

“Then the king of Assyria carried Israel away into exile to Assyria, and put them in Halah and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,

because they did not obey the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed His covenant, even all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded; they would neither listen nor do it.”

-- 2 Kings 18:11,12



Nearly a hundred men
gathered at North Myrtle Beach for the Christian men's camp
sponsored by Christ's Church in Horry County, SC

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed...”

2 Corinthians 9:8

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

December 28, 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 - Luke Jacobs

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Tommy Widner

L.S. - Jerry Hoffman

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

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

L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Ryan Compton

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Butte

Jan. 4 - Class at 2:00 pm

Assembly at 3:00 pm

Jan. 18 - Fellowship dinner following assembly

**The Sovereign LORD is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights.**

HABAKKUK 3:19, NIV

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

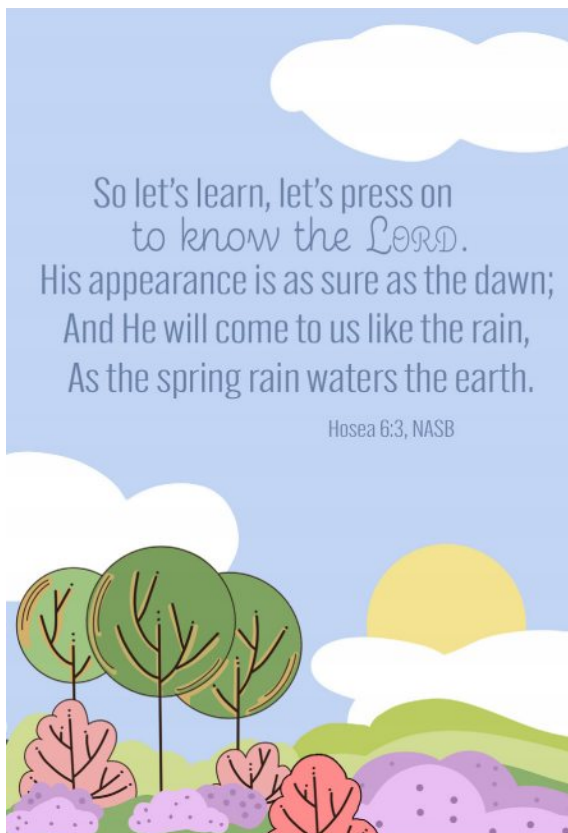
Youth Camp - June 14-19, 2026

Men's Peaks - July 23-25, 2026

Family Camp - Sept. 4-7, 2026

Great Falls

Jan. 4 - fellowship dinner following assembly



So let's learn, let's press on
to know the LORD.
His appearance is as sure as the dawn;
And He will come to us like the rain,
As the spring rain waters the earth.

Hosea 6:3, NASB

Quotation of the week:

"There is a good kind of pride, which involves such things as 'taking pride in your work,' as contrasted to a false or evil pride. 'We are not again commending ourselves to you,' wrote Paul to the beloved brethren in Corinth, 'but are giving you an occasion to be proud of us, that you may have an answer for those who take pride in appearance, and not in heart' (2 Corinthians 5:12). Both types of pride are here illustrated: the brethren could rightly be proud of Paul and those who labored with him because of their manifest love and suffering on behalf of the Corinthian Christians, whereas the evil pride of the false apostles was simply an attempt to look good rather than to be good." -- *Prose from Proverbs*, "Pride and Fall"

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 64
Morning Assembly – 111
Evening Assembly – 64

Wednesday Night (12/24) – 46
Butte Lord's Day – 16 (ph: 4)
GF Lord's Day – 76,88 Wed. - 56



Reasonings from Revelation

Babylon Thrown Down

God often arranged situations up in the Old Testament times in a physical way to set the stage for what He wants to accomplish in the spiritual realm in new covenant times. In about 590 BC, Jeremiah the prophet in Jerusalem had a message sent by one of his helpers who accompanied the king on a diplomatic journey to Babylon. On the scroll were written “all the calamity which would come upon Babylon” (Jeremiah 51:60). The instructions for the servant were to read all the words of the scroll out loud, and then for him to announce that Babylon would eventually be “cut off,” and that it would be a perpetual desolation. “And it will come about as soon as you finish reading this scroll,” were the words of the directive, “you will tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates, and say, ‘Just so shall Babylon sink down and not rise again...’” (Jeremiah 51:63,64).

- **Parallel** – Here, then, is the picture from John’s vision recorded in Revelation: “And a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, ‘Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence, and will not be found any longer.’” (Revelation 18:21). The words of Jeremiah and the other prophets came true; a city with a 41-mile-long set of walls, with who knows how many inhabitants and a great commercial center and seat of governmental power...came to an end. And still today no one lives inside the boundary of those walls. Since what the prophets spoke about the awesome physical Babylon came true, it is equally certain that the much greater and more powerful spiritual Babylon will also “be thrown down with violence!”
- **How empty sits the city!** – The destruction of spiritual Babylon, the source of worldliness and ungodliness, is final, and it is pictured as a forlorn city in its judgment. “And the sound of harpists and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters will not be heard in you any longer; and no craftsman of any craft will be found in you any longer; and the sound of a mill will not be heard in you any longer...” (Revelation 18:22). The merrymaking in the street has vanished, the noise of construction and sounds in the shop have ceased, and all manufacturing has come to an instant halt! “... and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer” (Revelation 18:23). In the vision the finality of Babylon’s doom is painted; where light once was, now there is nothing but darkness and gloom; where the joy evinced the bridegroom and bride once was... now there is nothing!
- **Because of “the merchants”** – Ah, yes, the merchants! In modern times “the merchants” are the megalithic corporations and those who have controlling interest in them. They have positioned themselves to control the commerce of whole nations and to be the driving force in establishing a world government, which will also be a world-wide monopoly. How powerful are these from ancient times as well as modern times? “... for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery” (Revelation 18:23). An interesting statement: “deceived by your sorcery.” Apparently demonic forces were at work in the rise of the merchants to positions of wealth, influence, and power, and that they have been able to deceive the lowly inhabitants of the earth into following their agenda. “The great men of the earth” have had their fleeting moment of glory; their hollow and bitter end is eternal pain and abject humiliation.

Babylon, the great prostitute and purveyor of worldliness, has always been hostile to the truth of the gospel. The gospel’s call for repentance and turning to God is a message the great city wants to drown out or eliminate. Hence, proclaimers and participants in the gospel must be persecuted and executed. “And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints and of all who have been slain on the earth” (Revelation 18:24). “What city is like the great city?”

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