

**“NOW THIS DAY WILL BE A MEMORIAL TO YOU, AND
YOU SHALL CELEBRATE IT AS A FEAST TO THE LORD;
THROUGHOUT YOUR GENERATIONS YOU ARE TO CELEBRATE
IT AS A PERMANENT ORDINANCE.”**

-- EXODUS 12:14



Tony Huitron
knowledgeable in the scriptures
recently immersed into Christ
delivering the stewardship exhortation
Christ's Church - Bozeman, MT

**“Now the main point in what has been said is this:
we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat
at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in
the heavens, a minister in the sanctuary and in the
true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.”**

Hebrews 8:1,2

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

April 13, 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 - Brody Ireland
L.S. - Jason Shanahan
Preaching - Luke Wilson
L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -
*** JOE SHANAHAN**
L.S. - John Odell

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
St'dship - Jon Reijgers
L.S. - Caleb McDunn
Preaching - Jay Wilson

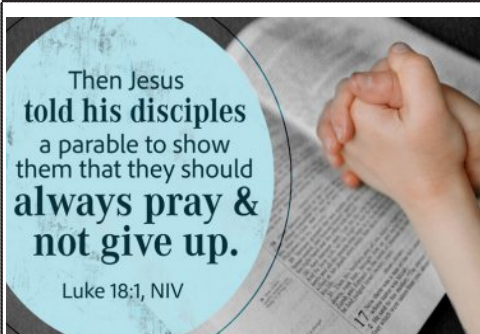
BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class
8:15 pm - Assembly
L.S. - Jay Wilson
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

April 27 - Fellowship dinner following morning assembly; theme: traditional Resurrection Lord's Day dinner

Butte

April 20 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm before assembly



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

Bozeman school awards and graduation - May 21, 7:00 pm

GREAT FALLS -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jay Wilson

Great Falls school awards and graduation - May 21, 7:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ladies' Advance - May 1-3, 2025 at Fishtail
Badlands Family Camp - May 23-26
Lancaster, OH Family Camp - May 23-26
MT Youth camp - June 8-13 at Fishtail
Men's Peaks - July 24-26, 2025
Family Camp - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2025

Great Falls

Congratulations to **Levi and Karissa DuPaul**, who were united in marriage on Sat. April 5!

April 20 - Prayer and fasting



My son,
keep your
father's
command
and do not
forsake
your
mother's
teaching.
Bind them
always on
your heart;
fasten them
around
your neck.

Proverbs
6: 20-21, NIV

Quotation of the week:

Meeting Jesus for the first time: "Simon bar-Jonah was, like Andrew bar-Jonah, a disciple of John and one still hanging around the lower Jordan valley because he was curious about what was going on. Andrew, after spending most of a day with Jesus, hurried to Simon with the news that he and cousin John had found the Messiah. This would be tremendous good news for a man such as Simon, who had already set a lot of time aside to pursue his interest in the kingdom of God."
-- *Looking at the Light through John (Friends Tell Friends)*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 64
Morning Assembly – 100
Evening Assembly – 56

Wednesday Night (4/9) – 52
Butte Lord's Day – 8 (ph: 5)
GF Lord's Day – 54,70 Wed. - 50



Reasonings from Revelation

The First Four Trumpets

The ultimate reason for earth's existence is for the testing of men's souls. God's clear desire is for "all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). "The Lord," the apostle Peter pointed out, is "not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Loving the eternal souls of men, the Almighty will do what He must do to bring every possible person to that repentance. "I am the Lord [Yahweh]," He stated to Isaiah, "and there is no other, the One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the Lord [Yahweh] who does all these things" (Isaiah 45:6,7).

Hence in the introduction to the vision of the seven trumpets, an angel took the golden censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to earth where major racket and shaking occurred. This is preparation for the trumpets and the judgments associated with them, and the purpose of these judgments is to get some of mankind to repent.

- **The first trumpet** – The seven angels with the trumpets stand before God. He, then, looks on approvingly as each sounds his trumpet blast. "And the first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown down to the earth and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up" (Revelation 8:7). It is important to remember that this is a vision; a third of the earth did not literally burn up. In the days of Moses, God sent a plague of hail mixed with fire, and it destroyed the flax and barley (Exodus 9:18-35). This similar picture of a plague in Revelation is showing God's judgment on the crops in His effort to get men to repent.
- **The second trumpet** – Next the judgment upon saltwater bodies. "And the second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood; and a third of the creatures, which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed" (Revelation 8:8,9). The human race gets much of its foodstuffs from the seas, and much commerce is carried out on their surfaces. As the Nile turned to blood in Moses' day, so a third of the sea is smitten; the judgment of God on its produce and its commerce is executed also with the goal of producing repentance.
- **The third trumpet** – Now for judgment upon fresh waters. "And the third angel sounded, and great star fell from heaven, burning like torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters" (Revelation 8:10). The sons of men are totally dependent upon fresh water to drink, and for life in general, whether it be for cooking or for crops. "And the name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood; and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter" (Revelation 8:11). (Wormwood is an extremely bitter herb.) Did men repent at this partial destruction of fresh waters?
- **The fourth trumpet** – "And the fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were smitten, so that a third of them might be darkened and the day might not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way" (Revelation 8:12). Did men repent at this vision of the partial destruction of heavenly bodies?

These are visions of various calamities God brings upon the earth!

The first four trumpets are visions of various calamities God brings upon the earth — partial destruction of vegetation, partial destruction of saltwater livelihood, partial destruction of freshwater systems and their produce, and partial destruction of the sun and related heavenly bodies — in order to get men to turn from their earthly focus to Christ and the things above. These are partial judgments, showing God's patience and, in Revelation's visions, showing that there is still time.

JAY WILSON