

**“FOR SUCH IS GOD,
OUR GOD FOREVER AND EVER;
HE WILL GUIDE US UNTIL DEATH.”
-- PSALMS 48:14**



Bria O'Connell trying her hand at arm wrestling
with Jon Shanahan
while Claire Ashley looks on
Christ's Church in Bozeman
Bozeman, MT

**“But the seed in the good soil, these are the
ones who have heard the word in an honest
and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear
fruit with perseverance.”**

Luke 8:15

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

January 14, 2024

Christ's Church

Meeting at

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

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Cliff Renner

L.S. - Joe Shanahan

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Josh Wallace

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Jared DuPaul

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Jan. 21 - after assembly; volunteer crew needed to help work on tearing out old carpet and prepping for new!

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. 20 - Games, fellowship,
crockpot dinner, starting at 3:00
pm**

**Jan. 21 - Prayer and fasting for
evangelism**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

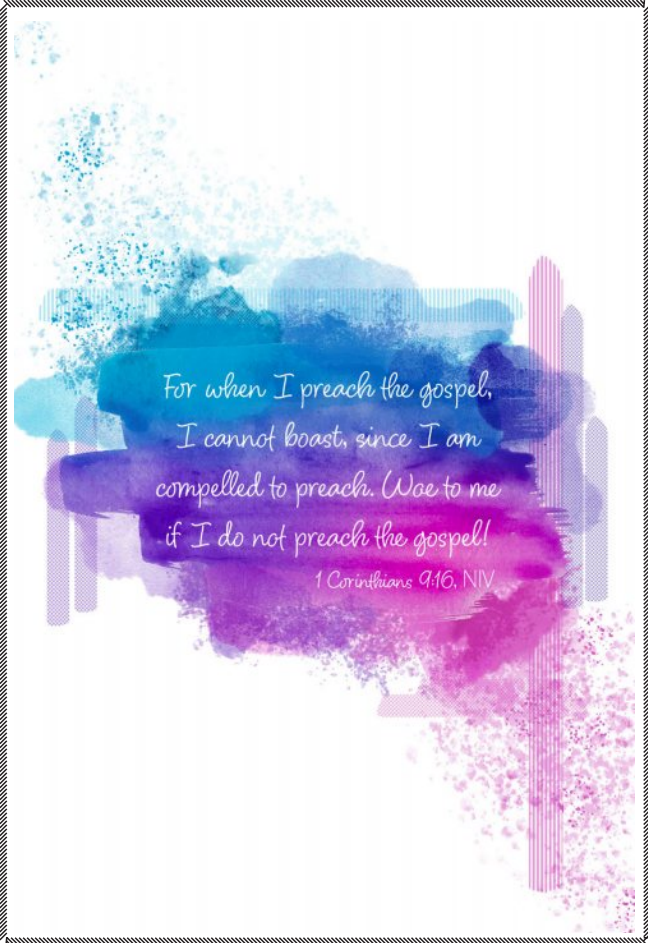
Bible Bowl - Mar. 16, 2024

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

Montana Youth Camp - June 9-14 (also at Fishtail)

Men's "Peaks" - July 25-27, 2024

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



For when I preach the gospel,
I cannot boast, since I am
compelled to preach. Woe to me
if I do not preach the gospel!

1 Corinthians 9:16, NIV

Question of the week:

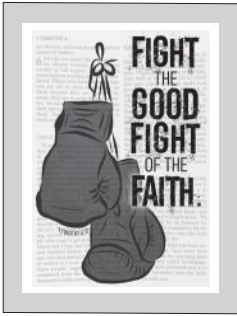
After Jacob was sent off to Paddan-Aram to find a wife, the Lord appeared to him and reiterated the same key promise He had made to Abraham. What was that promise?

Last week's question: After Jesus faced the temptations from the devil in the wilderness, He started going through the synagogues in Galilee. What three things was He doing? *Answer: "Teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and sickness" (Matthew 4:23).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 70
Morning Assembly – 99
Evening Assembly – 44

Wednesday Night (1/10) – 68
Butte Lord's Day – 11 (+ 8 phone)
GF Lord's Day – 68,85 Wed. - 61



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Following Paul's Example

Peer pressure has always been a part of earthly existence. Hence the apostle Paul, in his epistle to the Roman brethren, delivered this exhortation: "And do not be conformed to this world" (Romans 12:2). "Men of depraved mind" are always at work, often inside the church of the Lord as well as in the world. These, states the apostle, are "rejected as regards the faith" (2 Timothy 3:8). But they often have major influence, and their sour attitudes and hidden agendas pull many down with them. A good example of the power of peer pressure was exhibited in the synagogues around Jerusalem near the time of the conviction and death of Jesus. Even though many of the men who actually ruled the local synagogues believed in Jesus, "but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue, for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God"

(John 12:42,43). That pressure would have been on Timothy also. But he chose, as can every person of accountable age on the planet, to imitate the example of Paul and follow the upward call of God!

- **The positives** – The apostle was a tremendous example of a totally positive Christian leader. He told the congregation in Philippi to train their minds to focus on what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and "any excellence and ... anything worthy of praise." But he was, in the sight of God, able to add these words: "The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you" (Philippians 4:8,9). Timothy, taught by Paul and faithful disciple of Christ, is thus commended by the apostle, "But you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love..." (2 Timothy 3:10).
- **The teaching** – A very simple comment, to say that Timothy followed Paul's teaching, or doctrine. But so many caved in to peer pressures, and started to twist the doctrines which Paul the apostle of Jesus Christ taught. "I have no greater joy than this," exclaimed the apostle John, "to hear of my children walking in the truth" (3 John 1:4). Paul would concur with that statement, so his comment about Timothy's following Paul's teaching is a major compliment.
- **The conduct** – A saint can be doctrinally solid, but his conduct may be less than exemplary. Paul was excited that Timothy followed his example, so that the positive things "seen" in Paul were also "seen" in Timothy.
- **The purpose** – *Purpose* is a major issue in people's lives. The children of darkness are floundering in lack of purpose or wrongly-directed purposes. Even saints who do not set themselves up with a carefully thought out "ultimate purpose" flounder a bit in their faiths. Paul's life was dedicated to seeking and saving the lost and strengthening the churches; he had a strong and deep "ultimate purpose" carried out to the day of his physical death. Timothy intelligently imitated that same purpose.
- **The faith** – "The faith" constitutes the doctrines of the new covenant. Paul's personal application of that carried him throughout much of the eastern Roman world with the saving gospel on his lips. His faith kept him moving forward through many difficulties, and Timothy's personal faith was in that same mold.
- **The patience and love** – The apostle Paul loved the lost souls of the Jewish brethren enough that he indicated that he was willing go to hell if he could get them on the track to heaven. He exhibited that same love in his ventures on behalf of the Gentiles, often confused in a pagan world. But working with people also requires great patience. The deliverer of the message of life has to be willing to repeat himself, giving people time to process the new information, to make the right decision concerning that information, and to develop the willpower to implement that decision. Timothy again was highly commended for exhibiting that same patience and love.

"You followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love..."

The apostle Paul really appreciated Timothy for following his example and preaching the gospel from the right heart. "But you know," he commented to the church at Philippi, "of his proven worth" (Philippians 2:22). Each of the modern brethren can learn from Timothy's example, and do his part for the gospel of the glory of Christ.