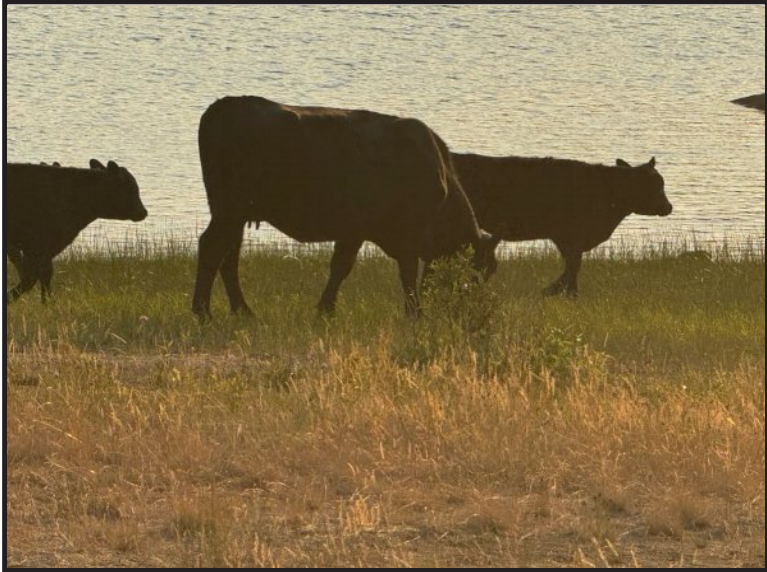


**“O LORD, I love
the habitation of Your house
And the place where Your glory dwells.”
-- Psalm 26:8**



Visitors at the men's Peaks 2024
(Their interests weren't on scripture,
so, like many others, they moved on!)
Delmoe Reservoir, east of Butte, MT

**Jesus to Paul on the Damascus road: “[I am] rescuing
you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles,
to whom I am sending you, to open their eyes so
that they may turn from darkness to light and from
the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive
forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those
who have been sanctified by faith in Me.”**

Acts 26:17,18

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

August 18, 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

St'dship - Elliot Ashley

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Daniel Arriaga

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Bobo Womagno

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Bobo Womagno

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

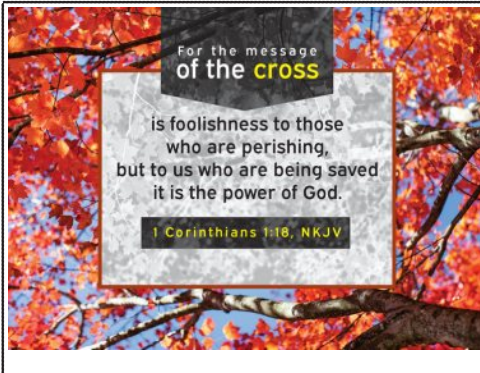
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Study on Hebrews

Luke Wilson

Butte

August 18 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm



GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Caleb Wilson

*Congratulations to **Shane Murch**, who was immersed into Christ on Monday, Aug. 12 by Caleb Wilson!*

*Congratulations also to **Tom Olson**, who was immersed into Christ on Tuesday, Aug. 13 by Caleb Wilson!!*

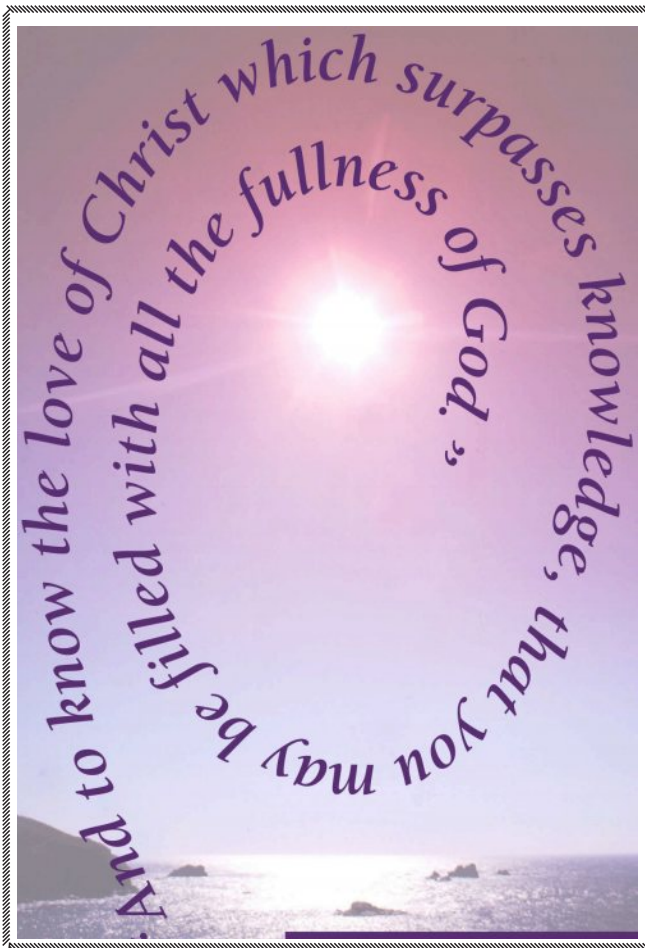
Great Falls

Aug. 18 - prayer and fasting for evangelism

Backyard movie - Fri. Aug. 23, at the Macklin residence 3117 1st Ave N - 7:30 pm (Chronicles of Narnia)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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



