

**“So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.”**

**-- Nehemiah 4:6**



One of the “neighbors”  
moose resting near the building  
Christ’s Church  
Bozeman, MT

**“And the seed whose fruit is righteousness  
is sown in peace by those who make  
peace.”**

*James 3:18*

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

## May 26, 2024

### Christ's Church

Meeting at

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

**BOZEMAN** - 8:45 - Matthew Wilson

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Gary DiPaolo

L.S. - Dan Tuck

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

**\* GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Luke Wilson

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Brad Smith

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Bob Edgar

Bozeman

Butte

**June 16** - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm



**BOZEMAN** -

**Wed. night, 7:00 pm:**  
*Mentally Tough series*  
**Luke Wilson**

**GREAT FALLS** -

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

Great Falls

**June 2** - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Picnic in the park; theme: "brats and dogs"

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

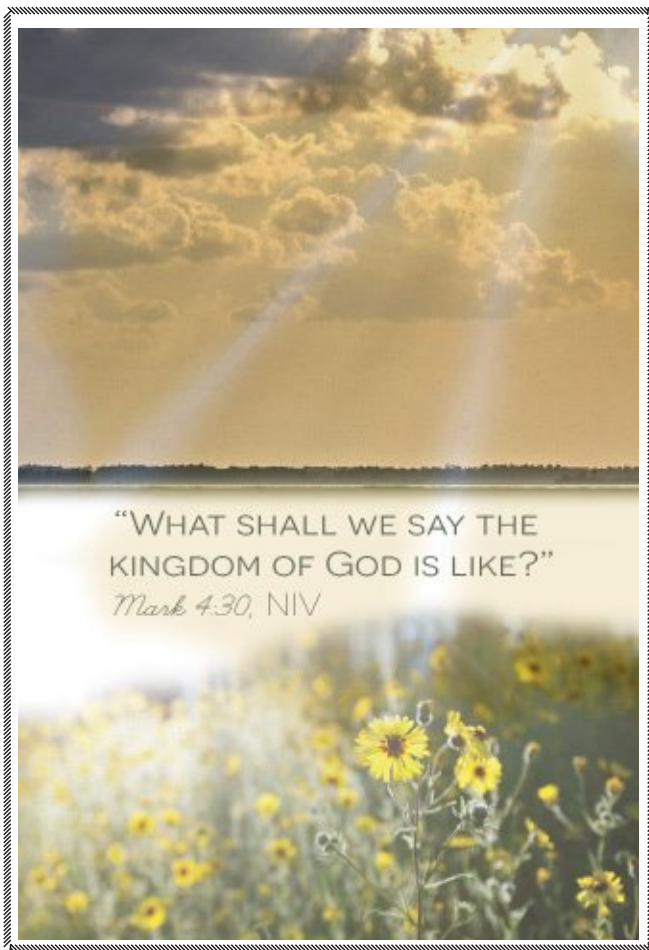
**Lancaster Family Camp** - Memorial Day Weekend

**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



**Question of the week:**

How far from Jerusalem was the home of Mary and Martha, and which direction?

Last week's question: When Goliath issued his challenge to Israel, what did he ask Israel to give him? Answer: He said, "Give me a man" and then David (called "a youth") disconcertingly answers the challenge (1 Samuel 17:10;42).

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 64  
Morning Assembly – 120  
Evening Assembly – 43

Wednesday Night (5/22) ---  
Butte Lord's Day – 15  
GF Lord's Day – 59,84 Wed. ---

## Reviling and Revilers

Jesus, knowing the hearts of all men, stated, “For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart” (Matthew 12:34). “The good man,” the Lord added, “out of his good treasure brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth what is evil” (Matthew 12:35). Hence the unrepentant thief hanging near Jesus on the cross, the crowds passing by, and the chief priests and scribes and elders were reviling and mocking Jesus. Calling upon disciples of Christ to follow in His steps, the apostle Peter noted of the Lord that “while being reviled, He did not revile in return” (1 Peter 2:23). It takes tremendous self-control not to respond in kind to those who sink to the level of name calling and cursing and yelling. But when the heart is good, from the treasure comes blessing instead of cursing.

- **The evil ones in Jude** – Jude warns brethren against the downward pull of Satan and destructive men. The Lord, he had reminded the saints of the first century, destroyed those among Israel who came up out of Egypt and who did not believe. God likewise put the fallen angels into the darkness of Tartarus, and wiped out Sodom and Gomorrah. The evil ones who had crept into the late first century church and who were turning the grace of God into licentiousness were also described as “reviling angelic majesties” (Jude 1:8). No details of this reviling are available, but out of those evil hearts came words that castigated the good angels who were involved in ministering to the saints, and occasionally involved in delivering prophetic utterances to any remaining apostles and to those who possessed gifts of the Spirit.
- **Michael the archangel** – At this point the writer brings in the example of Michael the archangel and one of his battles with Satan. “But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you.’ ” (Jude 1:9). Readers of scripture might have suspected from other references that Michael was an archangel, but here is a definite statement from an inspired source. Also here is more insight into the issue of the body of Moses following his death on Pisgah (also Mt. Nebo). It is recorded that God “buried [Moses] in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day” (Deuteronomy 34:6). Why the argument between Michael and Satan? Knowing the idolatrous nature of Israel (they even ended up worshiping the bronze snake which had been fashioned in the wilderness for healing those who had been bitten by poisonous serpents whom the Lord had sent as a plague), the devil probably thought he could get Israel to worship Moses if he could have the body embalmed and have the sarcophagus displayed. Michael must have been involved in the burial of Moses, and thus the argument ensued.

But not even Michael the archangel would sink to the level of name-calling and cursing in this debate with the devil, sticking to the simple words, “the Lord rebuke you.” The apostle Peter, in discussing the same type of people that Jude is referencing in this context, commented, “Daring self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord” (2 Peter 2:10,11). If good angels do not engage in this “reviling,” certainly those making a claim to godliness should not.

“But these men revile things which they do not understand,” is Jude’s observation, “and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed” (Jude 1:10). Without deeply thinking through the eternal result of the path they are charging down, passions whetted by whatever destructive desire is driving them, they rush with force into a cursing, clamoring environment, trying to destroy the progress of the congregations with which they interact. Blinded, they cannot be reasoned with. As Jude had noted earlier, they are “those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation” (Jude 1:4). Christian, beware and be aware!

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