

**“THIS IS NOW BONE OF MY BONES,
AND FLESH OF MY FLESH;
SHE SHALL BE CALLED WOMAN,
BECAUSE SHE WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN.”
--GENESIS 2:23**



Hannah Danyo of Missoula, MT
Liberty Stevens of the Eugene, OR area
having some good fellowship
Oregon Family Camp
sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Church of Christ

**“But God, being rich in mercy, because
of His great love with which He loved
us, even when we were dead in our
transgressions, made us alive together
with Christ...”**

Ephesians 2:4,5

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

March 3, 2024

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

St'dship - John Odell

L.S. - Su Nguyen

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

* **GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Chris Phillips

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Levi DuPaul

L.S. - Steve McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

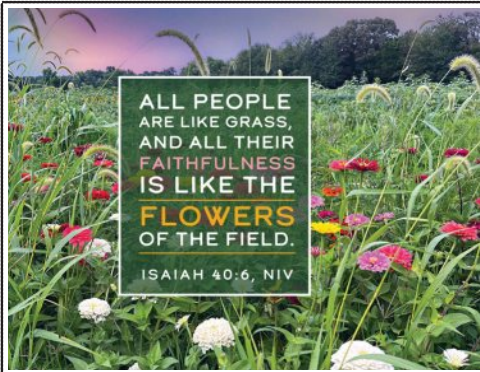
Bozeman

Mar. 23/24 - Prayer and fasting for evangelism

Mar. 24 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: Mexican

Butte

Mar. 18 - 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

*Congratulations to **Krista Hansard**, who was immersed into Christ on Sat. by Zac Zech!*

Great Falls

Mar. 3 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: Italian
*Congratulations to **Caleb McDunn** -- immersed by his dad on Sat. Feb. 24 at the Oregon Family Camp!!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

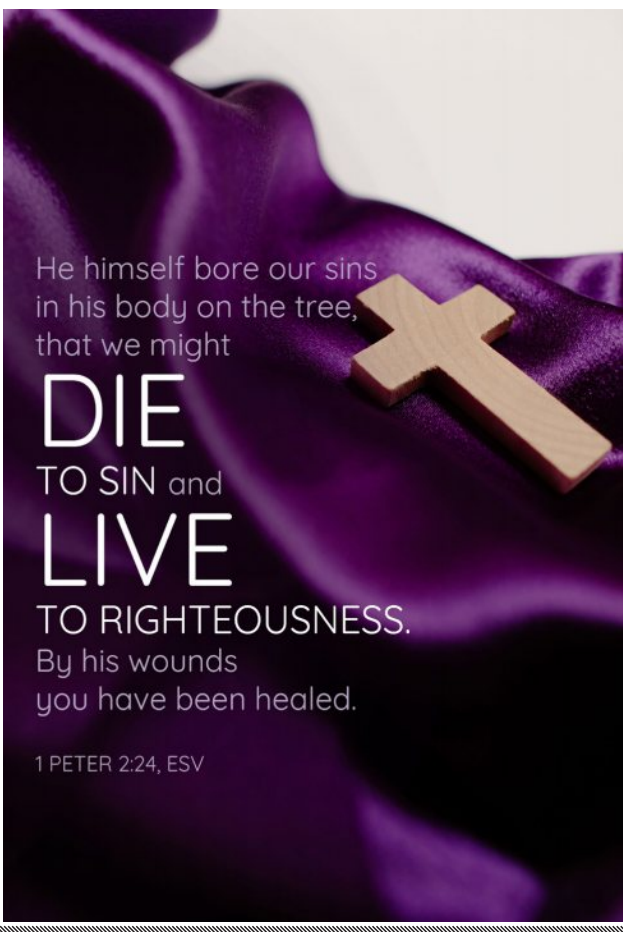
Bible Bowl - Mar. 16, 2024

Missoula "College-ish" Weekend - Mar. 22-24 - Camp Utmost at Greenough, MT

Ladies' Advance - April 18-20, 2024 at Fishtail, MT

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

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



He himself bore our sins
in his body on the tree,
that we might

DIE
TO SIN and
LIVE
TO RIGHTEOUSNESS.

