

When [King of Israel] Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, “Is this you, you troubler of Israel?” He [Elijah] said, “I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house have, because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and you have followed the Baals.

--1 Kings 18:17,18



The “Spanish Peaks” of the Madison Range
location of the early “Spanish Peaks Clinic”
1972 - about 1980

(Picture taken from Spain’s Bridge Road north of church building)
Christ’ Church, Bozeman, MT

“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds. ”

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

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

April 27, 2025

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 - Steven Doty

L.S. - Phil Sutton

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

*** PHIL SUTTON - ON MARRIAGE**

L.S. - Davis Ashley

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Alex Luxmore

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Jared DuPaul

L.S. - Jon Reijgers

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Joe Martin

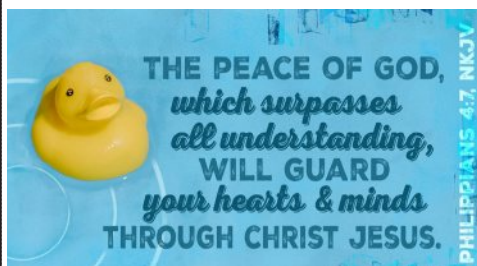
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

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

Butte

May 18 - 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

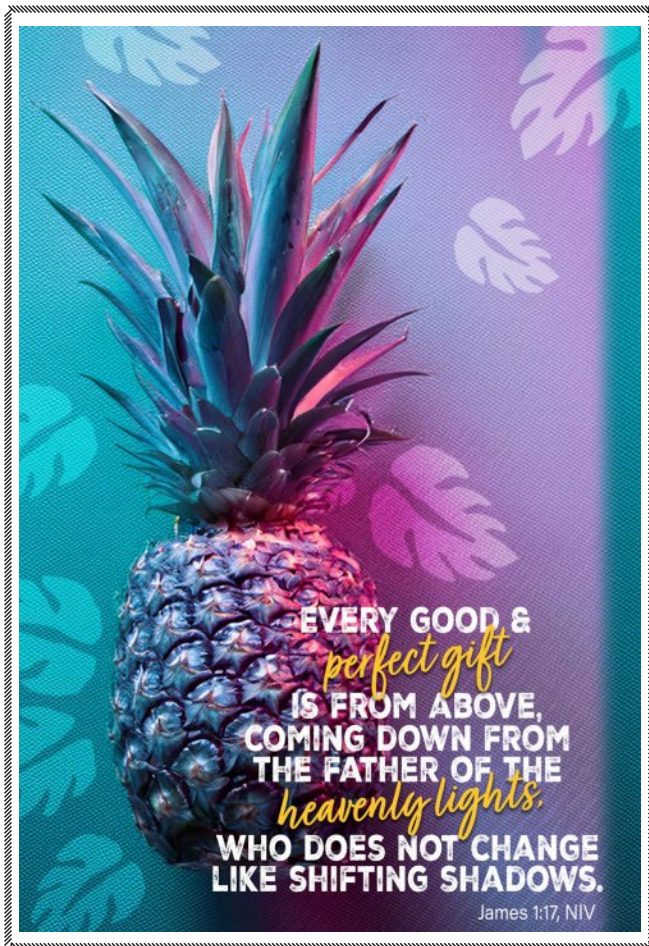
MT Youth camp - June 8-13 at Fishtail

Men's Peaks - July 24-26, 2025

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

Great Falls

May 4 - Fellowship dinner following assembly (Pasta bar and salads)



Quotation of the week:

“‘Pure and undefiled religion,’ expressed James, is ‘to visit orphans and widows in their distress.’ Orphans and widows, generally speaking, are the most defenseless and needy persons on the face of the earth; they have nothing to offer the avaricious. Now if ‘visiting’ such as these becomes merely a ‘photo-op’ to set the stage for the next power play, then it is not ‘pure and undefiled religion.’ But if it is carried out only for the sight of God and for caring for the needy, then it is acceptable to God as an expression of a heart that has been purified.” -- *Gems from James* -- “Pure Religion”

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 68
Morning Assembly – 120
Evening Assembly – 55

Wednesday Night (4/23) – 53
Butte Lord’s Day – 12 (ph: 4)
GF Lord’s Day – 71,95 Wed. - 50



Reasonings from Revelation

From the Bottomless Pit

An expression in common use is “a tormented soul.” That generally refers to a person who struggles with extreme mental issues or guilt. But the Bible makes it clear that unless an individual is truly justified by Christ, that person is tormented by an unclean conscience and is suffering on the inside. The apostle Paul describes those outside of Christ as in “the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will” (2 Timothy 2:26). The apostle John likewise noted that “the whole world lies in the power of the evil one” (1 John 5:19). This is pictured in Revelation chapter nine as “the bottomless pit” being opened and “locusts” with scorpion-like stinging power being unleashed upon mankind. These “messengers

from Satan” do not cease from their tormenting those outside of Christ, driving them to all kinds of irrational beliefs and behaviors as they fight “the sting” of guilty consciences.

- **The “locusts”** – Extensive description is given to these “locusts,” these demonic forces at work in men who are called “sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2), of the vision of the fifth trumpet. “And the appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle,” is John’s graphic description of these evils from the abyss, “and on their heads, as it were, crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men” (Revelation 9:7). This is an army more powerful than mere men, doing battle in the spiritual realm. “And they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle” (Revelation 9:8,9).
- **The “stings”** – There is power in the “sting” of these “locusts.” “Their torment,” observed John, “was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man” (Revelation 9:5). The “sting” of sin is real. The result of sin is spiritual death, separation from God. Attendant with that spiritual death are its consequences, as the apostle Paul phrased it in pointing out that what a man sows, he will reap: “For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption” (Galatians 6:8). The power of these “locusts” does not have to be permanent. “And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months,” is the apostle’s notation. Men can repent, and break loose from their power. The revelator again comments, “And they have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months” (Revelation 9:10).
- **The locusts’ king** – While these fallen angels are in rebellion against heaven, they are not in disarray. This information is given: “They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon” (Revelation 9:11). The Hebrew “Abaddon” means “destruction,” and the Greek “Apollyon” means “the destroyer.” Satan (the “adversary,” the devil (the “slanderer”), and the “tempter,” is coordinating with his angels to wreak as much havoc as possible in the sons of men, enticing them into slavery to sin, separating them from God, creating division and destruction.

This vision of the fifth trumpet was introduced by a picture of an eagle flying in midheaven, saying, “Woe, woe, woe, to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound” (Revelation 8:13). At the close of the vision of “locusts” darkening the sky as they fly out of the bottomless pit (the abyss), functioning under the prince of darkness, to “sting” and torment those outside of Christ, the reader is told: “The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things” (Revelation 9:12).

The spiritual anguish of those “who dwell on the earth” has been described in these words: “And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; and they will long to die and death flees from them” (Revelation 9:6). Is this enough pain to get them to repent?

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