

**“One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall
seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all
the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the LORD
And to meditate in His temple.”
-- Psalm 27:4**



Folks in the breakfast line
Family Camp 2026
on the grounds
Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

**Jesus to Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus
Road: “I am sending you to open their eyes
so that they may turn from darkness to light
and from the dominion of Satan to God, that
they may receive forgiveness of sins and an
inheritance among those who have been
sanctified by faith in Me.”
-- ACTS 26:17,18**

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

September 20, 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

Prayer med - Herb Burnell

L.S. - Jack McGraw

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***GROUPS: 1 THESSALONIANS**

L.S. - Bob Edgar

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Alex Luxmore

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Bobo Womagno

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:

Jerry Hoffman - "Song of Solomon"

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

Oct. 4 - Fellowship dinner following assembly; theme: "Fall favorites"

LIFT UP YOUR EYES
ON HIGH
♦ AND SEE: ♦
WHO CREATED
THESE?

ISAIAH 10:26, ESV

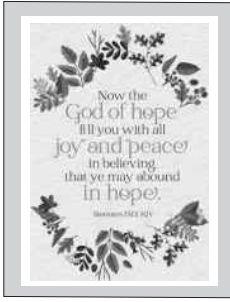
Quotation of the week:

God is not able to be understood through mere human wisdom... Hence it is that He has to reveal Himself, in His own time, and in His own way. Using a quotation from Isaiah, the apostle to the Gentiles notes, “For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside.’” (1 Corinthians 1:19). By sweeping aside human wisdom as the mechanism for knowing God and by eliminating the “cleverness of the clever,” the Almighty has made it possible for the slave girl who sleeps behind the millstone to have equal access to God as might have the mightiest Pharaoh. -- *Core Values from First Corinthians*, “The World’s Wisdom is Foolishness”

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 47
Morning Assembly – 90
Evening Assembly – 55

Wednesday Night (9/16) – 52
Butte Lord’s Day – 8 (ph: 5)
GF Lord’s Day – 71,95 - Wed. - 56



"What then?" - Apostle Paul to the Romans

Circumcision of the Heart

When Stephen was making his impassioned defense before the Sanhedrin, he convicted the Jewish leadership with these words, "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit" (Acts 7:51). The man with the "uncircumcised heart" will not pass successfully through the righteous God's judgment; he will end up burning forever in unquenchable fire. God therefore challenged Israel through Moses, "Circumcise then your heart, and stiffen your neck no more" (Deuteronomy 10:16). But Israel in general was unwilling or unable to step up to this exhortation. So God made a promise for a people yet to come: "Moreover the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your

descendants," He offered, "to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live" (Deuteronomy 30:6).

- **Need for a new heart** – As Ezekiel looked to the people of the coming new covenant, God promised through him, "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you" (Ezekiel 36:26). Why do people need a new heart, or what is also called a "circumcised heart"? Once sin enters the heart, it is corrupted and no amount of human effort can ever bring it back to purity again; only God can give him that new heart. Thus Jesus, in looking to the regenerative nature of the new covenant, speaks thusly, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). Only new creations in Christ can be pure in heart!
- **Inwardly** – The "true Jew," says Paul, is the one "who is one inwardly" (Romans 2:29). The thrust of the new covenant is focusing in on the realm of the unseen, the inner man. "We look," then stated the apostle Paul, "at the things which are not seen" (2 Corinthians 4:18). "For we walk by faith, not by sight," he also emphasized (2 Corinthians 5:7). The "outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16). It is the inner man that is transformed into the image of Christ in glory, a transformation that only the Holy Spirit can perform (2 Corinthians 3:18). This is, then, the "Jew who is one inwardly."
- **Spiritual circumcision** – The true circumcision, it follows, is a spiritual circumcision, a circumcision "which is of the heart, by the Spirit" (Romans 2:29). The apostle Paul gives more information: "in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in immersion, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead" (Colossians 2:11,12). This circumcision "made without hands" clearly occurs when a person is properly immersed into Christ; unless a person has been immersed according to the terms of Acts 2:38 and related scriptures, he has not received this spiritual circumcision, and flatly is not part of God's people.

This circumcision, then, is "by the Spirit, not by the letter [a reference to the Law of Moses]." The system of Law could not circumcise the heart; only the provisions of "the faith of Christ" (Romans 3:22 – KJV), also known as "the covenant of the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:6) can. This is why the immersion of Acts 2:38 is not only "for the forgiveness of sins," but also to "receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Even within the church, some of those of Jewish background did not understand. To the Gentiles coming into the body of Christ, they said, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved" (Acts 15:1). Such entrenched thinking about the necessity of physical circumcision resulted in the persecution of and pressure upon those who would preach "circumcision of the heart." That's why Paul said that those who would preach and teach that spiritual truth have their praise, "not from men, but from God." The only praise worth having!!

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