

**“Come near to Me, listen to this:
From the first I have not spoken in secret,
From the time it took place, I was there.
And now the Lord GOD has sent Me, and His Spirit.”
-- Isaiah 48:16**



RV's being set up for Family Camp
on the grounds of Christ's Church in Bozeman
Family Camp 2024

And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

Mark 15:37-39

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

September 1, 2024

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

7:00 am - Devotion, *Caleb Wilson*, Great Falls, MT

9:00 am - Bible classes (*Mike Martin*, Missoula, MT- Adult Class)

10:15 am - Assembly

Stewardship - *Mike Voitaczewski*, Billings, MT

Communion meditation - *Nathan Zech*, Great Falls, MT

Preaching - *Marshall Harbour*, Wauseon, OH

2:30 pm - Family Camp Olympics, north side of church bldg

EVENING SCHEDULE:

7:00 pm

Communion meditation - *Joseph Martin*, Missoula, MT

Preaching - *Mark Miller*, Missoula, MT

Preaching - *Steve Doty*, Bellevue, MI



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Study on Hebrews

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors - TBA

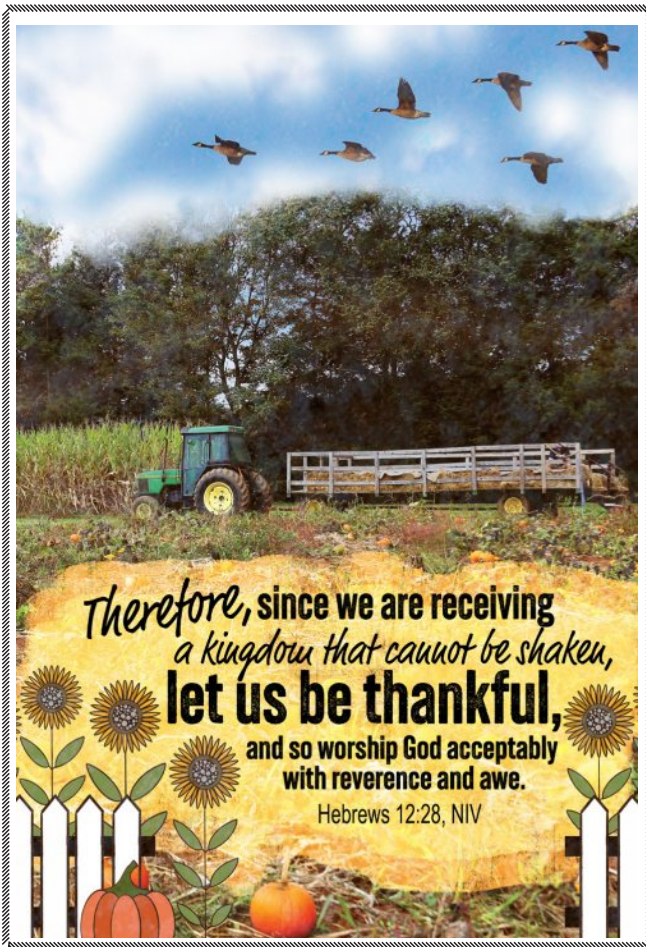
Bible Bowl - March 15, 2025

Ladies' Advance - May 1-3, 2025

Youth Camp - about the second week of June, 2025

Men's Peaks - July 24-26, 2025

Next Family Camp - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2025



Question of the week:

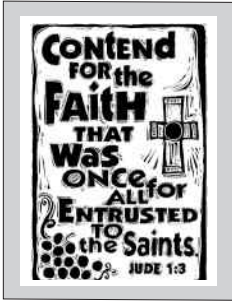
In Romans 14:12, the apostle Paul says that we shall give an account to God. In 2 Corinthians 5, to whom is that accounting made?

Last week's question: In the book of Job, the expression "the sons of God" is used. Who are "the sons of God" in this context? *Answer: The angels, who were there to watch the creation of the earth and the physical creation (Job 38:7)..*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 79
Morning Assembly – 122
Evening Assembly – 61

Wednesday Night (8/28) – 75
Butte Lord's Day – 9
GF Lord's Day – 62,84 Wed. - 61



Reasonings from Revelation

He Who Walks among the Lampstands

"I, John," are the attention-getting words, "your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos" (Revelation 1:9). One thing repeatedly stands out in the new covenant writings is that the early Christians often suffered greatly for their faith, as John comments on "the tribulation" here. And why is he exiled to Patmos? It is "because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus." The "dragon" of Revelation, the serpent of old and the devil, has been able to bring the rebellion he started in heaven to earth, engulfing the deceived and willing sons of men in its flames. The only crime the apostle of love has committed has been to be a faithful witness

to the saving testimony of Jesus the Christ.

- **The Voice** – John said he was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day," meaning that he had fallen into a trance on the first day of the week, the day of the week on which Jesus rose from the dead (Revelation 1:10). "I heard behind me," records the apostle, "a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet." That voice was certainly not to be ignored or denied! And the voice commanded John to write this book of Revelation and send it to the seven churches of the Roman province of Asia, starting from Ephesus in the southwest and moving clockwise through Smyrna and ending at Laodicea as the most southeasterly.
- **In the lampstands** – The "stage setting" for Revelation is patterned after the Old Testament temple. John, in turning to see the voice, saw seven lampstands instead of the ten that would have been in Solomon's temple. "In the middle of the lampstands," he notes, "was one like a son of man [the Son of Man], clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His breast with a golden girdle" (Revelation 1:11-13). Jesus is there, in the garb of the High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
- **His appearance** – The appearance of Christ in this vision to John the apostle is very similar to the appearances of the Almighty to Ezekiel as recorded in Ezekiel chapter one and to Daniel in Daniel chapter seven. "And His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow;" says John, "and His eyes were like a flame of fire; and His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters" (Revelation 1:14,15). The Jesus who walks among the lampstands is the one God revered and served by the faithful of the Old Testament.
- **His countenance** – "In His right hand," John points out, "He held seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength" (Revelation 1:16). That "sharp two-edged sword" proceeding from His mouth is the scripture (which is designed to pierce the hearts of any who need repentance). And His face depicted "like the sun shining in its strength" is what the writer of Hebrews described as follows: "And He [Christ] is the radiance of His [the Father's] glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power" (Hebrews 1:3). This is the One "who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see" (1 Timothy 6:16).

Having been introduced to the One who walks among the lampstands, the reader is also given the meaning of some key symbols: "As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches" (Revelation 1:20). The "angels" will be those who read the letter, and the "lampstands" will be those who listen to the letter as it was delivered late in the first century.

But the focus never leaves Jesus the great High Priest and King: "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as a dead man" (Revelation 1:17).

"I fell at His feet as a dead man!"

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