

“Elisha died, and they buried him. Now the bands of the Moabites would invade the land in the spring of the year. As they were burying a man, behold, they saw a marauding band; and they cast the man into the grave of Elisha. And when the man touched the bones of Elisha he revived and stood up on his feet.”

-- 2 Kings 13:20,21



Brethren in Butte getting ready for assembly
from 7:30-9:00 pm
Christ's Church in Butte America

“In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.”

James 1:18

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

November 24, 2024

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Joe Shanahan

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Jon Shanahan

L.S. - Luke Jacobs

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Gary DiPaolo

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Bobo Womagno

L.S. - Rick Vaught

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Butte

**Dec. 15 - 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

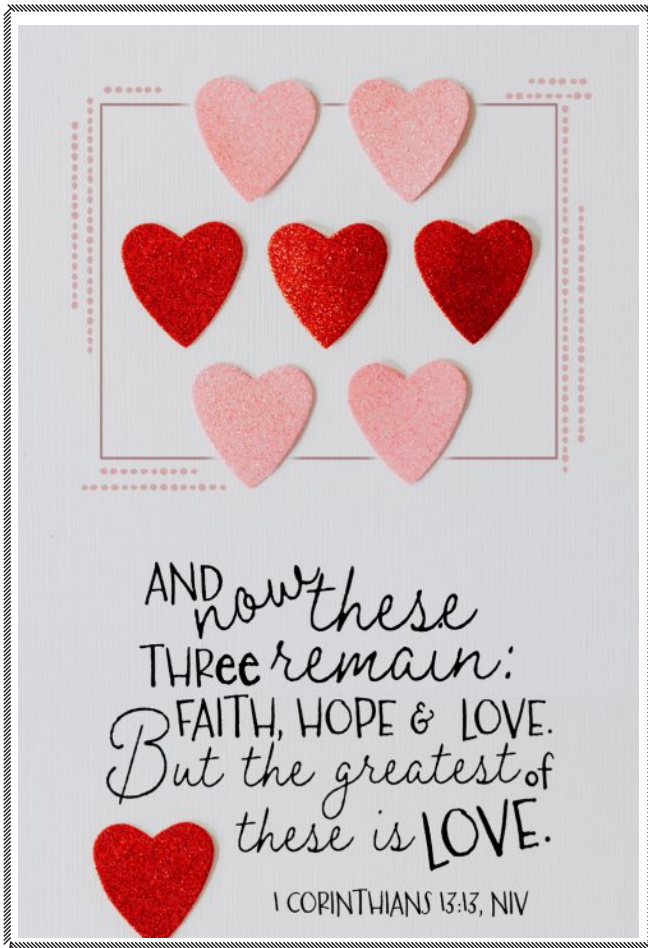
Ladies' Advance - May 1-3, 2025 at Fishtail

Men's Peaks - July 24-26, 2025

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

Great Falls

Dec. 1 - Fellowship dinner following assembly



Question of the week:

According to the apostle Peter in the opening passage of his first epistle, what must happen before the prospective Christian can be “sprinkled” with Jesus’ cleansing blood?

Last week’s question: Ezekiel heard the words of the Lord about a sword “sharpened to slaughter, polished to flash like lightning.” In whose hand was the sword, and where was it coming to slaughter? *Answer: Into the hand of the slayer [the Babylonians], and it was coming to Judah and Jerusalem (Ezekiel 21:11,12)*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 74
Morning Assembly – 107
Evening Assembly – 50

Wednesday Night (11/20) – 50
Butte Lord’s Day – 15
GF Lord’s Day – 72,90 Wed. - 58



Reasonings from Revelation

To the Church in Laodicea (cont.)

The church in Laodicea was apparently well-off financially. Speaking with one voice, they said, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing." That would mean the saints as a whole had good jobs and successful businesses, and that their meeting quarters as a congregation had some comforts. Undoubtedly there were some in the congregation who commented on how much the Lord had been blessing them, and how they were clearly on the right track because of those good physical things that had come their way. What a shock it would have been to have received this letter, penned by the apostle John, pointing out from the Lord Jesus Himself what their true condition was. "You do not know that you

are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." They didn't know; now they do!

- **Reproof from Christ** – Jesus is not willing to give up on these Laodicean brethren so easily, which is encouraging for a modern saint who may have struggled and wanted to find his way back. "Those whom I love," says He, "I reprove and discipline" (Revelation 3:19). "But if you are without discipline," noted Hebrews' author, "... you are illegitimate children and not sons" (Hebrews 12:8). The discipline is obviously necessary for these children of faith in Laodicea, and the Lord is willing to give them some verbal correction as well as some discipline in a way that they will feel. What should be the result of said reproof and discipline? "Be zealous therefore, and repent." These brethren were to shrug off their luke-warm condition, and begin to develop the fiery intensity necessary for loving the lost and reaching them with the gospel. That would require "repentance," a change in thinking which would result in a real change in behavior.
- **An invitation** – To this wayward congregation, the Lord is still gracious and appealing. "Behold," is His call, "I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20). Here the Lord is inviting these brethren to have the very best fellowship with Him, described as His coming to their homes and sitting down at a leisurely meal together. He furthermore is taking the initiative on this fellowship, pointing out that He is already knocking on their doors. But it always comes back to a willingness to "hear His voice," as now expressed in the written word of God. (This verse is not an invitation for a lost sinner to "invite Jesus into his heart"; it is an invitation for the blind and short-sighted saint to have his fellowship restored with the great King!)

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches"!!

Once again comes the encouragement to overcome all obstacles. To the Laodiceans, the Lord specifically says, "He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne" (Revelation 3:21). By faith the faithful follower of Christ has already been seated with Christ in glory, as Paul made clear in his epistle to the Ephesian brethren: He "made us alive together with Christ...and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:5,6). But the reward Jesus is offering here in Revelation is the reward that is "by sight," when earthly life with its trials and persecutions is left behind, and what is in front is to reign with Christ eternally, effective at the resurrection from the dead. Paul thus said that his mental state of mind was such, as he announced, "one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13,14). So it is to be for all who claim the name of Christ.

"He who has an ear," said He who had a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, "let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" (Revelation 3:22)..

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