

**“For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act;  
For how can My name be profaned?  
And My glory I will not give to another.”  
-- Isaiah 48:11**



Long time Christians  
Jerry and Jane Hoffman, Tom and Marcia Jacobs  
visiting following Wed. night assembly  
Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

**“When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather,  
for the sky is red.’ And in the morning, ‘There will  
be a storm today, for the sky is red and threaten-  
ing.’ Do you know how to discern the appearance  
of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the  
times?”**

***Matthew 16:2,3***

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

## November 3, 2024

### Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman  
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls  
Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Lance Ashley**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer Med - Jim Mitchell

L.S. - Mike Kover

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

**\* GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Scott Schweitzer

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

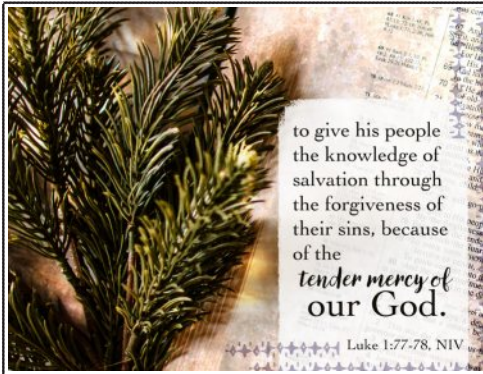
Preaching - Jay Wilson

#### Bozeman

**Nov. 24** - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: "Thanksgiving"

#### Butte

**Nov. 17** - 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:

**Bible Bowl** - March 15, 2025

**College Camp** - March 21-23, at Camp Utmost

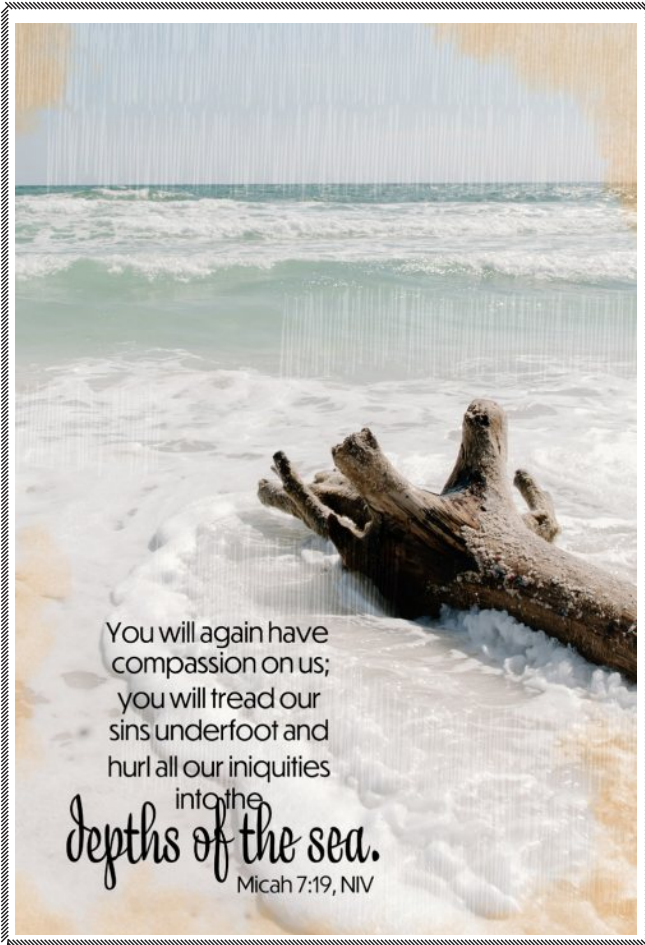
**Ladies' Advance** - May 1-3, 2025 at Fishtail

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

**Family Camp** - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 202

#### Great Falls

**Nov. 3** - Fellowship dinner following assembly



You will again have  
compassion on us;  
you will tread our  
sins underfoot and  
hurl all our iniquities  
into the  
*depths of the sea.*  
Micah 7:19, NIV

### Question of the week:

What book of the Bible begins with the words, “How lonely sits the city that once was full of people”?

Last week’s question: On the second missionary journey Paul parted company with Barnabas because he did not want John Mark (author of the gospel account) to come with them. In the closing section of Paul’s second letter to Timothy, what does he say about Mark? *Answer: That he was useful to Paul (2 Timothy 4:11).*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 69  
Morning Assembly – 101  
Evening Assembly – 44

Wednesday Night (10/30) – 49  
Butte Lord’s Day – 11  
GF Lord’s Day – 63,77 Wed. - 57



Reasonings from Revelation

## To the Church in Philadelphia

How exciting it is for the Lord to find His children of faith walking joyfully in His footsteps! Of the seven churches in Asia to which this letter from Christ is directed, only two stand commended, and both of those had to come through the fires of persecution from the “synagogues of Satan,” as Jesus Himself described the Jews. The first commended is Smyrna, the second is Philadelphia, and the Lord is happy that both of them are holding firm. “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia,” says the glorified Christ, “write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut,” has some things to say (Revelation 3:7). Jesus is “true,” and the ultimate source and object of truth. He is “holy,” and even

saints’ holiness flows from His.

- **Key of David** – “I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder,” said the Lord of Eliakim the son of Hilkiah in the days of Isaiah and Hezekiah, “when he opens no one will shut, and when he shuts no one will open” (Isaiah 22:22). The key of David, then, has to do with the ability to rule: “the government will rest on His shoulders,” as Isaiah had prophesied of the coming Child (Isaiah 9:6). The reference to Eliakim ultimately points to the rule of Christ, “and he will become a throne of glory to his father’s house” (Isaiah 22:23). The expression “throne of glory” looks far beyond anything Hezekiah possessed. The One, then, “who has the key of David,” speaks to the church in Philadelphia.
- **“I know your deeds”** – The first thing He says, “I know your deeds” (Revelation 3:8). The Christ uses this same expression in addressing several of the other churches in Asia, but only for Philadelphia is its context wholly positive. “Behold,” is the Lord’s positive invitation to have a look, “I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.” That “little power” was more than what all the forces of darkness could muster! For the congregation to have kept Jesus’ word and for them not to have denied Jesus’ name in the midst of the severe persecution under which they functioned is truly commendable.
- **Another synagogue of Satan** – “Behold,” states the Lord again, “I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you” (Revelation 3:9). These late first century Jews were apparently leaders in persecuting saints before the Roman government took that lead, about the time that the book of Revelation was finished. What a reversal, for these Jews with their arrogant “zeal without knowledge,” to have to bow down at the feet of the Gentile saints, and for them to be forced to recognize that the Lord of lords and King of kings loved the Christians!

**“I will make  
them to come  
and bow down at  
your feet”**

History shows that about 100 AD the Roman government began seriously persecuting Christians on a major scale, although some persecution had begun before starting about the time of Emperor Nero. Jesus gives comfort and assurance to these faithful brethren: “Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth” (Revelation 3:10).

The expression, “those who dwell upon the earth” in the book of Revelation, is a description of those still held under Satan’s sway, as contrasted to those who “dwell in heaven” (see Revelation 13:6,8). There is an ultimate day of judgment coming, a day of punishment for those who by intent or neglect did not choose to follow the Christ according to His terms. Faithful saints, such as those at Philadelphia, will be “kept” from that punishment. Jesus said, during the days of His earthly sojourn, “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life” (John 5:24).

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