

**“As for you also, because of the blood  
of My covenant with You,  
I have set your prisoners free  
from the waterless pit.”  
Zechariah 9:11**



Men's special prayer session  
Petitions, entreaties, thanksgivings  
heading into the new year  
Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

**““I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with  
you before I suffer; for I say to you, I shall never  
again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of  
God.”**

***Luke 22:15,16***

*Fully ALIVE in 2025 - "It is the Spirit who gives life..." - John 6:63*

## January 5, 2025!

### 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

St'dship - Josh Wallace

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

**\* GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Elliot Ashley

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Bobo Womagno

L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

**Beginning Jan. 12** evening assembly

- Phil Sutton marriage series

Butte

**Jan. 19 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm** before assembly



**BOZEMAN -**

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

**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**

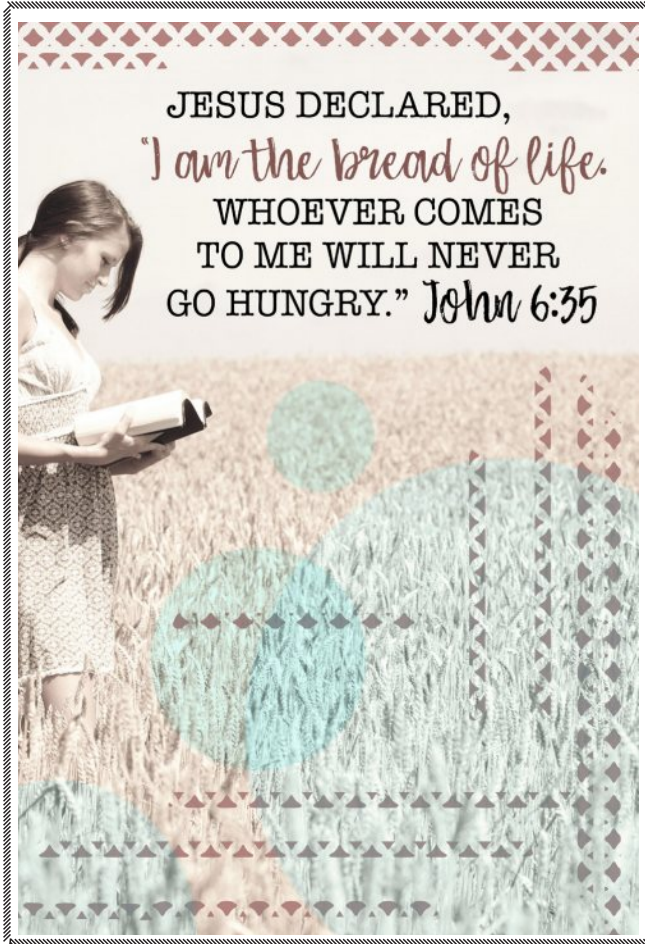
**MT Youth camp - June 8-13 at Fishtail**

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

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

### Great Falls

**Jan. 5 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: "finger foods and appetizers"**



**Quotation of the week:**

"It [2024] was your year, given to you by God, and you were largely responsible for what you made of it—good or bad. If you used it in a responsible way, it's to your credit... The Heavenly Manufacturer gives to all whatever years we have..." -- Ron Bartanen, *The Sower*, Dec. 28, 2024

**Question of the week:**

Last week's question: In Revelation 22, how is the God "who sent His angel to show His bond-servants the things which must shortly take place" described? *Answer: "the God of the spirits of the prophets"*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 69  
Morning Assembly – 105  
Evening Assembly – 51

Wednesday Night (1/1) – 61  
Butte Lord's Day – 13  
GF Lord's Day – 70,85 Wed. - 48



Reasonings from Revelation

## The Throne and He Who Sits upon It

The book of Revelation opens with a vision of the Christ who walks among the seven lampstands, and with His messages to the seven churches of Asia. Point of emphasis: every modern congregation periodically must analyze those messages and take an honest assessment of where it stands were Jesus to address it as He did those congregations of yore.

The next stop on our journey was to spend time in Revelation chapter 20. Here, in concise form, and with enough information to get a handle on what the “thousand-year” reign of Christ is, we could establish that this designated period of time is the church age, and those who participate in “the first resurrection” are those who are properly immersed into Christ. That establishes a picture of Satan bound or limited as to what he can do to the saint for that time, but it also shows that toward the end of the church age the devil is pictured as being loosed from his prison and being able to stop the church from moving forward with the gospel. At that point, the purpose for planet earth has ceased, and the devil is thrown into the lake of fire. In summary, there is a pattern wherein a) the church comes into existence in connection with Christ’s crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, b) forces are at work during the church age, and c) then comes the end.

Now our focus turns to the stage pictured in chapter four, and its introduction to vision of the seven seals and the famous “four horsemen” of Revelation.

- **“Come up here”** – As the book of Revelation continues from its portrayal of the vision of the seven churches, the apostle John writes, “After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven” (Revelation 4:1). A door standing *open* in heaven? Who could not have the earnest desire to walk through that door if possible! The narrative continues: “...and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me...” That first voice, from Revelation chapter one, was the voice of Him who was walking among the lampstands, the voice of the great High Priest Himself, Jesus Christ risen from the dead and seated at the right hand of power. And the voice said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things. Not only was the door open, but John received an invitation from the One who has all authority in heaven and on earth to “come up” and pass through that door,
- **Before the throne** – How is John going to “come up here” and get through that door? “Immediately,” he says, “I was in the Spirit...” (Revelation 4:2). The apostle is in a trance-like state, and he is transported into the heavenly realms. “...and behold,” he exclaims, “a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.”
- **The One on the throne** – “And He who was sitting [on the throne] was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance” (Revelation 4:3). Jasper can often be a very bright red, and sardius also can be of nearly the same color; emeralds are often a brilliant green. Brilliant colors and references to a rainbow are common in visions the prophets had of Him who sits upon the throne in glory. No earthly words are adequate to describe the Almighty; in any description, the word AWESOME comes to mind!

“And around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads” (Revelation 4:4). Personal opinion: These twenty-four elders, who are pictured as in constant worship of the One on the throne, and who are clothed in white garments (“the righteous acts of the saints” from Revelation 19:8), and who are “kings” with golden crowns, are twelve representatives of the Old Testament saints (made righteous by being thrown in with new covenant saints, from Hebrews 11:39,40) and twelve representing the new covenant saints. August personages in the presence of the most august throne!

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