

**“The LORD bless you, and keep you;  
The LORD make His face shine on you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up His countenance on you,  
And give you peace.”**

**-- NUMBERS 6:24-26**



Alex Luxmore  
leading the opening with some encouraging and thoughtful points  
Christ's Church in Great Falls, MT

**“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of  
the good things to come, He entered through the  
greater and more perfect tabernacle...through His  
own blood, He entered the holy place once for all,  
having obtained eternal redemption..”**

***Hebrews 9:13,14***

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

**November 9, 2025**

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN** - 8:45 - Micah Miller

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Jerry Hoffman

L.S. - Steven Doty

Preaching - Luke Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM** -

**\*GOSPEL OF JOHN MOVIE - CHAPTER 10**

L.S. - Josh Wallace

**GREAT FALLS** - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Zac Zech

L.S. - Jon Reijgers

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

*Ladies' Night out - Thur Nov. 20,  
7:00 pm at Denya Jacobs's house*

*Fellowship dinner following assem-  
bly - Lord's Day Nov. 23*

**Butte**

**Nov. 16** – Fellowship dinner before  
assembly at 6:30 pm



**BOZEMAN** -

*Wed. night, 7:00 pm:*

Luke Wilson

**GREAT FALLS** -

*Wed. night, 7:00 pm:*

Jay Wilson

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Bible Bowl** - March 14, 2026

**Ladies' Advance** - TBA, Missoula ladies in charge

**Youth Camp** - June 14-19, 2026

**Men's Peaks** - July 23-25, 2026

**Family Camp** - Sept. 4-7, 2026

### Great Falls

**Nov. 16.** - fasting and prayer for  
evangelism



### Quotation of the week:

The church is to be “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15), but it is not the source of the truth. The source is Jesus Christ, who commissioned His apostles, saying, “All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you...” (Matthew 28:18-20). There is no supplementary source of grace or instruction that God has given us. They are to be found only in Christ and His word. The Lord’s church is “complete in Him.” -- Ron Bartanen, *The Sower*, Nov. 1, 2025, Milton, FL

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 58  
Morning Assembly – 96  
Evening Assembly – 61

Wednesday Night (11/5) – 60  
Butte Lord's Day – 13 (ph: 6)  
GF Lord's Day – 76,100 Wed. - 51



Reasonings from Revelation

## Introduction to the Great Harlot

The bowls of wrath have been poured out. Mankind has refused any further efforts on God's part to repent, so the time for God's judgments has come. As mentioned, the judgments are not time related; they are broken out in separate parts to communicate the overall areas in which God will show His superiority and finality. Judgment upon Babylon is represented first, then judgment on the beast and the false prophet, followed by judgment upon the dragon, and finally judgment upon men on an individual basis. These are judgments of the righteous God and His removal of all unholy and ungodly elements.

The apostle John records the next aspect of his visions. "And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, 'Come here, I shall show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters...'" (Revelation 17:1). This is the one who has "upon her forehead a name written, a mystery, 'BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.'" (Revelation 17:5). God is rightly a jealous God, and that which would endeavor to pull the faithful away from Him is spiritual prostitution. Whether it was the idol worship of the Old Testament times, or Jesus' warnings about Mammon, the allure has been there. Hence, the term "mother of harlots."

In Protestant and early Restoration Movement thinking, this Babylon represents the Roman Catholic Church. Part of the reason for such thought is that the woman is pictured as "seven mountains on which the woman sits" (Revelation 17:9). Rome was built on seven hills, and certainly the Roman Catholic Church held major sway over western Europe. Its persecution of those who wanted the Bible in the hands of the common man and its obstruction of efforts to return to the practices of the primitive church as recorded in the Bible loomed large in the minds of the men at that time. For example, in Alexander Campbell's debate with the Roman Catholic Bishop John Purcell in January of 1837, one of the propositions from Campbell stated, "She [the Roman Catholic Institution] is the 'Babylon' of John..."

(*The Cause We Plead*, J.M. Powell, pg. 119, published by 20<sup>th</sup> Century Christian, Nashville, TN). But a deeper examination of the text in Revelation indicates that "Babylon the great" is much larger and more global in scope than even the Roman Catholic Institution and her separated sister, the Greek Orthodox Church, combined. The great harlot, then, "sits on many waters," and is thus portrayed as the one "with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality" (Revelation 17:2). This, as mentioned, is larger in scope than the Western Europe of past years; the purview is "the kings of earth." She embodies all that could be considered "the world." As the apostle John noted in his first epistle, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world" (1 John 2:16). That description was prefaced with the strident warning, "Do not love the world, nor the things in the world" (1 John 2:15). Babylon's sensual appeals are at all levels and from all possible angles.

John's vision carries more description: "And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns" (Revelation 17:3). The "scarlet beast" is tied to the "beast" of Revelation chapter thirteen, and represents governmental power on a large scale (more to follow on this).

The voluptuousness of the harlot is on display. "And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality" (Revelation 17:4). Her sensual appeals suck many a descendant of Adam into her maw. Like the "adulteress" of Proverbs, "Her house is the way to Sheol, descending to the chambers of death" (Proverbs 7:27).

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