

“I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it,’ declares the LORD.”

-- Ezekiel 37:14



Kids playing volleyball in the afternoon free time
MT Family Camp
2026

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?’”

John 11:25,26

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

September 6, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

7:00 am - Devotion, *Matthew Wilson*, Bozeman, MT

9:00 am - Bible classes (*Ross Darner*, Kalispell, MT - Adult Class)

10:15 am - Assembly

Prayer meditation - *Jerry Hoffman*, Bozeman, MT

Stewardship - *Elijah Goll*, Helena, MT

Communion meditation - *Kyle Hinebaugh*, near Glendive, MT

Preaching - *John Staiger*, Auckland, New Zealand

EVENING SCHEDULE:

7:00 pm

Communion meditation - *Jachin Icenogle*, Williston, ND

Preaching - *Mark Miller*, Missoula, MT

Preaching - *Steve Doty*, Bellevue, MI



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:

Spiritual Warriors Weekend - Oct. 23-24, 2026

Bible Bowl - Mar. 13, 2027

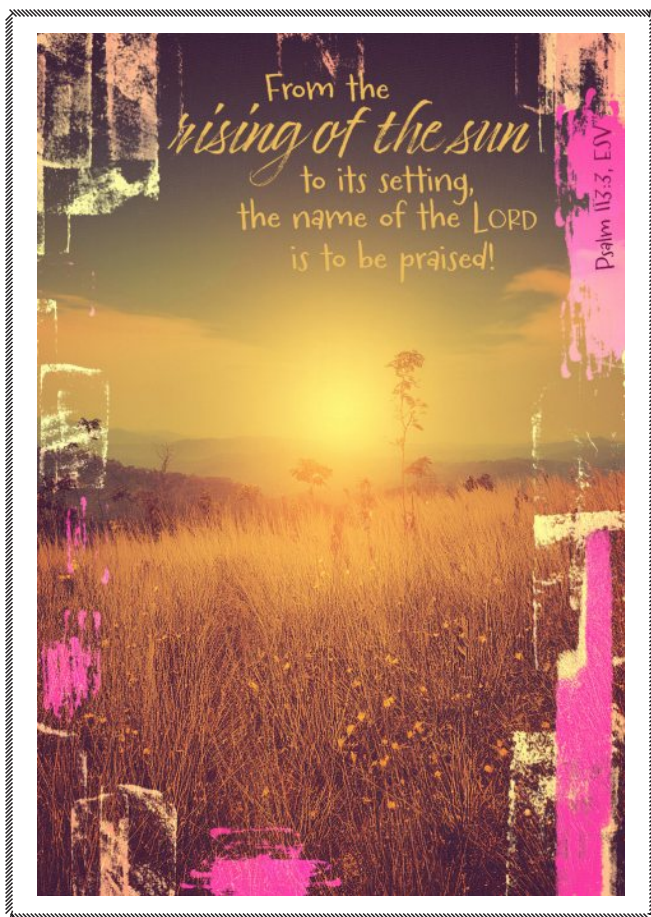
Ladies Advance - April 15-17, 2027

Men's Peaks - July 22-24, 2027

Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, 2027

Great Falls

Sept. 6 assembly - regular assembly
at 4:00 pm; **no classes**



Quotation of the week:

"This was a rich draught [referring back to Peter's pulling in the net full of fish following Jesus' resurrection], and yet Peter was more successful in catching men the first time he tried it [fishing for men]. See him on the day of Pentecost when he threw the Gospel net into the waters of Jerusalem:—baited, captured, caught, he drew from the bosom of the baptismal waters in a day, 3,000 souls. 'As many,' it is written, 'as gladly received the word were baptised, and there were added to the church that very day three thousand souls.' Surely Peter cast the net on the right side of the ship on this great and celebrated occasion, and yet there is far more in the fact that on this occasion he cast in the *right net*." -- Walter Scott, *The Evangelist*, Jan. 1, 1839, "The Net"

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 68
Morning Assembly – 120
Evening Assembly – 63

Wednesday Night (9/2) – 77
Butte Lord's Day – 17 (ph: 4)
GF Lord's Day – 51,89 *Wed.* - 61



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

“If You Bear the Name ‘Jew’...”

Those of Jewish background tended not to understand the difference between the old covenant and the new. In Acts chapter fifteen, certain Pharisees who had been immersed into Christ stood up in the council and flatly stated, concerning those of Gentile background, “It is necessary to circumcise them, and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses” (Acts 15:5). Therefore the apostle Paul is laboring in his epistle to the Roman brethren to show those of Jewish background how their understanding could be off target.

• **Relying upon the Law** – The apostle goes right to the point: “But if you bear the name ‘Jew,’” he challenges, “and rely upon the Law, and boast in God, and know His will, and approve the things

that are essential, being instructed out of the Law...” (Romans 2:17,18). The “Jew” is going to nod his head, signaling his agreement with the positive points the apostle is putting forth.

- **Guide to the blind** – Paul continues, and his list is reiterating the tremendous educational basis God laid in bringing forth the old covenant and its writings. “... and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind,” is another positive the apostle brings forward, “a light to those who are in darkness, a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth” (Romans 2:19,20). All true, and all good!
- **Performance?** – The apostle, then, has some questions for this “Jew,” a literary device he is using to communicate his points. “...you therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself?” It is one thing to “know,” it is another thing to “do”! “You who preach that one should not steal, do you steal?” (Romans 2:21). The apostle, the former Saul of Tarsus, having described himself as “a Hebrew of Hebrews, a Pharisee,” (Philippians 3:5), knew the hidden side of Jewish society well, and could ask these driving questions. Bringing up another commandment: “You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery?” (Romans 2:22). And how about this: “You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?” Apparently any scruples generated by knowledge of the Law were not enough to prevent making some crooked money off the Gentiles and their worship of pagan gods. Here’s Paul’s summary question: “You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?” (Romans 2:23). God is honored through performance, not just mere talk.
- **Effect of Jewish corruption** – People do expect general consistency from those making a claim to being righteous, and rightly so. What, then, was the impact of Jewish hypocrisy? Paul lays it out plainly: “For ‘the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,’ just as it is written” (Romans 2:24). Throughout the book of Romans, the apostle will be quoting (directly, or sometimes loosely) from the Old Testament (in this case, Isaiah 52:5 and Ezekiel 36:20), clearly showing what God knew would happen concerning the Jews and their ultimate rejection of His truths, and a willingness among some Gentiles to come to the faith of Christ.

Until a person recognizes the dreadfulfulness of his lost condition before the Lord, he will not really be able to process and appreciate the great salvation offered through Jesus Christ. With these incisor-like questions, the apostle is helping those of Jewish background understand that, unless they kept the Law perfectly, that same Law which they claimed to uphold so highly was going to condemn them. The question, “you who teach another, do you not teach yourself?” goes to the root of the problem. Self-justification is not going to stand the fire and hail of the day of judgment, and Paul is trying to get the Jew to take an honest look at himself and recognize his need for Someone to provide justification for him. And the modern saint should heed the instruction, and make an honest analysis of his performance before the Lord also.

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JAY WILSON