

**Of Israel, Balaam prophesied, “He  
couches, he lies down as a lion,  
And as a lion, who dares rouse him?  
Blessed is everyone who blesses you,  
And cursed is everyone who curses you.”  
-- Numbers 24:9**



Colors from the Northern Lights  
May10, 2024, near Belgrade, MT  
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**“Crispus, the leader of the synagogue [at  
Corinth], believed in the Lord with all his  
household, and many of the Corinthians  
when they heard were believing and being  
immersed.”**

***Acts 18:8***

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

## May 19, 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 - Mike Kover

L.S. - Cliff Renner

Preaching - Luke Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**

**\* GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Bob Edgar

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Cody Kruck

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes**

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

#### Bozeman

**Bozeman awards & graduation -**

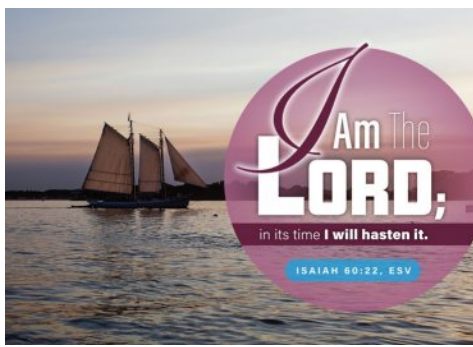
May 22; 7:00 pm

Congratulations to **Su and Kim**

**Nguyen** on their wedding May 9th  
in Savannah, GA

#### Butte

**May 19 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30**



**BOZEMAN -**

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

*Awards and graduation*

Congratulations to **Eli and Lily Odell**, who were married in Belgrade on Sat. May 18

**GREAT FALLS -**

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

*Awards and graduation*

#### Great Falls

**Great Falls Awards and graduation - Wed. May 22; 7:00 pm**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Lancaster Family Camp - Memorial Day Weekend**

**Badlands Family Camp - Memorial Day Weekend**

**Montana Youth Camp - June 9-14 (Fishtail, MT)**

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

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

IN GOD  
I TRUST;  
I shall not  
be afraid.  
Psalm 56:4, ESV

The graphic features the text 'IN GOD I TRUST;' in red, block letters on a yellow, torn-edge paper background. Below it, 'I shall not be afraid.' is written in a teal, cursive font, with the word 'not' circled in red. At the bottom, 'Psalm 56:4, ESV' is written in red. The entire graphic is framed by a dashed teal border.

**Question of the week:**

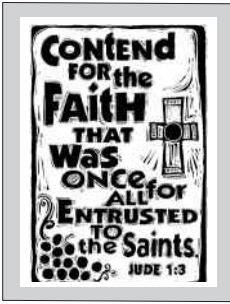
When Goliath issued his challenge to Israel, what did he ask Israel to give him?

Last week's question: Jesus said that Moses' lifting up the bronze serpent on a bronze pole pointed to something. What was it? *Answer: It pointed to Jesus' being "lifted up" on the cross, that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life" (John 3:14,15).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 61  
Morning Assembly – 99  
Evening Assembly – 43

Wednesday Night (5/15) – 55  
Butte Lord's Day – 15  
GF Lord's Day – 67,79 Wed. - 46



Jewels from Jude

## *Sodom and Gormorrah*

Homosexuality and its accompanying “Lesbianism” were rampant in pagan society in the days of the first century church. The apostle Paul had noted also that the post-Flood world rapidly degenerated into a world wherein “women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,” and men “burned in their desire toward one another” (Romans 1:26,27). Any society that in general refuses to honor God and give Him thanks turns to the proclivities of the flesh; their peoples have rejected the God-ordained safety boundaries and thus plunge into the chasm of twisted depravities.

In his first epistle to the Corinthian brethren, he specifically listed “effeminate” and “homosexuals” as among those who will not inherit the kingdom of God. There is hope, however, for any who truly desire to get out of such a pit of darkness, as Paul commented, “Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

- **Gross immorality** – The Genesis record notes that when the two angels (appearing as men) came to Sodom to deliver Lot and his family, “the men of the city” demanded that Lot send the angels out to them for their sport (hence the origin of the word “sodomy” in the English language). In fact, when Lot first settled near Sodom, the scripture comments, “Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the Lord” (Genesis 13:13). Hence He destroyed the four major cities of the plain with the raining down of fire and brimstone. Jude, then, in listing reasons for the first century brethren to be careful not to fall into licentiousness, brings Sodom and Gomorrah to the fore. “Just as Sodom and Gormorrah and the cities around them,” the writer points out, “since they in the same way as these [referring to the rebelliousness of the outcast angels] indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example, in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire” (Jude 1:7). It is a salient comment, that Sodom and Gormorrah are “exhibited as an example.” God used them to show what will happen to all future generations who persist in turning away from God’s righteousness. And it is a very strong warning to those who claim the name of Christ, but get pulled into any twisted desires of the flesh.
- **Ungodly persons** – Some of Jude’s contemporaries, parading themselves as being inside the church and prime exhibits as to the greatness of God’s grace, were falling into Sodom and Gomorrah’s trap. “Yet in the same manner,” avers Jude, “these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties” (Jude 1:8). It seems as if these perverted people claimed to have visions justifying their actions, just as the “antichrists” of the apostle John’s letters were claiming to have knowledge the apostles did not have. The apostle Paul also warned the Colossian brethren of the developing phenomenon. “Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize,” he stated to the faithful saints, “by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind” (Colossians 2:18).

**They are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire!!**

The nature of the “flesh” is that it wants “more.” Yesterday’s exhilaration is today’s “boring” and “passé.” The desire for new and different drives the jaded into deeper and deeper depravities; not only does the individual sink to the bottom, but he is part of an entire society’s fall. The apostle Peter also similarly commented God’s judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah, emphasizing that “He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly thereafter” (2 Peter 2:6). The saint is called out of darkness, and exhorted to live righteously, godly, and holy in the sight of the Lord. No excuses, and no self-justification!

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