

The LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.”

-- GENESIS 11:6,7



John and Lynda Staiger of Auckland, New Zealand
Katie Wilson of Belgrade
Kirk and Deberlena Hinebauch and children
“chance” meeting at Old Faithful visitor center
Yellowstone National Park

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God. For it is written, “He is the One who catches the wise in their craftiness”; and again, “The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are useless.” So then let no one boast in men.

1 Corinthians 3:19-21a

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

September 13, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Justin Shanahan

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Cliff Renner

L.S. - Davis Ashley

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***GROUPS: 1 THESSALONIANS**

L.S. - Gary DiPaolo

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Bobo Womagno

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Sept. 27 - Fellowship dinner following assembly; theme: football tailgate food

Butte

September 20 - Fellowship dinner following assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Luke Wilson - "Major

Lesson from the

Minor Prophets"

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

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

**Congratulations to Mar-
garita Gilles, who was**

**immersed into Christ on
Sat. Aug. 29 by Annette**

Zech!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors Weekend - Oct. 23-24, 2026

Bible Bowl - Mar. 13, 2027

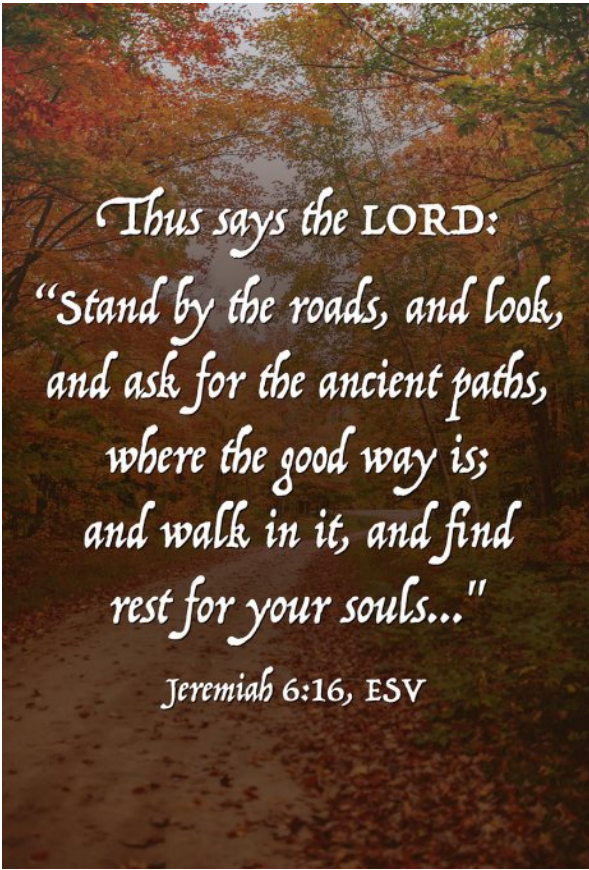
Ladies Advance - April 15-17, 2027

Men's Peaks - July 22-24, 2027

Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, 2027

Great Falls

Congratulations to **Lauren Davidson**, who was immersed into Christ on Thurs. Sept. 10 by Annette Zech!



Thus says the LORD:
"Stand by the roads, and look,
and ask for the ancient paths,
where the good way is;
and walk in it, and find
rest for your souls..."

Jeremiah 6:16, ESV

Quotation of the week:

"Christianity is designed to move from the concept to the appropriate action. For example, God so loved the world [concept] that He gave His only begotten Son [action]. Paul thus was very complimentary toward Philemon, noting that "I hear of your love, and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints." There must have been action on Philemon's part, or there would have been nothing for Paul to hear about. His direct action, both love and faith, was directed toward the saints in Colossae, and thus an exhibition of his love and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ." -- *Forward Thinking from Philemon*, "Fellowship of Your Faith"

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE AT FAMILY CAMP!)

Bible School --

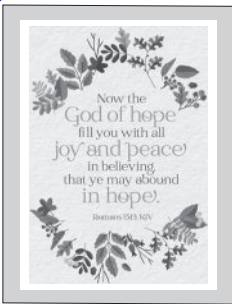
Morning Assembly -- 139

Evening Assembly --

Wednesday Night (9/9) -- 62

Butte Lord's Day -- 14 (ph: 2), 11 at F.C.

GF Lord's Day (F.C. - 68) -- 22 - GF Wed. - 51



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

What about Circumcision?

Circumcision was a practice that God enjoined upon Abraham at the time that He promised the birth of Isaac. It was a physical sign for a physical people beginning from Abraham's descendants, and it was incorporated for the people under the Law of Moses. Circumcision was so important that the angel of the Lord met Moses at a lodging place before Moses even went down to Egypt and was going to kill him because one of his sons was not circumcised (Exodus 4:24). Jesus, in defending His healing of people on the Sabbath, used the importance of circumcision as a basis for His actions, stating, “On this account Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man” (John 7:22). Those of Jewish background, therefore, are going to

be insistent about the issue of circumcision, not fully understanding what God's ultimate purpose for circumcision was. And the apostle Paul is going to work to correct those misunderstandings.

- **When circumcision has value** – The Jew tended to think to himself, “I am circumcised; therefore I am in good standing with God.” Here's what the apostle says, “For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the Law” (Romans 2:25). So what is the other side? “But if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.” So...if the circumcised Jew breaks even one of the commandments, then his circumcision has no value.
- **What about the uncircumcised?** – The reverse would be true then. “If therefore the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?” (Romans 2:26). Clearly what matters is walking righteously before God. “And will not he who is physically uncircumcised,” Paul continues, “if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law?” (Romans 2:27). The righteous conduct of a non-Jew would by contrast expose the shameful behavior of the Jew, and the hypocrisy of the Jew would be manifestly evident.
- **Not outward** – In order to drive his point home, the apostle Paul starts on the negative side. “For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly,” he points out, “neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh” (Romans 2:28). The physical Jew is not really a Jew? Physical circumcision is not really circumcision?
- **The true Jew** – Will the “real Jew” please stand up! “But he is a Jew who is one inwardly,” stresses the apostle, “and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God” (Romans 2:29). In Paul's letter to the Colossian brethren, he explains the mechanism by which this circumcision of the heart occurs. “...in Him [Christ] you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands [spiritual circumcision], in the removal of the body of flesh by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with Him in immersion...” (Colossians 2:11,12). The “true Jew,” then, is any person who has been properly immersed into Christ!

The physical circumcision introduced in the days of Abraham was designed to point to the spiritual circumcision “of the heart” offered under the terms of the new covenant. Just as anyone who was not physically circumcised from the time of Abraham through the Mosaic covenant was “cut off from his people” (Genesis 17:14), even so someone whose heart is not circumcised as the New Testament specifies is not part of God's people from Acts chapter two onward.

It is therefore clear that the Jew “according to the flesh” was not in good standing before God. Properly understood, that would rock the Jew's world to the core, and help those of Jewish background to properly understand the magnitude and power of the new covenant to which they were being introduced. Mr. Jew, your circumcision is of no value if you have committed even one sin. The only way to be in good standing before the Lord is to become spiritually circumcised under the terms of the new covenant.

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