

The nations made an uproar, the
kingdoms tottered; He raised His
voice, the earth melted



Elisa Wilson, Alina Jacobs, and Austynn Schweitzer
enjoying some fellowship at the end of a school day
Bozeman Christian School
an integral ministry of Christ's Church, Bozeman, MT

“I can do nothing on My own initiative. As
I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just,
because I do not seek My own will, but the
will of Him who sent Me.”

John 5:30

February 25, 2018!

Christ's Church

Meeting at
30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
Comfort Inn — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 8:45 a.m.

Opening — Jay Wilson, Ben Boyer

M.C. — Bob Edgar

Stewardship exhortation — Marshall Harbour

Communion Meditation — Charlie Brown

Preaching — Jay Wilson

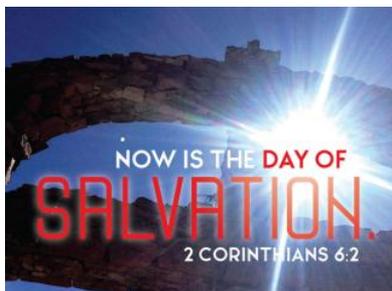
EVENING SCHEDULE:

Bozeman - 7:00 p.m., **Butte - 7:30 p.m.**

M.C. — Jeff Landsgaard, **George Stone**

Communion Meditation — Tommy Widner, **Marshall Harbour**

Preaching — Phil Sutton, **Jay Wilson**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Going away party and potluck for Cassie Farley before she leaves for Togo — Lord's Day Feb. 25 following assembly

Bible Bowl — Sat., March 10, 2018

Ladies' Advance — April 19-21, Hampton Inn, Great Falls, MT

Men's PEAKS — Thurs. - Sat. July 19-21, 2018 at Delmo Reservoir

Family Camp 2018 — Aug. 31 - Sept. 3, 2018 at Bozeman church property

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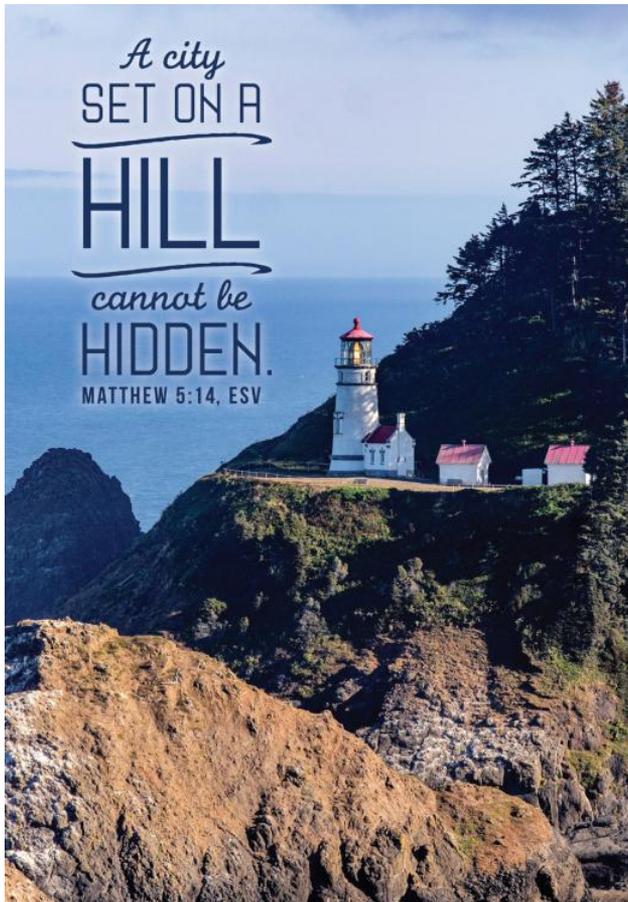
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This Wednesday, Feb. 28th —

7:00 p.m. — *Some enlightenment from Ephesians – Phil Sutton*



Question of the week:

Which chapter in the book of Leviticus is devoted to instructions concerning the Day of Atonement?

