

**“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD  
And whose trust is the LORD.  
For he will be like a tree planted by the water...”  
-- Jeremiah 17:7,8a**



Brethren from all across Montana  
gathered for Caleb and Chloe Wilson's wedding  
Great Falls, MT

**“His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will  
thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will  
gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up  
the chaff with unquenchable fire.”**

***Matthew 3:12***

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

## October 6, 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

Prayer med - Charlie Brown

L.S. - Tommy Widner

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

**\* GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Josh Wallace

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Steve Durnan

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"

***Congratulations to Brody Ireland**, who was immersed into Christ in the Gallatin River by Luke Wilson on Lord's Day, Sept. 29!*

**Butte**

**Oct. 20** - 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

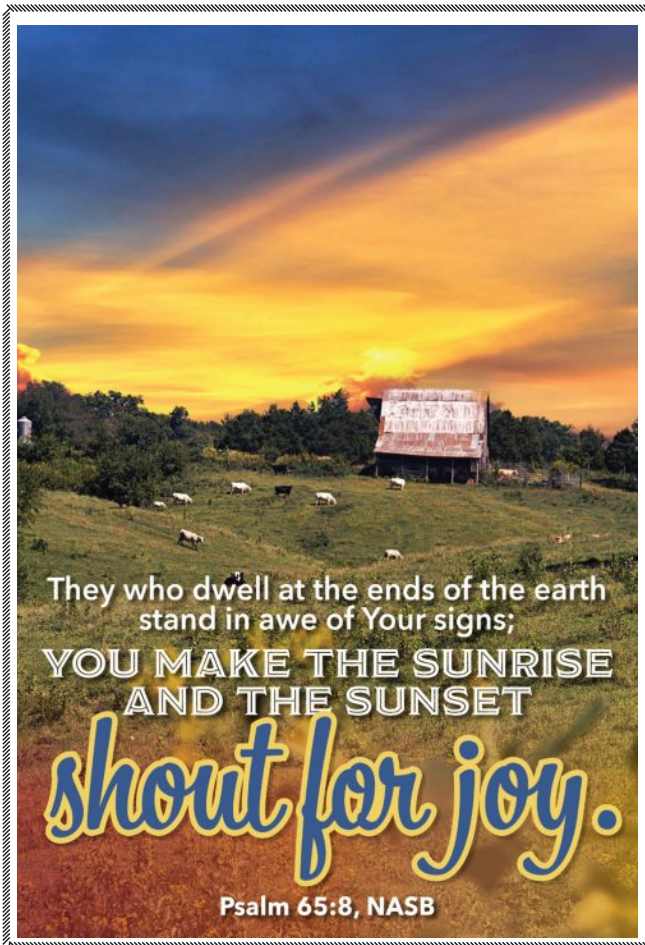
**Ladies' Advance** - May 1-3, 2025

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

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

### Great Falls

**Oct. 6** - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: "baked potato bar"



### Question of the week:

In the last chapter of Isaiah, the Lord said He would extend a certain kind of peace to Jerusalem [the church]. What kind was it?

Last week's question: 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? *Answer: "One hope of your calling" [the resurrection from the dead] (Ephesians 4:4).*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 66  
Morning Assembly – 113  
Evening Assembly – 55

Wednesday Night (10/4) – 60  
Butte Lord's Day – 16  
GF Lord's Day – 71,95 Wed. - 63



Reasonings from Revelation

## To the Church in Pergamum (cont.)

"I know where you dwell," stated the Christ, concerned about the welfare of His congregation, "where Satan's throne is." The church in Pergamum was located where one of the large altars to Zeus occupied a significant place on the "acropolis," the high place where many pilgrims came to pay homage to the one they regarded as the most powerful of the Greek gods. This church in general was commended because, even in the face of pressure coming from the rampant paganism around them, they did not deny the faith.

- **Things against you** – "But," says Jesus, "I have a few things against you..." (Revelation 2:14). These "things" might be "few," but they seem to be major! "You have there some who hold the teaching

of Balaam." Balaam was the false prophet and diviner hired by the kings of Moab and Midian to curse Israel as they approached the crossing of the Jordan in the days of Moses and Joshua. God gave him some great prophecies of the future (including that "the shout of a king" was among them, looking to the eventual coming of the King, Jesus), and would not allow him to curse Israel. Balaam, dating from about 1405 BC, did not exist at the time Jesus is communicating with the church at Pergamum; the Lord is making the point that the situation in Pergamum was similar to what it was in the days of Balaam.

- **What Balaam did** – Unable to collect his diviner's fee for cursing Israel, Balaam instead encouraged Balak, king of Moab, to have the Moabites' and Midianites' young people intermingle with Israel, and thus pull Israel into the idol worship of these surrounding pagans. The Christ of Revelation states, concerning Balaam, that he "kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality." Idol worship, driven by hidden demonic forces, always takes its devotees to the point of no moral standards, and a pagan society is always riven with debauchery of every kind. Not good when it is in the church! "Thus you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans" (Revelation 2:15).
- **Repent** – God's long war is against idolatry and its indirect worship of Satan. The message from the Lord about some of the brethren's participation in such activity is predictably abrupt: repent! "Repent therefore," commands the Christ, "or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth" (Revelation 2:16). The "sword" is Jesus' word, which is powerful, even though only perceived as such in the spiritual realm.
- **"He who has an ear..."** – "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches," appeals the great High Priest and intercessor (Revelation 2:17). In making His appeal, Jesus makes it clear that He is very interested in the spiritual success of each of His saints, but it is also clear that the faith of each will be tested or even greatly tested. "To him who overcomes," He exhorts, "to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it." The "hidden manna" would be a reference to the eternal life which comes from Him "who is the bread of life," as contrasted to what was fed to those who perished in the wilderness of Moses' day.

The fact that each of the victors receives a white stone, and a new special name known only to the recipient, makes it clear that in eternity each faithful follower of Christ never loses his identity. This is of foundational significance in that it establishes the value of the individual in the sight of the Creator and Redeemer. Devil-driven religions and paganism attack the value of the individual in general, and especially attack the value of saints "born from above." Those who will receive the "new name written on the stone" have infinitely great value to the Almighty. They will have charged successfully through the fires that tested their faith, and will be honored accordingly!

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