

**God of Israel, do not be gracious to
any who are treacherous in iniquity**



Andrew Snowden, of Roanoke, VA,
with Dale O'Kelly, of Mechanicsville, VA
enjoying some fellowship
PA Family Camp
Everett, PA

**“I am the door; if anyone enters through
Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and
out and find pasture.”**

John 10:2,3

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

November 21, 2021

Christ’s Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls
Holiday Inn Express — Butte

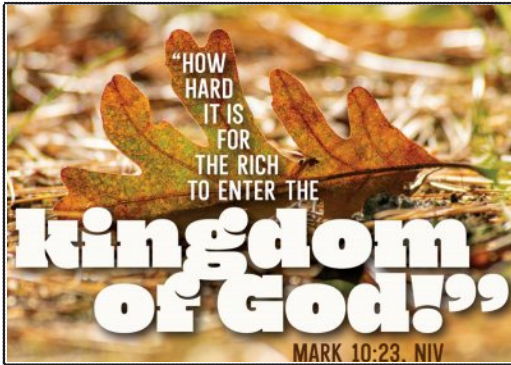
BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Matthew Wilson
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
Prayer Med. - Dan Tuck
L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard
Preaching - Luke Wilson
L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -
L.S. - Andrew Wallace

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
S’ds’hip - Cody Kruck
L.S. - Zac Dschaak
Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes
8:15 pm - Assembly
L.S. - Jay Wilson
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman -
Nov Fasting/Potluck Nov. 20,21.

Congratulations to *Elliot Ashley*, who was immersed into Christ on Wed. Nov. 17 by his dad Davis Ashley and grandfather, Jerry Hoffman. Elliot is just about ready to graduate from high school, and works at MacKenzie River Pizza in Belgrade



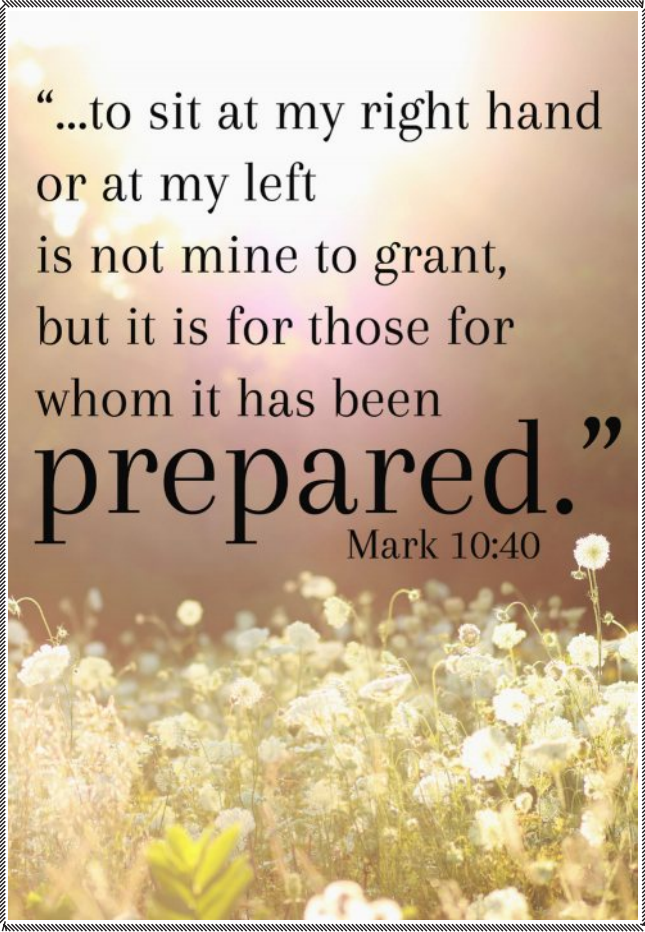
BOZEMAN -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Phil Sutton on 2 Peter

GREAT FALLS -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
“Is Genesis History”
video presentation

Great Falls
Prayer and fasting for evangelism -
Lord’s Day Nov. 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

South Carolina Men’s Retreat - Dec. 10-12
Bible Bowl - Mar. 12, 2022
Men’s Peaks - July 21-23, 2022
Family Camp - Sept. 2-5, 2022



“...to sit at my right hand
or at my left
is not mine to grant,
but it is for those for
whom it has been
prepared.”