By his wounds
you have been healed.

1 PETER 2:24, ESV

Question of the week:

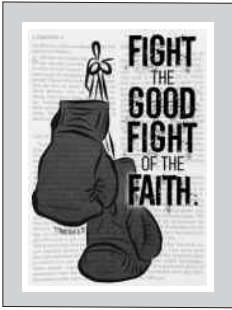
When the rich young ruler approached Jesus as recorded in the gospel according to Mark, in response to the young man's calling Jesus "good," what did Jesus say about who was good?

Last week's question: When God destroyed the priests Nadab and Abihu for offering "strange fire," He explained to the people why this happened. What did He say about "before all the people"? *Answer: "Before all the people I will be honored" (Leviticus 10:3).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 76
Morning Assembly – 102
Evening Assembly – 58

Wednesday Night (2/28) – 61
Butte Lord's Day – 16
GF Lord's Day – 72,93 Wed. - 47



The Epistles to the Evangelists

Telling People What They Want to Hear

The word of God is indeed "living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12). For the truth-seeker, this is welcome news, offering direction in the midst of a foggy and confused landscape. But for the non-truth-seeker, there is always a tremendous effort to escape the cut of the blade, and to run to some darkened corner rather than face the truth of God's holy word. The preachers of New Testament times, for example, often faced tremendous difficulty in getting people to hear the word. Stephen's words to the Sanhedrin are instructive in considering audience response to the truth of the gospel: "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as

your fathers did. Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute?" (Acts 7:51,52). Openly rebellious or passive/aggressive individuals will set their ears to hear what pleases them rather than what pleases God.

- **NO! To sound doctrine** – The message of the gospel calls people out of darkness, and in the process exposes that they are in darkness. Since the desire to remain unchanged is strong, the resistance rises, and one of the solutions is to seek something "palatable" but untrue. "For the time will come," says Paul, "when they will not endure sound doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:3). "Sound doctrine" is like a solid four-legged oak table; it is squarely based on what can be demonstrated to be true. All other "doctrine" is "false doctrine," and comes from the pits of Satan's abode. When people do not want to follow the Lord fully, then the sound doctrine strikes them to the core. Rather than being repentant, they choose to run away rather than endure. Faithful saints, on the other hand, love straight-forward teaching from the scriptures, and are willing to "endure" the messages, the classes, the delving into the history of Israel, and to enjoy the meat of the word.
- **Ears tickled** – People, with some sort of conscience-driven Biblical bent, tend to gravitate to gatherings that tell them what they want to hear, rather than what they should hear. Not enduring sound doctrine, they want "to have their ears tickled." The picture is that of a pet dog, coming over and wanting its ears scratched by its master; very pleasurable to the dog. Those with "itching ears," as the KJV expresses it, "accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires." There is money to be made in telling people what they want to hear; hence the proliferation of thousands of denominations, each one filling some sort of niche in the religious marketplace.
- **Turning away from truth** – When someone rejects the truth, what will they be willing to listen to? The apostle tells Timothy that they "will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths" (2 Timothy 4:4). Those who reject the truth that "all things came into being" by Jesus (John 1:3) turn aside to the absolute myth of evolution. Those who reject the truth of scripture as the authority turn aside to a mythical belief that the Roman or Greek Catholic Church is the authority. Those who reject the scripture's teaching on immersion for remission of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit turn aside to the myth of "salvation by faith alone." Thousands of other "myths" which are strongly believed by many claiming the name of Christ could be brought forward. But in each case, there is some vain concoction of man's imagination at the base of the belief system, with no solid scripture for the reason for the belief. Nothing but myths! Mere religious fairy tales!

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The word of God is sifting and sorting the hearts of men. An evil, unbelieving heart is what turns away from the sound doctrine of scripture, and seeks out someone to tell it what it wants to hear. The judgment of God will rightly fall upon all those who thus turn away from the truth. They got their ears "tickled" while on earth, but there will be nothing but "weeping and gnashing of teeth" for all eternity.

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