

**“The LORD left [nations] to test Israel by them (that is, all who had not experienced any of the wars of Canaan; only in order that the generations of the sons of Israel might be taught war, those who had not experienced it formerly).”**

**-- Judges 3:1,2**



The Flag and the Rainbow  
(The flag may not last,  
but the rainbow will  
until God destroys planet earth with fire!)  
Butte, America

**“When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.”**

***Colossians 2:15***

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

**August 24, 2025**

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN** - 8:45 - Lance Ashley

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Charlie Brown

L.S. - Elliot Ashley

Preaching - Jeff Hostetter

**L.D. EVENING 4:00 PM -**

**\*HOSTETTER PRESENTATION**

L.S. - Jon Shanahan

**GREAT FALLS** - 2:45 - Bobo Womagno

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Jared DuPaul

L.S. - Caleb Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

### Bozeman

Congratulations to **Leila Mamangun** who was immersed into Christ on Thurs. Aug.

21 by Luke Wilson in the hot tub at the home of her grandmother, Lynne Jensen!!!

### Butte

**Sept. 21** - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm before assembly



**BOZEMAN** -

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

**Luke Wilson**

Congratulations to **Justin and Michayla Shanahan**, who were united in marriage on Sat. Aug. 23 near Winston, MT.

**GREAT FALLS** -

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

**Bino Thomas presentation**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

"Instructions from an Elder in Jerusalem"

### Great Falls

**Assembly Lord's Day August 31 at 3:00 pm. No classes**



Let us not  
become weary in  
doing good, for at  
the proper time we  
will reap a harvest  
if we do not  
give up.

Galatians 6:9, NIV

#### Quotation of the week:

But from amidst the blaze of her [Rome's] glory, see yet loftier scenes arise--Behold the kingdom of our Lord Jesus, awaking under the eye of the imperial Cesars; small in its beginning, it rolls forward, it survives all Roman greatness; and that which was yonder, a little stone, is here become a vast mountain, and fills the whole earth; the waters which yonder issued from the threshold of the Lord's house, have here arisen, they have become waters to swim in--a river that cannot be passed over! -- *Extracts from a Circular Letter*, Walter Scott, published in the Jan. 1830 *Millennial Harbinger*

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 52  
Morning Assembly – 105  
Evening Assembly – 51

Wednesday Night (8/20) – 61  
Butte Lord's Day – 16 (ph: 4)  
GF Lord's Day – 58,72 Wed. - 28



## Reasonings from Revelation

### The False Prophet and 666

The beast that the apostle John saw coming up out of the earth in his vision is also called “the false prophet.” The beast is a deceiver, working particularly in the religious realm to deceive “those who dwell on the earth” [non-Christians]. And he is “telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life” (Revelation 13:14). By the time “the beast” has recovered from his sword wound, he is moving into the range of the seventh head, the one described as the “one yet to come” in Revelation chapter seventeen. The labor has been done to establish that this is the final “world government” prior to the end of planet earth. The reader, then, is given a picture of the false prophet building

“an image” of this first beast. This is not a physical image; this is showing how the false prophet works to get people to worship the beast that has the power to wage war and throw saints in prison.

- **“Breath to the image”** – The job of the false prophet is to make the image of the beast as impressive and overpowering as possible, terrifying the non-Christians into obeisance and obedience. “And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed” (Revelation 13:15).
- **“The mark of the beast”** – It is important to remember that God’s people have been “marked” in earlier portions of the vision. “The bond-servants of our God” were described as sealed “on their foreheads” (Revelation 7:3). While this “sealing” is portrayed in physical terms, it is spiritual; the saints of God are “sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise” (Ephesians 1:13). In a similar fashion, while the sealing of the non-Christians is described in physical terms, the marking is in the spiritual realm. “And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead” (Revelation 13:16). What people really should be concerned about is not whether they get “a chip” in their right hands or some number stamped on their foreheads, but whether they have been immersed into Christ, received the seal of the Holy Spirit, and maintain their faithfulness to the great and eternal King!
- **Not able to buy or sell** – With political and police power come the muscle to enforce actions in the economic realm. The false prophet makes an image of “the beast” for the people to worship, and “the beast” provides the backing to enforce the decrees of the false prophet. “... and he provides that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name” (Revelation 13:17). This is enough to frighten the people of the world into compliance; the saint will not be frightened; he trusts that God has the ability to provide for those who do not compromise by worshipping the image of the beast.
- **“666”** – “Here is wisdom,” says the sacred writ. “Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six” (Revelation 13:18). This is not talking about the coming of some future “antichrist” executing a reign of terror on the earth; this is talking about the number of the beast who is the false prophet, and the phrase talking about that number can be translated, “for it is man’s number.” God has established His number as connected with seven’s earlier (in the “seven spirits before the throne”); His number, then, can be conceived of as 777. Man’s number, 666, falling short of God’s perfection, is connected with false or man-made religion, as exemplified in Paul’s teaching where he spoke of “self-made religion” (Colossians 2:23).

The message is simple: “Guard yourselves from idols.” “Worship God” (1 John 5:21; Revelation 22:9).

**Man’s number  
— 666 — is con-  
nected with false  
or man-made  
religion!**