

**“In all labor there is profit,  
But mere talk leads only to poverty.”  
-- Proverbs 14:23**



Lads from Missoula and Billings,  
getting out of the heat and into the shade  
Caleb and Chloe Wilson's wedding  
near Great Falls, MT

**“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the  
one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that  
he will not walk about naked and men will not see  
his shame.”**

*Revelation 16:15*

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

## September 29, 2024

### Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Corban Icenogle**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Su Nguyen

L.S. - Steven Doty

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

**\* GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Brayden Miller

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

**Oct. 20** – Fellowship dinner following assembly; theme: "German food"

**Butte**

**Oct. 13** - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm before assembly



**BOZEMAN -**

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

*Study on Hebrews*

**Luke Wilson**

**GREAT FALLS -**

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

*Jay Wilson*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Spiritual Warriors** - Fri, Sat, Oct 25,26

**Bible Bowl** - March 15, 2025

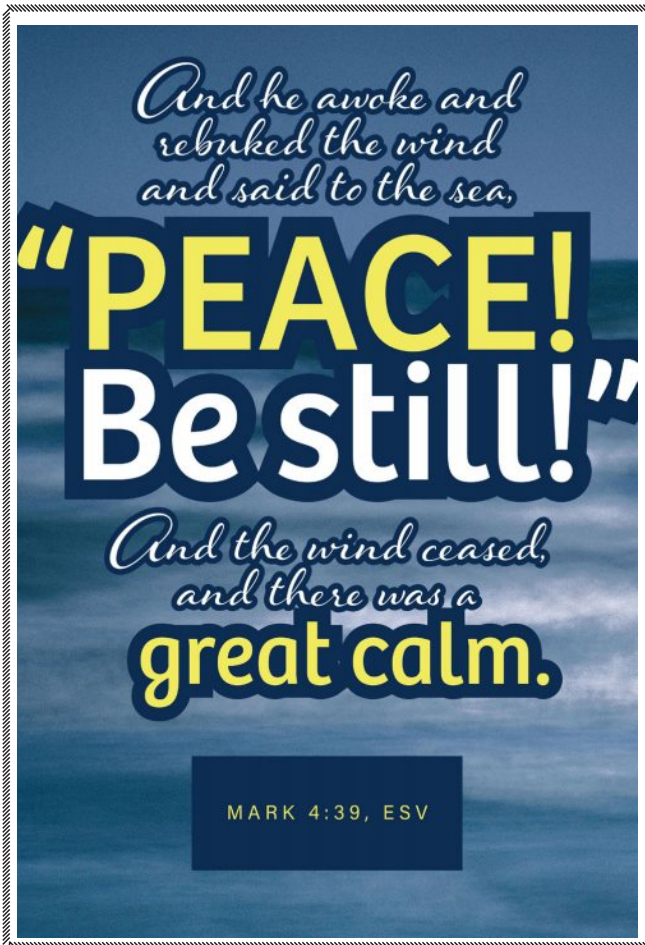
**Ladies' Advance** - May 1-3, 2025

**Men's Peaks** - July 24-26, 2025

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

### Great Falls

**Oct. 5** - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: "baked potato bar"



### Question of the week:

In Ephesians, the apostle Paul speaks of one body and one Spirit, as well as one Lord, one faith, one immersion, and one God and Father of all. What is the seventh one?

Last week's question: Isaiah speaks of a time when the moon will be "abashed" and the sun "ashamed" (NASB1995). What will happen on Mt. Zion and in Jerusalem (references to the church)? *Answer: The Lord will reign (Isaiah 24:23).*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 60  
Morning Assembly – 86  
Evening Assembly – 45

Wednesday Night (9/25) – 60  
Butte Lord's Day – 18  
GF Lord's Day – 64,77 Wed. - 63



## Reasonings from Revelation

### To the Church in Pergamum

Pergamum sat in a center of idolatry. It had been the capital of a reasonably large empire, and contained the Pergamon [Pergamum] Altar, a throne-like structure serving as a temple to Zeus and next to a temple of Athena. At one point the city hosted a library that rivaled the famous library of Alexandria, Egypt, and established Pergamum as a center for Greek thought. Jesus, then, gives this instruction: "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum, write:". The Lord, who describes Himself as "the One who has the sharp two-edged sword," has special words for the congregation (Revelation 2:8).

- **Satan's throne** – "I know where you dwell," affirms the One who is near and not far off, "where Satan's throne is" (Revelation 2:13). It is more than speculation to think that this is a reference to the throne-like

altar to Zeus. When the apostle Paul talked about idols, he exposed the demonic forces behind them. "The things which the Gentiles sacrifice," he commented, "they sacrifice to demons" (1 Corinthians 10:20). Since the demons are subject to the devil, and since Zeus was regarded as the mightiest of the Greek gods, it makes sense that the huge and magnificent (in earthly terms) altar of Zeus would be called "Satan's throne."

- **Hold fast "My name"** – The Lord Christ does have some words of commendation for the church in Pergamum. "You hold fast My name," He affirms, "and did not deny My faith." Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, the Almighty commented, "I am the Lord, that is *My name*; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images" (Isaiah 42:8). He is protective of His name, and He is earnest about the holiness of His name being vindicated. That the congregation in Pergamum is regarded by the Lord as holding fast *His name* is high commendation indeed.

- **"My faith"** – The Lord further observes that they "did not deny My faith, even in the days of Antipas." "My faith" is not a reference to Jesus' personal faith, especially clear since He is delivering this message from the realm of "sight" — His being in the glory for which the rest of us await. "My faith" is the equivalent of "the faith of Christ" which the KJV and literal versions (such as the Modern Literal Version) bring out in places such as Romans 3:22. It refers to the system of doctrine and thought also known as the new covenant and the apostles' doctrine. The congregation is commended because they did not compromise the doctrines of Christ under the pressures which were exerted upon them.

- **"Antipas, My witness"** – You "did not deny My faith," applauds the Christ, "even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells" (Revelation 2:13). What defines a "witness" of Christ? Early on, when the apostles are working with the Lord to select an apostle to take Judas' place, the statement was made by Peter that from those who had seen the life of the Lord from the time of His immersion until "the day He was taken up," one should be selected to "become a witness with us of His resurrection" (Acts 1:22). These men had already seen the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ on earth, but that did not qualify them to be witnesses. To be "a witness," the individual had to have had a revelation of Jesus in glory, such as the apostles did from Acts chapter two onward. Antipas, of whom there is no reliable secular history, was such a witness, and was faithful in his proclamation of the gospel until his death.

Jesus clearly let Antipas be "martyred" for the faith. ("Martyr" actually means "witness," and has come to mean those "executed" because that is what happened to so many of those faithful witnesses.) His death occurred "among you, where Satan dwells." The persecution and execution of the saints was taking place because Satan directly wanted them killed and their mouths shut. While such persecution and execution intimidates some, it actually is a source of encouragement to dedicated saints, who are motivated to follow in the footsteps of such martyrs, knowing that the reward of Christ for being faithful until death awaits them.

*"You hold fast  
My name"*