

**“AND MOSES MADE A BRONZE SERPENT AND SET IT ON THE STANDARD; AND IT CAME ABOUT, THAT IF A SERPENT BIT ANY MAN, WHEN HE LOOKED TO THE BRONZE SERPENT, HE LIVED.”**

**-- NUMBERS 21:9**



Andrew and Keisha Fagan (with Travis), Isaac Fagan, and Matt Fagan  
at Andrew's home near Cambridge City, IN

**“Corresponding to that, immersion now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.”**

***1 Peter 3:21,22***

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

## July 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 - Elliot Ashley**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Josh Wallace

L.S. - Phil Sutton

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

St'dship - Jon Reijgers

L.S. - Steve McDunn

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class**

8:15 pm - Assembly

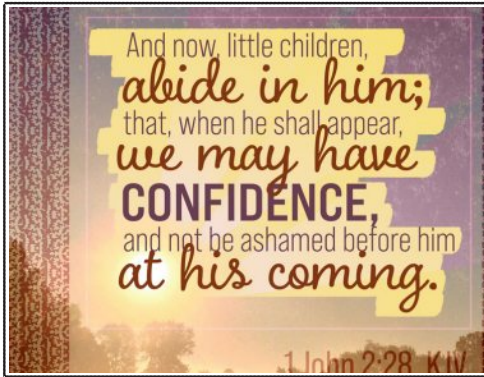
L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

#### Bozeman

#### Butte

**July 21 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm**



**BOZEMAN -**

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

*Study on Hebrews*

**Luke Wilson**

#### Annual Picnic in the Park

**- Lord's Day evening -**

**Aug. 4th**

**GREAT FALLS -**

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

*Jay Wilson*

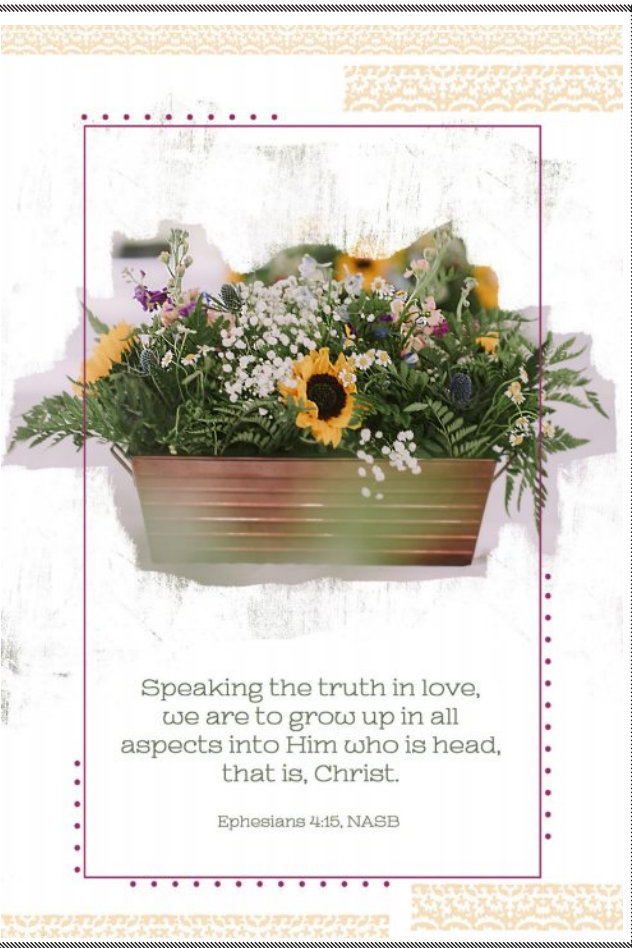
#### Great Falls

**July 21 - Fasting and prayer for evangelism**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Men's "Peaks" - July 25-27, 2024.** Theme: "The Unashamed Workman"

**Family Camp - Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2024.** Theme: "The Call of the Apocalypse" -- selected themes from Revelation



**Question of the week:**

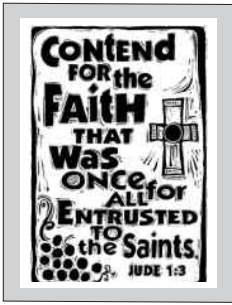
David failed in his first attempt to get the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem. Who consecrated themselves to carry the ark on their shoulders in the second attempt?

