

**“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“When I will raise up for David a righteous
Branch;
And He will reign as king and act wisely
And do justice and righteousness in the land.”
-- Jeremiah 23:5**



Monday night Bible study in Boulder
plus 19 on the phone
Betty Hering, Stacie Klemo, Brian and Debbie Currier, Katie Wilson

**“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to
you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will
be opened to you. For everyone who asks,
receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him
who knocks, it will be opened.”**

Luke 11:9,10

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

October 4, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Matthew Wilson

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Cliff Renner

L.S. - Herb Burnell

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***GROUPS: 1 THESSALONIANS**

L.S. - Charlie Brown

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Braden Michael

L.S. - Jared DuPaul

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

October 18 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: German food

Butte

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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

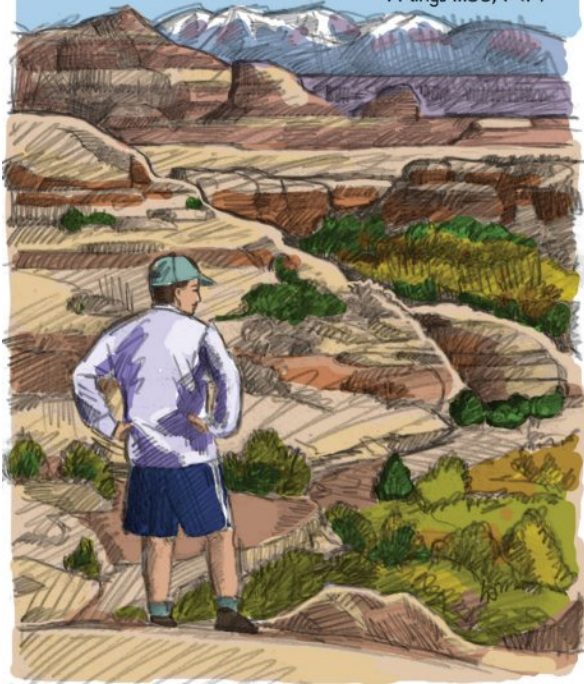
Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, 2027

Great Falls

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

"If you do whatever I command you and
walk in my ways and do what is right ...
I will be with you."

1 Kings 11:38, NIV



Quotation of the week:

"A person who flies off the handle may find himself sizzling in the fire. Make no mistake about it; the Lord will not accept into the courts of the eternal kingdom those who keep going ballistic on earth. The words of Paul are very clear: those who have 'outbursts of anger...shall not inherit the kingdom of God' (Galatians 5:20-21). 'A quick-tempered man acts foolishly,' posited Solomon, 'and a man of evil devices is hated' (Proverbs 14:17). 'He who is slow to anger has great understanding,' is another notation, 'but he who is quick-tempered exalts folly' (Proverbs 14:29)." -- *Prose from Proverbs*, "The Quicksand of a Quick Temper"

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 58
Morning Assembly – 119
Evening Assembly – 70

Wednesday Night (9/30) – 50
Butte Lord's Day – 19 (ph: 4)
GF Lord's Day – 62, 91 - Wed. - 57



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

“Let God Be Found True...”

The vast bulk of Jewish society rejected the idea that Jesus was the Messiah. Jesus had commented during the years of His earthly sojourn that this would indeed be the case. “Many shall come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven,” stated the Christ, “but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into the outer darkness” (Matthew 8:11,12). The Gentiles would be coming in from east and west, but the Jews (who as “sons of the kingdom” were supposed to be the ones spiritually prepared for Jesus’ spiritual kingdom) would reject the offer and end up in the hell fire. Paul’s “imaginary Jew,” his foil in the underlying debate featured in two thirds of the book of Romans

as a literary device, is going to bring up the argument that if the message of the new covenant were really true, the Jews would have accepted it. Somehow, then, in the argumentation, their rejection of the message reflected back on God.

- **The Jews’ unbelief** – Those of Jewish background, Paul had demonstrated, had great advantage and benefit in being entrusted with the oracles of God. “What then?” is the apostle’s classic question in the Roman epistle. “If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?” (Romans 3:3). Believing that seismic activity shows a volcano is about to blow its top or refusal to believe it does not change the fact that the volcano is about to blow. God is there and is constant; failure to believe those facts as demonstrated in His word and His action in history does not change His character.
- **Humans on trial** – “May it never be!” is Paul’s response to the charge that God is somehow unfaithful or changeable in His promises. “Rather,” he posits, “let God be found true, though every man be found a liar...” (Romans 3:4). That seems to be more to the root of the problem. The word of God isn’t testing a man’s intelligence; it is testing his integrity! Most of the human race is thus demonstrated to be a bunch of liars, covering their lack of accountability with a myriad of simple or complex webs of lies. Paul adds, “...as it is written, ‘That You might be justified in Your words, and might prevail when You are judged.’” People question God, sometimes honestly but often looking for an excuse. “How could God order the killing of the innocent women and children as Israel wiped out the Canaanite cities they conquered under Joshua?” “How could God condemn a person to an eternity in hell for committing just one sin?” Such queries place the questioner in the position of judging God. The Almighty and All Wise demonstrates, through the scriptures and through Jesus Christ, that He in fact is justified in His words and that the fairness of His judgments will be clearly demonstrated. It is not God who is on trial; it is the human being asking the questions.
- **Paul’s next question** – “But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say?” (Romans 3:5). Implicit in the question is that our unrighteousness is supposed to show how righteous God is, so what is the problem with our being unrighteous? A major starting point in Paul’s teaching discussion was his earlier statement, “The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men” (Romans 1:18). The queries about God’s judgment are directly or subtly pushing back against that statement.

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The apostle is emphatic with his rhetorical question: “The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He?” He parenthetically adds, “I am speaking in human terms,” because even the concept of the righteous God being unrighteous is a topic that could not even be brought up in the heavenly realms. Again, Paul answers, “May it never be! For otherwise how would God judge the world?” (Romans 3:6). Only the righteous God is capable of meting out fair and just punishment.