

“Then the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live.” And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.”

-- NUMBERS 21:8,9



Evening Assembly at Dinosaur Park
Christ's Church in Bozeman

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:8,9

On Christ our eyes are fixed in 2026 - (Heb. 12:1,2)

August 9, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Tony Huitron

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***GROUPS AT BUILDING: 1 THESSALONIANS**

L.S. - Daniel Arriaga

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Jared DuPaul

L.S. - Alex Luxmore

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

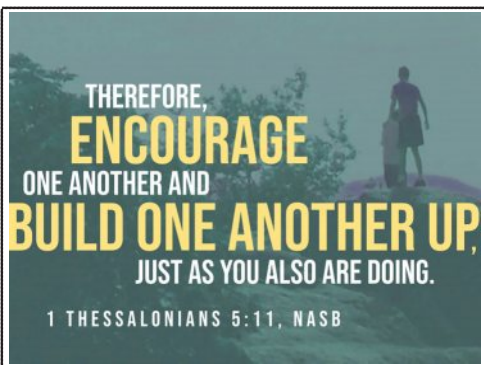
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Aug. 23 - Going away party for the
Suttons, fellowship dinner following
assembly

Butte

August 16 - Fellowship dinner fol-
lowing assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

**Luke Wilson - "The
Minor Prophets"**

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

**Caleb Wilson - Equipping
for the work of service**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Family Camp - Sept. 4-7, 2026; "Awesome Prophe-
cies from Psalms"

Great Falls

Aug. 16 - Prayer and fasting for
evangelism

*For the eyes of
the LORD range
throughout the
earth to strengthen
those whose
hearts are fully
committed
to him.*

2 Chronicles 16:9



Quotation of the week:

“In Jesus’ interpretation of one of His own parables, after describing the angels’ gathering the stumbling blocks out of His kingdom at Judgment Day, He notes, ‘Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father’ (Matthew 13:43). This would be ‘the eternal kingdom’ that the apostle Peter mentions. ‘As long as you practice these things,’ states Peter, referring to the positive character qualities such as perseverance and brotherly kindness, ‘you will never stumble; and the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you’ (2 Peter 1:10-11).”
-- *Principles from Second Peter, “The Eternal Kingdom”*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 77
Morning Assembly – 130
Evening Assembly – 69

Wednesday Night (7/29) – 62
Butte Lord’s Day – 10 (ph: 3)
GF Lord’s Day – 57,88 Wed. - 60



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

A Focus on Those of Jewish Background

The apostle Paul has given a synopsis of the Gentile world. Having collectively turned their backs on God and having substituted gods of their own making, the Gentiles plunged deeper into sin. Three times, stated Paul, “God gave them over” to lusts, to homosexual depravity, to all sorts of vile conduct including strife, slander, greed, and envy. Conclusion: the Gentile world is in sin and is lost!

But the apostle is trying to bring this Roman congregation together — those of Jewish background and those of Gentile background — and the only leveling principle is going to be that there is plenty of sin from both backgrounds, and the only unifying principle will be that of Biblically defined faith.

- **How about those Jews?** – Some of those of Jewish background still tended to think of themselves as having a righteousness according to the Law and tended to look down on those of Gentile background as being lawless. So the apostle goes to work to dismantle those thoughts. “Therefore you are without excuse, every man of you who passes judgment,” avers the apostle regarding those Jews who still held on to some of their former viewpoints (Romans 2:1). Those of Jewish background, steeped in centuries of “how things ought to be,” were often offended at Gentiles operating outside of those rigid boxes. But Paul, knowing Jewish society really well, had observed how things actually operated in practice, and that the Jews tended to find ways around those rigid confines while pretending to operate inside them. His analysis and his warning: “in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.”
- **God’s unflinching judgment** – At some point, God wants His children to get past the talking stage and get into action. Those of Jewish background might have talked “big,” but their actions (that God knew about) pointed in a different direction. Hence a further admonition: “And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things” (Romans 2:2). The apostle lays down another layer for thought, “And do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment upon those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?” (Romans 2:3). When he uses the expression, “O man,” Paul is clearly establishing that these Jews’ attempt to judge the Gentiles is not even close to God’s being the One to “judge impartially.” The words of Jesus can come back to bite: “by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you” (Matthew 7:2).
- **Thinklightly?** – When Jesus spoke to the scribes and Pharisees, He was not holding back words in trying to help them process how far off the beam they were. “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites,” He called out. “You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!” (Matthew 23:23,24). Those who view themselves as “law enforcers” tend to focus in on clearly identifiable details that they can pounce on, and tend to miss the big picture. “You tithe mint and dill and cummin,” noted the Christ, illustrating how the Pharisees might have counted out precisely a tithe of small seeds, but they “have neglected the weightier provisions of the law; justice and mercy and faithfulness.” The apostle, in attempting to redirect any misguided Jews in the Roman congregation, thus says, “Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience...” (Romans 2:4). Since the Supreme Lawgiver and Judge exhibits these qualities, then these Jewish Christians ought to think about how to implement these same qualities in their lives before they go jumping down the throats of the Gentile Christians.

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Saints, such as the Jewish brethren in Rome, often think that the force of law is what causes people to change. But Paul, after referencing God’s kindness and forbearance and patience, gently upbraids them for “not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance.” The whole message of Jesus’ tremendous sacrifice on every man’s behalf shows the kindness of God, and His tendering the offer of mercy. To be processed and imitated!

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