

**“Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples.
Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;
Speak of all His wonders.”**

-- Psalm 105:1,2



Lisa Kingston being immersed
by Jason Shanahan and crew
Christ's Church in Butte, MT

“It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples. He said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ And they said to him, ‘No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.’ And he said, ‘Into what then were you immersed?’ And they said, ‘Into John’s immersion.’ Paul said, ‘John immersed with the immersion of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.’ When they heard this, they were immersed in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

-- ACTS 19:1-5

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

August 16, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Elliot Ashley

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Tommy Widner

L.S. - Matthew Wilson

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***GROUPS AT BUILDING: 1 THESSALONIANS**

L.S. - Dan Tuck

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Bobo Womagno

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Steve McDunn

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Steve Campbell

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*

Great Falls

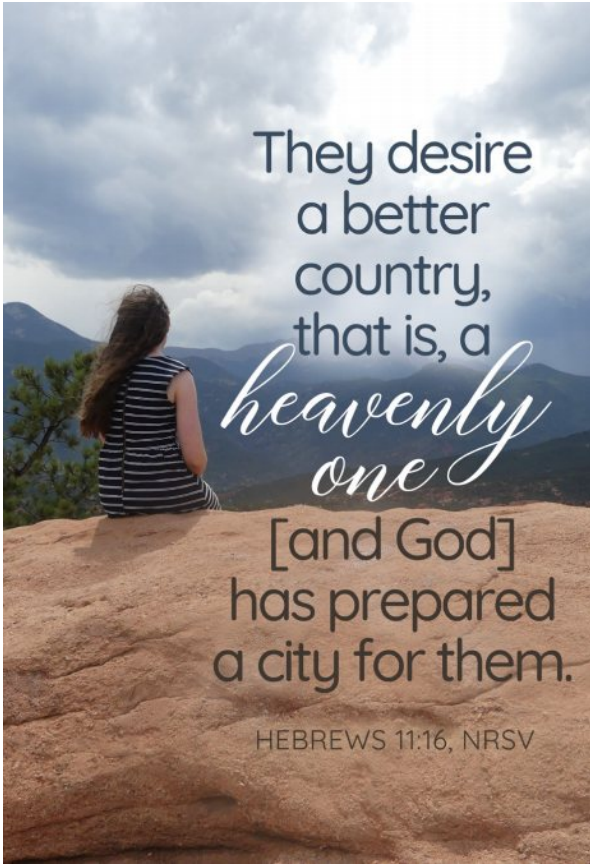
Aug. 16 - Prayer and
fasting for evangelism

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Butte

Congratulations to **Lisa Kingston**,
who was immersed into Christ last
Lord's Day by Jason Shanahan!!



They desire
a better
country,
that is, a
heavenly
one
[and God]
has prepared
a city for them.

HEBREWS 11:16, NRSV

Quotation of the week:

“And after considerable consternation and discussion, helped by the advice of Gamaliel, the apostles were released under the following conditions: ‘After calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them to speak no more in the name of Jesus, and then released them’ (Acts 5:40).

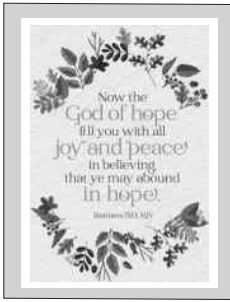
“What did the apostles do? Did they wring their hands, and comment about the unjust treatment they received? Did they get discouraged, and go back to fishing and tax gathering? ‘So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for [Jesus’] name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ’ (Acts 5:41,42).

“May we do the same!” -- *Acts Alive!*, “They Kept Right On Teaching and Preaching”

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 61
Morning Assembly – 107
Evening Assembly – 68

Wednesday Night (8/9) – 68
Butte Lord's Day – 15 (ph: 4)
GF Lord's Day – 61,85 Wed. - 50



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

The Unflinching Judgment of God

Early Jews coming into the body of Christ in the first century sometimes had a hard time leaving their “Jewish” perspective behind. Those of Jewish background coming into the congregation at Rome seemed to show similar tendencies, and the apostle Paul, once himself “a Pharisee,” understood the thinking, and was guiding them out of those perspectives into a new covenant framework. Warning them about passing judgment from the wrong perspective upon those of Gentile background, he pointed them to God’s way of handling things, reminding them that “the kindness of God leads you to repentance” (Romans 2:4).

- **Jewish resistance** – The apostle does not hold back in his words in making certain the Jew has been brought to the point of accountability. “But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart,” the apostle warns, “you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God” (Romans 2:5). While the Jew was wagging his head and clucking his tongue over the list of degrading practices of the Gentiles, his unwillingness to see what God was teaching about the system of “the faith of Christ” was condemning him.
- **Talk is not enough** – God expects eventual practicing righteousness, having warned the Gentile world that God’s “wrath is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.” A key problem with the system of law, even “the Law of Moses,” is that it fails to produce the kind of people who can keep it. One failure under law condemns the individual. Thus Paul points out, specifically to those of Jewish background, that God “will render to every man according to his deeds” (Romans 2:6). Deeds! Not talk!
- **Reward for the righteous** – The apostle is laying groundwork for understanding the superiority of the system of “the faith of Christ” over the system of “the Law of Moses.” Those who follow the system of this specifically defined faith will eventually carry out the righteousness required by the law (Romans 8:3,4), whereas the law itself is called by the apostle “the ministry of death” (2 Corinthians 3:7). There is, then, great reward for seeking out the system of faith, “to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life” (Romans 2:7). It is not wrong to seek for the right kind of glory and honor, and it is not wrong to seek for eternal life; the seeking must find the avenue of faith in order to realize those desires.
- **Wrong motives exposed** – The word of God is designed to be Christ’s “winnowing fork,” separating the wheat from the chaff, the truth-seekers from those who take pleasure in wickedness. Those of Jewish background, coming into the congregation at Rome, are thus put on notice of the consequences of not fully coming to the faith of Christ. Here are the words of the apostle: “but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness,” the resultant “wrath and indignation” (Romans 2:8). He adds that there will be “tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek” (Romans 2:9).
- **God’s reward** – But God is faithful, as the writer of Hebrews brings forth, “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6). Thus Paul writes to the Jewish brethren in Rome, that there will be “glory and honor and peace to every man who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek” (Romans 2:10). Clearly worth seeking for!

God is unflinching in His judgments. He honors and rewards those who seek Him on His terms, and He executes His judgments on the ones He considers ungodly, whether a person is of Jewish background or Gentile. “For there is no partiality with God” (Romans 2:11).!

JAY WILSON

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