"Thus Samuel grew and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fail. All Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD."
-- 1 Samuel 3:19,20



Crew from Kalispell
(including David Cook, Steve Compton, and Ross Darner)
loading hay for Laura Swift, with Gary DiPaolo in the center
Teamwork among Christ's churches

"Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night."
1 Thessalonians 5:1,2

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

November 22, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at
30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls
LaQuinta Inn — Butte

Bozeman - 8:45 -
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
St'dship - Bob Edgar
L.S. - Tommy Widner
Preaching - Luke Wilson

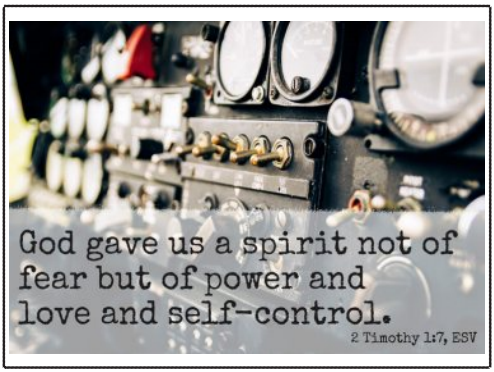
L.D. Evening 7:00 pm -
***Groups: 1 Thessalonians**
L.S. - Bob Edgar

Great Falls - 2:45 - Stan Zech
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
St'dship - Ryan Compton
L.S. - Alex Luxmore
Preaching - Caleb Wilson

Butte - 2:00 pm - Classes
3:00 pm - Assembly
L.S. - Jay Wilson
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman
Nov. 22 - Fellowship dinner following assembly; theme: "Thanksgiving"

Butte
December 20 - Fellowship dinner following assembly

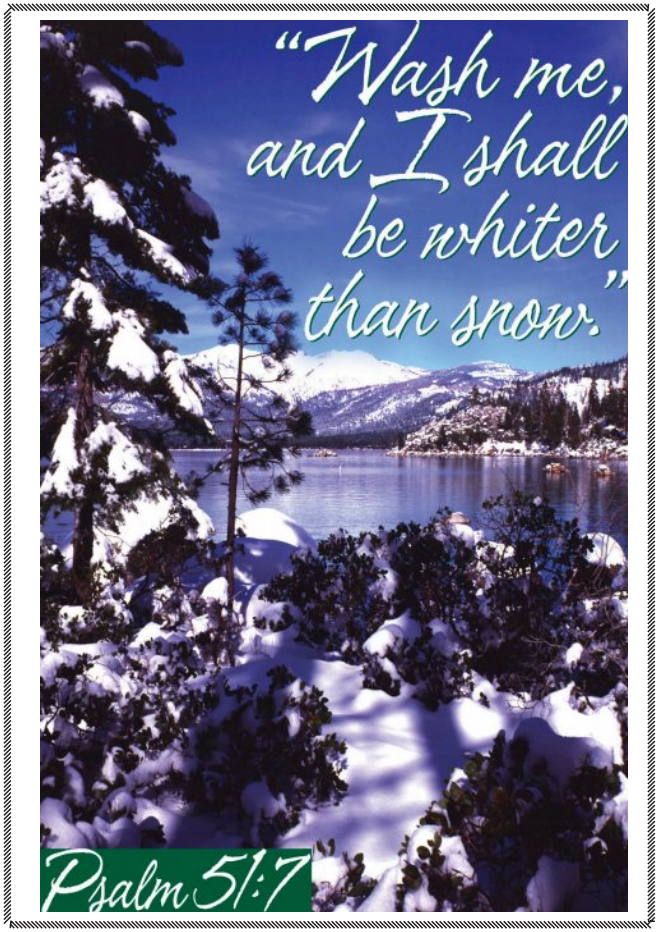


Bozeman -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jerry Hoffman - "Song of Solomon"

Great Falls -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Caleb Wilson - *Equipping for the work of service*

Announcements:
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
Dec. 6 - Fellowship dinner following assembly