Mark 10:40

Question of the week:

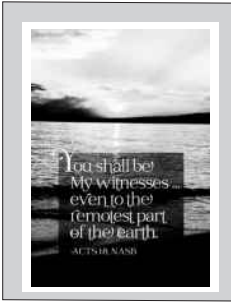
When the glory of the Lord came to fill the “house” (Ezekiel’s temple of prophecy), what was revealed as “the law of the house”?

Last week’s question: What was sprinkled on the “book” of the Mosaic covenant and even the people themselves as a foreshadow of the “sprinkled” blood of Christ? *Answer: The blood of goats and calves, as well as water and scarlet wool and hyssop (Hebrews 9:19).*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 87
Morning Assembly – 106
Evening Assembly – 58

Wednesday Night (11/17) – 76
Butte Lord’s Day – 15
GF Lord’s Day – 76,92, Wed. - 46



Acts Alive ...

From Felix to Festus

The Honorable Felix, the Roman governor, had “a more exact knowledge about the Way” (Acts 24:22). He understood enough to know that the issue of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead was big enough to tear the foundations loose from Judaism; consequently, he refused to issue a ruling in Paul’s case.

He did meet with Paul privately, however. Within several days following Paul’s hearing and confrontation with the high priest, the Honorable Felix and his wife Drusilla sent for Paul. (Drusilla is recorded as being a “Jewess.” She was the daughter of the Herod who was eaten by worms. She apparently was very beautiful, and had been persuaded to dump her previous husband by Felix and Felix’s agents. She was only 22, according to the records, at the time she was there at the apostle Paul’s appearance.) Probably for entertainment and enlightenment, Felix “sent for Paul.” The entertainment got a little out of hand, however, as the apostle spoke of righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come. The inspired word records that the Honorable Felix became understandably frightened, and said, “Go away for the present, and when I find time, I will summon you” (Acts 24:25).

The Honorable Felix also hoped a little bribing money would be given to him by Paul, so he used to send for him quite often, we are told. But, two years later the governor was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and, still political and still wishing to do the Jews a favor, the Honorable Felix left Paul in jail.

The Honorable Felix was thus replaced by the Honorable Festus. With the ascension of a new governor, the Jews went after Paul with renewed vigor when the Honorable Festus came up to Jerusalem. The chief priests and leading men brought charges against Paul, tried to get Festus to bring Paul up to Jerusalem for trial, and planned to set an ambush for him on the way. The Honorable Festus, apparently anxious to get back to governor’s quarters in Caesarea, refused the request, saying that Paul was being kept in custody at Caesarea and that the governor himself was about to leave shortly. “Therefore,” said he, “let the influential men among you go there with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them prosecute him” (Acts 25:5).

After about eight or ten days, the Honorable Festus made his way back to Caesarea. Taking his position on the seat of judgment, the governor had Paul brought in, and sat back to listen to charges preferred against the apostle by the Jews. The scene must have been quite interesting. “The Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges which they could not prove” (Acts 25:7). Paul’s defense was simple: “I have committed no offense either against the Law of the Jews or against the temple or against Caesar” (Acts 23:9).

The Honorable Festus must not have heard anything substantial against Paul that would stand in a Roman court. Anxious to do the Jews a favor, however, the Honorable Festus tried to change the venue to a Jewish court in Jerusalem. But Paul was a Roman citizen, and could not be removed from Roman jurisdiction without his permission. Paul stated, “I am standing before Caesar’s tribunal, where I ought to be tried. I have done no wrong to the Jews as you also very well know. If then I am a wrongdoer, and have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die; but if none of those things is true of which these men accuse me, no one can hand me over to them. *I appeal to Caesar*” (Acts 25:10,11).

The Honorable Festus had to check with the officials who knew Roman law to make sure that Paul could appeal to Caesar. The answer was affirmative, so the governor replied, “You have appealed to Caesar, to Caesar you shall go” (Acts 25:12). The Providential Hand of God was working, and the word of God was still going to be spread to Rome through Paul.

JAY WILSON

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was going to Rome.**