

**“I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh,
And they will become drunk with their own blood
as with sweet wine;
And all flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior
And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”
-- Isaiah 49:26**



Guys from Billings getting the cook tent set up
Men's Peaks 2025
Delmoe Reservoir, near Butte, MT

**“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of
his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But
these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the
Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may
have life in his name.”**

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

August 3, 2025

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Elliot Ashley

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Cliff Renner

L.S. - Nick Jacobs

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 4:00 PM -

***At DINOSAUR PARK - BOZEMAN**

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Levi DuPaul

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

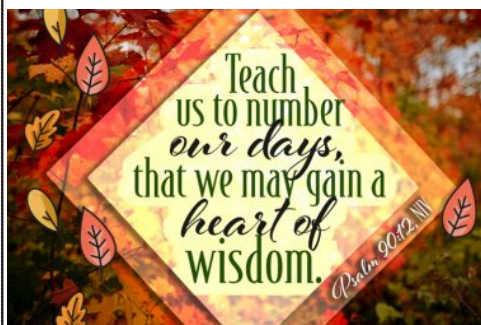
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

August 3 - 4:00 pm - Annual Picnic
in the Park: food, fellowship, and evening assembly (and prayerfully meet some contacts)

Butte

Aug. 17 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30
pm before assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Su Nguyen

Congratulations to **Caiden Monts-tate** upon his immersion into Christ on Sat. Aug. 1 by Matthew Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson

Assembly Lord's Day

August 31 at 3:00 pm. No classes

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Family Camp - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2025. Theme:
"Instructions from an Elder in Jerusalem"

Great Falls

Aug. 3 - fellowship dinner following assembly. **Picnic in the Park:**
Lion's park; fried chicken and sides



Quotation of the week:

The apostle Paul was on the cutting edge of the spiritual revolution that Christ was bringing into the world. He was challenged in reaching his kinsmen according to the flesh — the Jews — and straining forward in reaching the Gentile world. Every little bit of positive news, then, would have been of major encouragement to the apostle. "For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love," he remarks, "because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother" (Philemon 1:7). -- "Forward Thinking from Philemon" -- *"Fellowship of Your Faith"*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 69
Morning Assembly – 135
Evening Assembly – 68

Wednesday Night (7/30) – 63
Butte Lord's Day – 11 (ph: 5)
GF Lord's Day – 65,76 Wed. - 49



Reasonings from Revelation

“The Beast from the Sea” (Cont.)

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“The dragon,” records the vision, gave the beast from the sea “his power and his throne and great authority” (Revelation 13:2). The case has been made that this beast is government stepping outside the bounds which God allotted it (to be a minister of justice), and tending to become tyrannical. In particular, the seven heads represent: 1) Egypt, 2) Assyria, 3) Babylon, 4) Persia, 5) Greece, 6) Rome, and 7) “one to come,” in this writer’s opinion something like the United Nations as a global government.

- A “**head is if it had been slain**” – One point that has been presented is the importance of the United States of America in God’s overall plan. God’s focus and interest is in His church, as established by Jesus

Christ beginning in Acts chapter two, and whose doctrines and practices are sufficiently detailed in the pages of the new covenant writings. This church went out of existence in any humanly measurable way on earth, and the circumstances connected with the freedom connected with the formation of the early U.S.A. made it possible for the church to come back in a measurable way in the U.S. and to reach into all the world. This principle of a Constitutionally limited government was a tremendous blow to the forces of tyranny; hence as John writes, “I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain” (Revelation 13:3).

- **Fatal wound healed** – But it was only temporary. Again the apostle writes, “...and his fatal wound was healed.” The “great experiment” in self-government could only be sustained by a fiercely independent people, who had a solid moral base and an education in the principles of government; this independence and moral base eroded, and the American government, which should have been the bastion of freedom, has been corrupted into the driving engine of world tyranny.
- **Following after the beast** – With the descent of the U.S. into socialism and concomitant big government and with the rise of multi-national corporations, the peoples of the world could see which direction would win at an earthly level. “And the whole earth was amazed,” says John of the fatal wound that healed, “and followed after the beast; and they worshiped the dragon, because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast, who is able to wage war with him?’” (Revelation 13:3,4).
- **For “forty-two months”** – “And there was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies; and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him” (Revelation 13:5). It has been presented that the “forty-two months” is a reference to the entire church age. This “beast” opposes, and has opposed, the church of the Lord from the beginning, with the intensity of its opposition and persecution increasing until the climax at the Lord’s second coming. Arrogance: it desires to eliminate the name of God as revealed through Jesus Christ from the world, and position itself as the source of *everything* to its subjugated peoples. Blasphemies: in every way it can, it mocks the name of Jesus Christ, and marginalizes/criminalizes the Bible’s truths.
- **“His tabernacle”** – This beast is very “mouthy”! “And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven” (Revelation 13:6). There is, under the new covenant, “the tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man” (Hebrews 8:2). Another name for this tabernacle is the “church,” which the Lord Jesus Himself said He would build. It is the true temple, consisting of “living stones,” and “built up as a spiritual house” (1 Peter 2:5). Thus it is that Christians compose this true tabernacle, and are therefore described as “those who dwell in heaven” as contrasted to those lost souls “who dwell on the earth” (Revelation 11:10).

Modern saints are thus advised that they are in the midst of a great spiritual war. It has been well-said that “it is a battle ground, not a play ground.” In the words of the apostle Paul, anticipating the coming of Roman persecution, “The time has been shortened...” (1 Corinthians 7:29). Pick those crosses up off the ground, and get to carrying them!!

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