Question of the week:

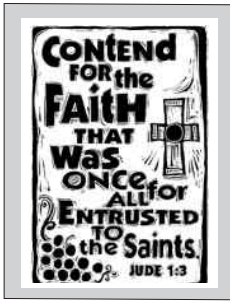
In writing his first epistle to the Corinthians, in a section dealing with meat offered to idols, Paul made the statement that all things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. He made a similar follow up statement, stating what?

Last week's question: When David tried transporting the ark of the covenant into the Jerusalem the second time, why did they succeed the second time as contrasted as failing the first time? *Answer: They carried the ark on the shoulders of the Levites (1 Chronicles 15:15).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 66
Morning Assembly – 93
Evening Assembly – 59

Wednesday Night (8/14) – 59
Butte Lord's Day – 20
GF Lord's Day – 66,84 Wed. - 48



Reasonings from Revelation

To the Seven Churches

This letter (Revelation) was sent to the assemblies of the saints of the seven congregations of Asia, the Roman province occupying what is now the western tip of Turkey. Someone would read this letter aloud to the congregation, and those in the congregation would have enough attention span and enough discipline to listen to the whole letter in one sitting! Hence, "Blessed is he who reads" (the designated reader) "and those who hear the words of the prophecy" (the brethren in each congregation). The blessing, however, is conditional. "Blessed," says John, are those who "heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near" (Revelation 1:3). *Heed* is the way the NASB translates the Greek word *akouo* (from which our English word *acoustics* is derived); the thrust of the translation is that those who hear, understand, and act

appropriately will receive God's reward and bypass the curse coming on the disobedient.

- **From the Father** – The apostle begins the greeting with these words: "John to the seven churches that are in Asia" (Revelation 1:4). He then follows with a fairly standard expression, "Grace to you and peace..." This grace and peace, interestingly, is from the "three." The first listed here is "from Him who is and who was and who is to come." In this context, this is greetings from the Father.
- **The "seven Spirits"** – The second listing is "from the seven Spirits who are before His [the Father's] throne." In the straight-forward non-apocalyptic letter to the Ephesian brethren the apostle Paul had written that there is "one Spirit," just as there is "one Lord" (referring to Jesus), and "one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). Thus when the language of Revelation is "seven Spirits," the message being transmitted is that the number "seven" is the code number for unity or completeness; there are not literally "seven Spirits."
- **Jesus Christ** – The third one in the listing is "from Jesus Christ." "Jesus Christ" has a string of titles tied to His name:
 - "The faithful witness" – During the years of His earthly sojourn, the Lord referred to His bearing witness to the truth. "Truly, truly," said He to Nicodemus, "we speak that which we know, and bear witness of that which we have seen; and you do not receive our witness." He buttressed His point with this statement, "And no one has ascended into heaven but He who descended from heaven, even the Son of Man" (John 3:11,13). If Jesus' "witness" on earth is true, certainly His "witness" from heaven is also true. He is "the faithful witness."
 - "First-born of the dead" – While other resurrections are recorded in scripture, the only permanent resurrection is that Jesus Christ. Hence He bears the title "first-born of the dead" because all others are awaiting His second coming to receive their resurrection bodies, either to eternal life or to eternal punishment.
 - "Ruler of the kings of the earth" – The first century Christians suffered greatly, first at the hands of the Jews, then later at the hands of the Romans. Furthermore, the word of God indicates that most Christians in most places at most times will suffer. How encouraging it is, then, that the Lord Jesus has the position of "ruler of the kings of the earth." The earthly governors and kings will one day answer to Him who is sovereign over all!
 - "Who loves us" – Jesus' love for each saint is manifest in His dying for them on that cruel cross, never to be forgotten by the formerly "lost sheep."
 - "Released us from our sins" – The price was high, but He took our sins on Himself, and gave us eternal life in exchange.
 - "Priests to His God and Father" – What a privilege it is for each child of God by faith to be able to offer up spiritual sacrifices which are acceptable and desired by the Father! Serving under the High Priestly ministry of Jesus Himself, the faithful priests of true Israel offer their bodies as living and holy sacrifices.

Certainly, then, in every respect, through Jesus Christ to God the Father, "to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen" (Revelation 1:5,6).

**Blessed are those
who heed the
things which are
written!!**