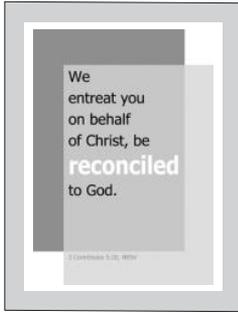
Last week's question: What did the Roman soldiers say after they had placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head and had clothed him with a scarlet robe? *Answer: They mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" (Matthew 27:27-29).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 91
Morning Assembly — 106
Evening Assembly — 67

Wednesday Night (2/21) — 74
Butte Lord's Day — 15
Great Falls Lord's Day — 49,68

Comfort/encouragement from Second Corinthians ...



Letter of Commendation

A Jewish couple, usually listed as Priscilla and Aquila, hosted Paul when he had first come to Corinth because Paul was a tentmaker by trade and they worked together. The couple became very knowledgeable Christians, and traveled to Ephesus with Paul when he left Corinth. The apostle then left this couple in Ephesus to lay the groundwork for his preaching and teaching ministry when he returned. While Priscilla and Aquila were in Ephesus, a man named Apollos came into the synagogue, having origins in Alexandria, Egypt. He knew the story of Jesus accurately but only knew about John's immersion, not knowing about immersion in Jesus' name. This couple took Apollos aside and "explained to him the way of

God more accurately" (Acts 18:26). Presumably Apollos was properly immersed, and subsequently they encouraged him to go to Corinth to preach. "And when he wanted to go across to Achaia," was Luke's record of the events, "the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he arrived, he helped greatly those who had believed through grace" (Acts 18:27). The congregation in Corinth did not know Apollos, so he needed a letter from trusted brethren recommending him. Not so with Paul!

- ◆ **What letter?** — The apostle Paul was the one who started the congregation in Corinth. He said that he immersed Crispus and Gaius at the beginning of the local church, and said he could not remember for certain whether he had immersed the household of Stephanas. In those formative years of the church, he had labored for them, prayed for them, preached and taught for them. In the next phase of his defense to the Corinthians, then, he asks, "Are we beginning to commend ourselves again?" In writing this epistle, his purpose is not to puff himself up or present himself as somebody important; his goal is their edification for their eternal salvation. "Or do we need," he adds, "as some, letters of commendation to you or from you?" (2 Corinthians 3:1). Not so with Paul!

***"You are
a letter of
Christ."***

- ◆ **The important letter** — Personal contact is far superior to pieces of paper. "You are our letter," says the apostle, "written in our hearts, known and read by all men" (2 Corinthians 3:2). The congregation was the fruit of Paul's efforts in Achaia. They, of course, should have remembered that. "The seed whose fruit is righteousness," commented James, "is sown in peace by those who make peace" (James 3:18). Paul, instrument of Jesus Christ, was preaching peace to those who were far off [Gentile background] and to those who were near [Jewish background], and the Corinthian Christians were beneficiaries of that preaching and the resultant peace between them and God. Thus the apostle makes this forceful statement, "You are our letter." His personal concern is evident also in his modifying phrase, "written in our hearts." And not only was the letter written in the hearts of the apostle and those who labored with him, their existence as a congregation was a visible letter, "known and read by all men."

Ultimately, the congregation at Corinth was a representation of the success of the gospel of Jesus, and a credit to Christ Himself. You are, says the apostle, "being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us" (2 Corinthians 3:3). Can human effort alone cause another to be born again? Can human labors by themselves have even one person's sins forgiven, or put the Spirit within the new convert? On a broad scale, who determines where the gospel itself will go, and where it will be positively received? "For Zion's sake I will not keep silent," declares the Lord, "and for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet, until her righteousness goes forth like brightness and her salvation like a torch that is burning" (Isaiah 62:1). It is Jesus the Christ who accomplishes all this. Hence, of the Corinthians Paul emphasizes, "You are a letter of Christ."