

**“O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly;  
My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You,  
In a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary,  
To see Your power and Your glory.”  
-- Psalm 63:1,2**



Joe and Lydia Shanahan  
at their “wishing you well” party  
as they head to Wauseon, OH  
Christ’s Church in Bozeman

**“Therefore,” stated Peter to the church in Jerusalem,  
concerned because he went to the Gentiles and ate with  
them, “if God gave to them the same gift as He gave to us  
also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that  
I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard this, they  
quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God  
has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to  
life.”**

**ACTS 10:17-18**

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

**December 21, 2025**

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express (Jan. 4 - LaQuinta Inn) — Butte

**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Corban Icenogle**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Matthew Wilson

L.S. - Tommy Widner

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

**\*GOSPEL OF JOHN MOVIE - CHAPTER 16**

L.S. - Bob Edgar

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Brad Smith

L.S. - Bobo Womagnio

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

**Butte**

**Dec. 21 - 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**

**College-ish meeting- Mar. 20-22 Camp Utmost**

**Ladies' Advance - April 23-25, Beartooth Camp**

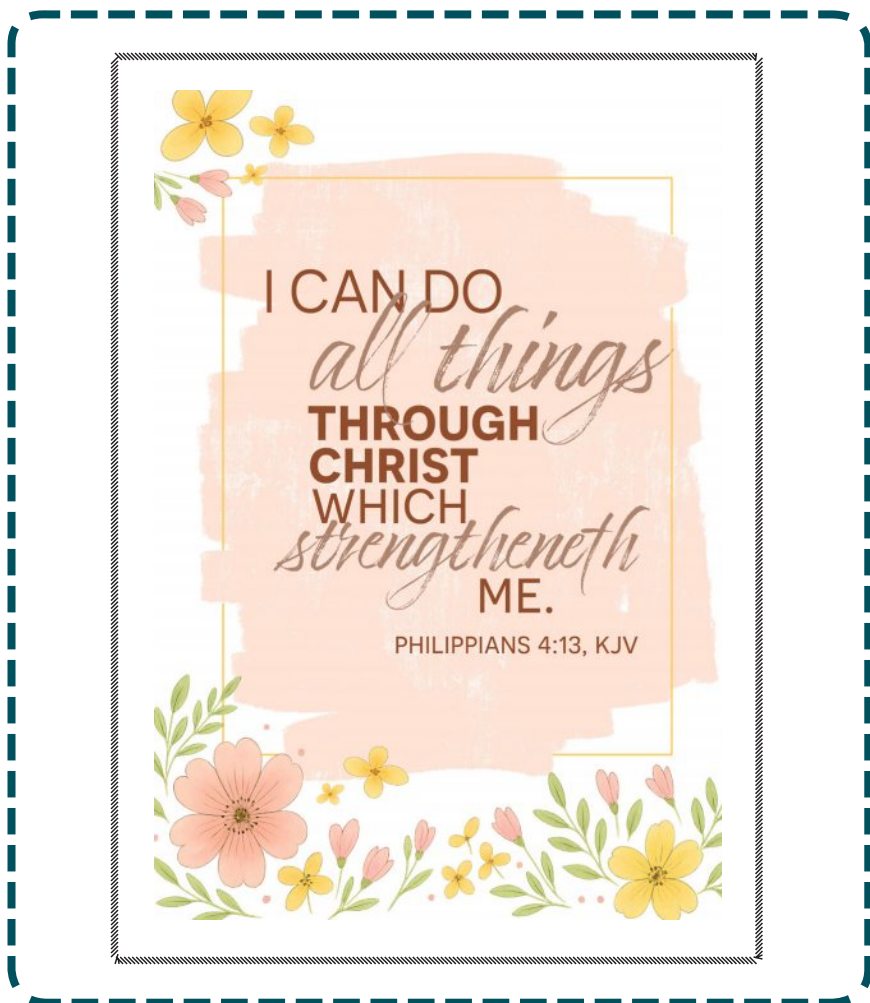
**Youth Camp - June 14-19, 2026**

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

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

### **Great Falls**

**Dec. 21 - Prayer and fasting for  
evangelism**



### Quotation of the week:

“It is the word of God which is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart; it is perfectly designed to expose those who do not love the truth but who actually take pleasure in wickedness. Deluding influences come down the pike all the time, and those whose heart condition is flawed will eventually follow one of those rather than holding fast to the way of righteousness.” -- *Heavenward through Hebrews*, “The Word of God”

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 61  
Morning Assembly – 108  
Evening Assembly – 58

Wednesday Night (12/17) – 72  
Butte Lord's Day – 16 (ph: 4)  
GF Lord's Day – 70,96 Wed. - 90



## Reasonings from Revelation

### *More “Woe!” to Babylon*

The profit motive in and of itself is not bad. It is what men do to make that profit that is good or evil. There are those who are so bent on money and power that issues of morality do not even occur to them. “Woe to those who add house to house and join field to field,” spoke the Most High through His prophet, “until there is no more room” (Isaiah 5:8). “What do you mean by crushing My people,” the Almighty asked, “and grinding the face of the poor?” (Isaiah 3:15). It is the major merchants of the earth who are the real ruling class, and who provide the impetus and financing for the armies that march and the kings that reign. They are at the core of Babylon. As firmly ensconced as they think they are in the power centers of this planet,

they will be dislodged by the fierce wrath of the great King.

- **The collapse of their economic system** – Babylon, the great harlot city, had in its commerce anything a person could want, for a price! But that commerce is pictured as collapsing suddenly. “And the fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and men will no longer find them” (Revelation 18:14).
- **The merchants’ outcry** – All the planning, all the orchestration, all the execution of the plans of the great “merchant” families will come to naught. “The merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning” (Revelation 18:15). They are pictured in the vision as standing at a distance, but as it plays out in real life, they will be caught in Babylon’s collapse. The merchants’ outcry is great: “Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!” (Revelation 18:16,17). Such a loss of potential profit!
- **Others impacted** – Others are portrayed as impacted by the fall of Babylon. As when ancient Tyre fell to Alexander the Great and his forces, “And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning” (Revelation 18:17,18). These are all deeply enmeshed in Babylon and her earthly allures. They also cried out, “What city is like the great city?” A marvel, and a monster! Further depictions of the collapse of Babylon follow. “And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich by her wealth, for in one hour she has been laid waste!’” (Revelation 18:19).
- **Rejoicing by God’s people** – The wealthy, the “great men,” have always woven their web, goaded on by the prince of darkness, and have always persecuted the people of God. As was noted, “The prince asks, also the judge, for a bribe, and a great man speaks the desire of his soul; so they weave it together” (Micah 7:3). God’s people, God’s spokesmen, and God’s word have always condemned immorality and the purveyance of immorality. Hence those of Babylon have striven to silence those who would point out God’s judgments for immoral conduct. But in the end, those who stood for the righteousness and doctrines of God are vindicated. “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her” (Revelation 18:20).

Modern Babylon is driven by multi-national corporations and the rich banking families who hold, in one way or another, controlling interests. The saint is encouraged to focus his attention on God, on His word, and on getting His message to the lost. Even though the persecution from Babylon and what she finances may be great, her doom is sure, and the justification of the faithful saint is certain.

**Babylon’s doom is sure, and the justification of the faithful saint is certain!**