Last week's question: Who was it who informed the centurion in charge of Paul of the plot against Paul's life, resulting in Paul's being taken by night to Antipatris, and thence to Caesarea? *Answer: Paul's nephew, the son of his sister (Acts 23:16).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 44  
Morning Assembly – 66  
Evening Assembly – 66

Wednesday Night (7/10) – 64  
Butte Lord's Day – 16  
GF Lord's Day – 53,77 Wed. - 58



Jewels from Jude

## “Save Others”

It is down in the trenches of the human mind where the battle really rages. Satan, for example, is described as “the spirit that is now working *in* the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:1). “The Gentiles walk,” the apostle Paul pointed out, “in the futility of their mind.” They are “darkened in their understanding,” he added, and misguided “because of the ignorance that is in them” (Ephesians 4:17,18). Hence the denizens of this planet are continually beat down by the great deceiver, and need someone to reach into their lives with a true message of hope and spiritual victory. Those, then, who “keep themselves in the love of God,” and who personally “wait

anxiously for the mercy” of the Lord Jesus Christ, honestly love those who are lost and desire that they share in the blessings of being a true spiritual child of God.

- **Mercy on some** – Hence comes the exhortation, “And have mercy on some, who are doubting...” (Jude 1:22). It is legitimate for people to have doubts about the truths of the faith of Christ; in fact, faith is developed through those doubts being overcome. The saint, then, recipient of mercy himself, is expected to be patient and merciful to those who are fighting their ways through the labyrinth of confusion. “That’s a dumb question,” or “I’ve already explained it to you,” are not helpful or merciful answers; they are subtle put-downs by someone who is assuming a false air of superiority. This is not befitting a disciple of Christ.
- **Snatching from the fire** – “Save others,” is the continuing directive of Jude, “snatching them out of the fire” (Jude 1:23). The rich man in Hades, according to Jesus, cried out, saying, “I am in agony in this flame” (Luke 16:24). But that was Hades, the temporary stop-off point on the way to Judgment Day; the hell fire, which comes after judgment, is often described by Jesus as “the outer darkness,” where “there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 8:13). The permanent is surely worse than the temporary!! What a picture, then, from Jude! It brings forth scenes of firefighters going into a burning building, at the risk of their lives, to pull out someone trapped before the building collapses in a fiery inferno. But as significant and heroic as that is, it is nothing compared to the mission of rescuing someone trapped in the domain of darkness, who is but one heartbeat away from the fires of Hades and the eventual fires of hell.
- **Mercy with fear** – Another image is evoked by Jude, a picture, for example, of medical personnel going into an area where something like the ebola virus is spreading its virulence. The worker is having to deal with people whose blood no longer will clot, leading to internal bleeding and a horrific death about 50 per cent of the time; and the disease itself is highly infectious. Jude thus says, “and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.” The courage and compassion of the medical workers is but a speck in comparison to those who go into the world of confused and sinful people, corrupted by lust and destruction, and who work to rescue them out of such squalid surroundings. It is dangerous work, and the possibility of being pulled back into the world – as was Demas, the close associate of Paul – is one that has to be treated with the appropriate measure of “fear.”

*Jesus has recruited saints to carry out His mission!*

As much value as is put on saving a human being’s physical life, evidenced in ambulances screaming down the street, it is nothing in comparison to the value of saving a person’s soul. Jesus Himself came into a hostile world, behind enemy lines, to “seek and to save that which was lost,” and lost His own life in carrying out that rescue mission (Luke 19:10). He has recruited, then, those who are rescued themselves, to go back into that hostile territory, and continue the service of delivering others from the coming eternal inferno. As Jude states it, “save others”!!