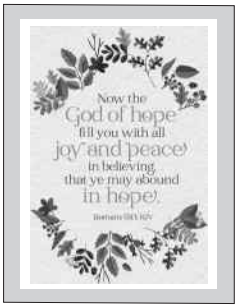


Quotation of the week:

"Faced with the sucking maw around him, the saint of God, the truly beloved by the Father, is reminded: 'But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith...' (Jude 1:20). The individual's faith needs to keep increasing as he faces challenges from temptation and the forces of evil. The apostle Paul, in writing to the Corinthian brethren, used the expression, 'as your faith grows,' and to the Thessalonians he said, 'your faith is greatly enlarged' (2 Corinthians 10:15; 2 Thessalonians 1:3). Increasing knowledge of God's holy writ and positive applications of its truths in the lives of the brethren increases the faith that they have in the power and provision of the Almighty. Thus they are to be built up and build upon that most holy faith, and in turn be builders rather than destroyers." - *Jewels from Jude*, "Be Part of the Solution"

Attendance Last Week:

Bible School — 58	Wednesday Night (11/18) — 43
Morning Assembly — 101	Butte Lord's Day — 7 (ph: 3)
Evening Assembly — 50	GF Lord's Day — 63, 88 - Wed. - 51



"What then?" - Apostle Paul to the Romans

The Great Equalizer

The Jew has been judged by his own Law and has been found guilty. The Gentile has sinned without the Law and has been found guilty. God clearly "desires that all men be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). The "righteousness of God" thus is going to be attributed to each willing individual through the "faith of Christ"; it will be "for all those who believe, for there is no distinction" (Romans 3:22). All who believe! Jew or Gentile!

•**No distinction** – That the righteousness of God is available to both Jew and Greek without distinction is based on another truth for which there is no distinction: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). The commission of sin is a choice, going back to the first bad choice of Adam and Eve. The statement "all have sinned" could not be made by the apostle Paul based on his own observation; a lot of human history is still to happen at Paul's time in history, and thus it is a Holy Spirit-inspired statement. God, existing outside of time, has all of human history spread out before Him, and the inspired look at that record shows that, yes, every single adult-level human being sinned by his own choice. No distinction!

- **The gift to "all who believe"** – The sin was the individual's choice, and once he is in sin's grasp no amount of human effort could ever get him out of that trap. Hence he needs a "gift." Paul's continuing thought reads, "being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24). The "righteousness of God" is applied as a gift because of the redemption price Jesus paid on the cross for anyone, Jew or Greek, who is willing to come under the terms of the new covenant. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross," stated Peter (1 Peter 2:24). "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf," Paul also stated, "that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Corinthians 5:21). What a gift!
- **The "propitiation"** – In the Holy of Holies, the back room of the tabernacle of Moses' day, was the ark of the covenant, the top of which was designated "the mercy seat," where the goat's blood was sprinkled by the high priest of Israel. It was here, each year on the Day of Atonement, that the sins of Israel were rolled back until the Christ could come and pay an acceptable price for sin, as Paul noted, "Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3). But Christ's death alone would not have been sufficient; it took the sprinkling of His blood in the true holy of holies on a spiritual mercy seat at Christ's ascension. Another name for that "mercy seat" was the "propitiatory." "Propitiation" thus is equivalent to the granting of God's mercy, visually foreshadowed in the high priest's offering of a goat for the sins of Israel on that Day. The apostle Paul therefore speaks of the "redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith" (Romans 3:24,25).

Modern saints must "look" in order to "live"!!

Christ's blood was shed on Calvary, but it was "sprinkled" in glory as the propitiation for the sins of all mankind. The writer of Hebrews thus commented about "the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel" (Hebrews 12:24). This "public" propitiation took place in the sight of all the heavenly host, revealed to man through the inspired New Testament apostles and prophets. It is thus seen only in the realm of faith, wherein the individual believes what the scripture tells him to believe about the unseen realm. "We look," said Paul, "not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen" (2 Corinthians 4:18). Modern saints must therefore "look" in order to "live"!

Jay Wilson