domain but abandoned their proper abode” (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6). Satan is the head of these fallen angels, and is thus the great Adversary. When man was created on earth the Enemy therefore took opportunity to entice man into that same rebellion. Through Jesus Christ the loving God has extended the opportunity for fallen man to escape from Satan’s snare, be redeemed, and prosecute the spiritual warfare on

God’s behalf. But the world is still full of those unredeemed souls who often are outrightly hostile to God’s righteousness.

- **Another “last days”** – When the Old Testament prophets look to “the last days,” they are looking to the end of the Mosaic system and of the implementation of the faith of Christ. God, in times past, spoke “to the fathers in the prophets,” said Hebrews’ author, but “in these last days has spoken to us in His Son” (Hebrews 1:1,2). But when the apostle Paul in his epistle to Timothy speaks of “the last days,” he is looking to future times, although it would have been a good description of the decaying Roman world as well. “But realize this,” he charges Timothy, “in the last days difficult times will come” (2 Timothy 3:1). The message is clear: strap yourself down tight, because the ride is going to get rocky!
- **Selfishness** – The human being comes into world, squalling with the desire to be fed. That natural and needful selfishness needs to be set aside as the child grows, and once adulthood has been reached, such a focus on self becomes very destructive; it is heedless of others, and does not care what it breaks in clambering to get what it wants. “For men will be lovers of self,” Paul says, concerning how the rebellion of Satan gets men involved in that rebellion against God. Either God is going to come first, or self is going to come first, and there is no middle ground. It follows then, that they will be “lovers of money,” since money is what is often necessary to get what self wants. And “love of money” is not to be discounted; it is not only a major factor on a personal scale, but ends up being a major player on the national and international scene. Those, then, that are used to getting what they want, also end up “without self-control.” In the same mode, these creatures are generally “treacherous, reckless, conceited.” In short, they are “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:1-4).
- **Part of the downward spiral** – Such self-centeredness is going to result in a casual disregard for others, as well as the righteous standards of God. Running from God, they become “boastful, arrogant,” heads held high as they flippantly turn their backs to God. “Revilers” can describe many of them, their cursing and raging against the Almighty ringing from the rocks around them. Naturally they are “ungrateful,” not acknowledging or appreciating even what God has done for them in the material realm. It produces those who are “disobedient to parents,” and those who are “unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, brutal, haters of good.” Not surprisingly, they become “malicious gossips,” spreading lies and slander in an attempt to destroy the good name of those who stand for truth and for God.

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In the midst of such treacherous and swelling currents, the saint needs to keep his course fixed, and maintain his focus on the things above. There will be those who hold “to a form of godliness” among them, “although they have denied its power” (2 Timothy 3:4). “Avoid such men as these,” Paul tells Timothy. Such bad company would corrupt good morals, and the goal of attaining to the proper resurrection of the dead has to be clung to very tenaciously.

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