"He rode upon a cherub and flew; And He sped upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness His hiding place, His canopy around Him,

Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies."
-- Psalm 18:10,11



Some of the crowd at the opening Bible Bowl 2025 at the church building Christ's Church in Bozeman\ Bozeman, MT

"To these [apostles] He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God."

**Acts 1:3** 

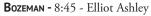
# Fully ALIVE in 2025 - "It is the Spirit who gives life..." - John 6:63

# March 16, 2025



Meeting at

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



9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Tony Huitron

L.S. - Herb Burnell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

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L.S. - Luke Jacobs

**Great Falls -** 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Cody Kruck

L.S. - Ryan Compton

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Butte -** 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

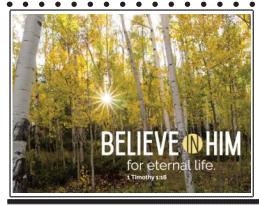
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## **Bozeman**

**Mar. 30** - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: taco bar

### **Butte**

**Mar. 16 -** Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm before assembly



BOZEMAN Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Luke Wilson

Great Falls - Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Jay Wilson

Congratulations to Mike and Abby Rehbein who were united in marriage on Mar. 8 in Appomattox, VA

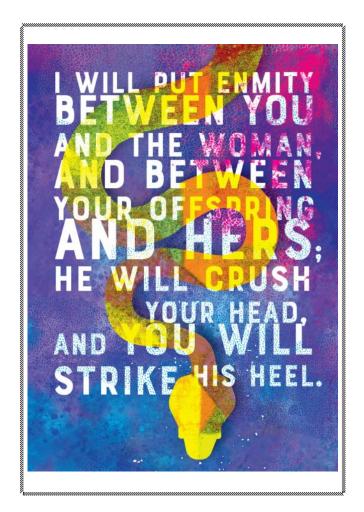
# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

College-ish 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**

Mar. 16 - fasting and prayer for evangelism



#### Quotation of the week:

"Thus the encouragement and imploring was 'so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory' (1 Thessalonians 2:12)...The word of God paints a picture that the brothers and sisters of Jesus can walk in a manner that imitates the character of the Lord, following in His footsteps. How exciting it is, that through the word of God and help from the indwelling Holy Spirit, the saint can present himself worthy of God!" -- Thoughts from Thessalonians (Imploring as a Father)

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 56
Morning Assembly – 99
Evening Assembly – 38

Reasonings from Revelation



#### An Interlude

Six of the seals on the book have been broken by the Lamb. Horsemen have ridden, showing the forces of the gospel, of war, of famine, and of death at work in the world. Souls have cried out for their avenging from underneath the altar of incense, and told to wait awhile. And the disobedient have cried out for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the wrathful Judgment of "Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb." So should the seventh seal be broken next? No ... there is an intermission of sorts, a vision within the vision while the stage is set for the next act of the Revelation play.

• More suspense – The apostle John watches a whole different setting, turning his attention away from the throne in the center. "After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth," he says concerning this interlude. It is not the literal earth he is looking at; it is how it appeared in the vision, such as the earlier one where stars were falling to earth. What were the angels doing? They were "holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind should blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree" (Revelation 7:1). In the next vision, things are going to happen to "the earth," to "the sea," and to "trees." In this interlude, therefore, the winds have been withheld so that certain necessary things can be accomplished before the next vision is unleashed.

An ascending angel – John adds, "And I saw another angel ascending from the rising
of the sun, having the seal of the living God" (Revelation 7:2). This angel, seen "in
the east," is very important; he has been entrusted with "the seal of the living God."

In earthly terms, the one with "the seal" is the head of the house, the noble at the head of the clan; perhaps his son, the heir-apparent, would have an identical seal as well. This angel has "the seal" of God. "And he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.'" (Revelation 7:3) The ascending angel was yelling at the other angels to wait!

"It is a spiritual mark, described in physical terms."

• The seal – It is important to note that "the bond-servants of God" are marked; the mark of the seal of God is described as being on their foreheads. It is a spiritual mark, seen as physical in the vision. What denotes a Christian is whether the individual is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, as the apostle Paul makes clear in the passage of Romans 8:9-11. Referring to the indwelling Spirit, he stated, "If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him." Further information comes from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, where he noted, "You were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise" (Ephesians 1:13). Only those properly immersed into Christ, therein having received forgiveness of sins and the indwelling Spirit, can be regarded as stamped with the seal of the living God. Again, to re-emphasize, it is a spiritual mark, described in physical terms.

The ascending angel told the other four angels to wait before they unleashed their judgments on the earth until the bond-servants of God were sealed. This is a clear picture that God is not going to execute His final judgment until all those known to Him as truth-seekers can be brought into the fold of Christ. The prophet Isaiah had stated, looking to the end of God's work on planet earth, "Seek from the book of the Lord, and read: not one of these will be missing; none will lack its mate. For His mouth has commanded, and His Spirit has gathered them" (Isaiah 34:16). Going back to the time of Moses, it has been known that there is such a book, and the names of those who will be redeemed are in there. Planet earth will not cease until all have been sealed and gathered!.

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