

**For Your lovingkindness is great to
the heavens, and Your truth to the
clouds**



"Ascension Day" poster put together for the celebration
of the "consummation of the ages" (Hebrews 9:26)
Christ's Church
Great Falls, MT

**[The blind man] answered them, 'I told you
already, and you did not listen; why do you
want to hear it again? You do not want
to become His disciples too, do you?' "**

John 9:27

“Getting the Lord’s work done in 2021!!”

July 18, 2021

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls
400 W. Park St. — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Gunnar Landsgaard

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer Med - Matthew Wilson

L.S. - Bob Edgar

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

L.S. - Dan Tuck

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Gabe Clark

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St’dship - Nick Liston

L.S. - Jared DuPaul

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

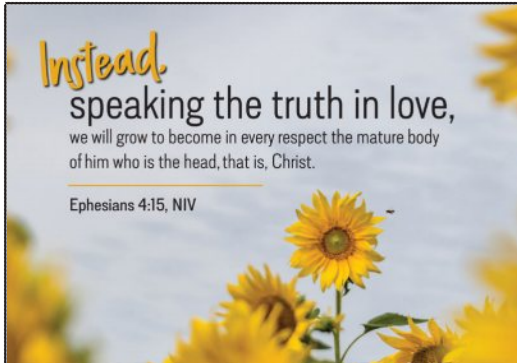
Bozeman -

July Fasting/Potluck will be July 31,
Aug. 1 (due to Peaks)

Young adults fellowship - Sat. July
31, 5:30 pm at the building. Contact
Andrew Wallace - 707-339-1060

Butte -

Fellowship dinner - July 18 at 6:30
pm preceding assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Phil Sutton on 1 Peter

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
*Unlocking the Mystery
of Life (intelligent
design video)*

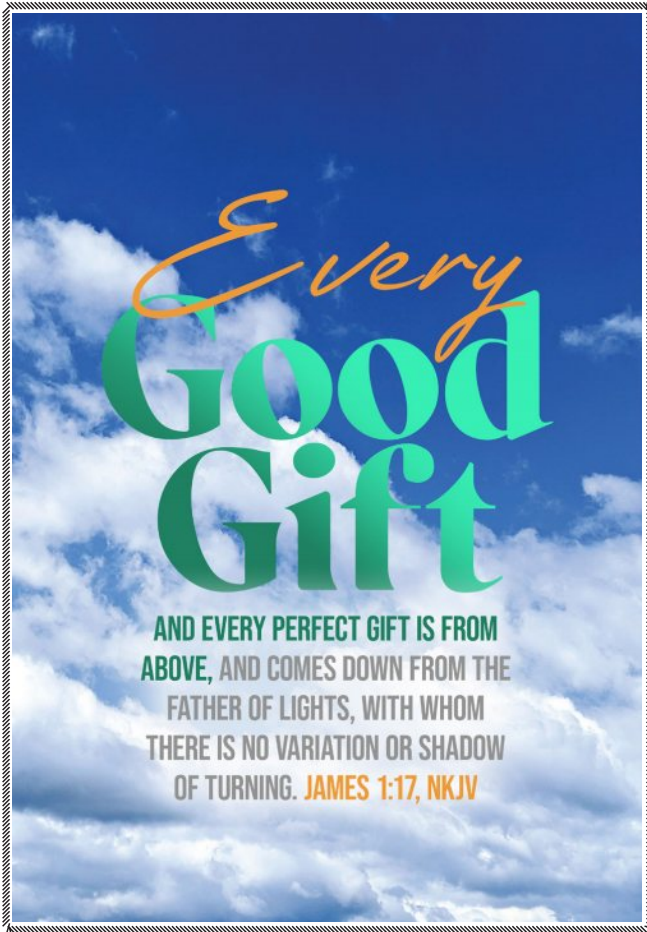
Great Falls -

Prayer and fasting - Lord’s Day
July 18

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men’s PEAKS - July 22-24, 2021, Theme: “The
kingdom’s sure increase”

2021 Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, Theme: “Powerful
Pictures from the Prophets”



Question of the week:

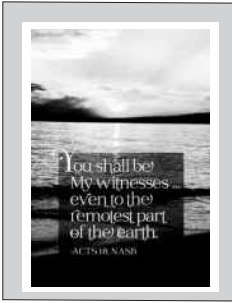
Who gave Solomon the plan for the construction of the temple in Jerusalem?

Last week's question: When the apostle Paul was making his defense before King Agrippa, he quoted Jesus as saying that the eyes of both the Jewish people and the Gentiles were to be opened, and that they were to _____ from darkness to light, and from the dominion of Satan to God. *Answer: "turn" (Acts 26:18).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 95
Morning Assembly – 121
Evening Assembly – 67

Wednesday Night (7/14) – 96
Butte Lord's Day – 22
GF Lord's Day – 65,79, Wed. - 54



Acts Alive ...

The Word Penetrates Europe

When Paul wanted to go back to the congregations in what is now central Turkey which he and Barnabas had established, the two of them could not agree on taking John Mark with them. "And there arose such a sharp disagreement that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. But Paul chose Silas and departed, being committed by the brethren to the grace of the Lord" (Acts 15:39,40).

Barnabas was from Cyprus, so it was a natural thing for him to take his next missionary journey back into that region where he and Paul had preached on their first missionary journey. Paul was from Tarsus of Cilicia, so it was natural for him to go there, and from thence into the interior. After going through Syria and Cilicia, they came into Derbe and Lystra, where they picked up Timothy. (So that Timothy would have access to the synagogues, as the son of a Jewish woman, Paul circumcised him.) They continued to contact all the congregations in that area, delivering the message from Christ's church in Jerusalem that the Gentiles did not have to keep the Law of Moses, but to abstain from "things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication." And the word of God happily records, again, "So the churches were being *strengthened in the faith*, and were *increasing in number daily*" (Acts 16:5).

Then a very unusual set of circumstances arose; Paul was not allowed to preach the word as was his custom. "And they passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia [the name for the Roman province of what is now western Turkey]; and when they had come to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas" (Acts 16:6-8). God wanted the word to get into Europe, and He wasn't about to let Paul and the "boys" get bogged down in north central Turkey.

Troas was at the western tip of the Asian continent; there was no further place to go. "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a certain man of Macedonia [what is now northern Greece in Europe] was standing and appealing to him, and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them" (Acts 16:9,10).

After crossing the northern tip of the Aegean Sea, Paul, Silas, Timothy, Luke, and possibly others came to the Roman military base of Philippi in the province of Macedonia. Unable to locate a Jewish synagogue in the city, when the Sabbath came, they went down by the riverside to see if they could find any Jews gathered for prayer. [This was a Jewish custom dating back to the time when Jews were captives in Babylon from 605 to 536 BC. In captivity they at first met by the river for prayer; later they developed a system of meeting in synagogues on the Sabbath. This custom they carried with them when they were released from captivity by the Persians. So, in the absence of a synagogue in Philippi, Paul and his traveling companions looked for the more "primitive" custom of meeting for prayer by the river.] And what did they find? Women! And not simply women; Gentile, God-fearing women, gathered for prayer!

"And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God [God-fearing] was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household had been immersed, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay.' And she prevailed upon us," said Luke (Acts 16:14,15).

Take heart, ladies. The first recorded converts to Christianity on the European continent were women! And the word of the Lord was marching on!

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JAY WILSON