

**“I am going the way of all the earth.  
Be strong, therefore, and show  
yourself a man.”**

**-- 1 Kings 2:2**



Some of the 550 people who attended the MT Family Camp over Labor Day weekend, lined up for breakfast. Temperatures were in the upper 40's or low 50's in the mornings, but topped out at 100° Fahrenheit in the afternoon on the property of Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

**“To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.”**

***Titus 1:15***

*"Follow through in 2022!!"*

**September 18, 2022**

## **Christ's Church**

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Corban Icenogle**

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Joseph Shanahan

L.S. - Tommy Widner

Preaching - Luke Wilson

**L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -**

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L.S. - Andrew Wallace

**GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech**

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Bobo Womagno

L.S. - Mike Cooper

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Classes**

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

**Sept. 17 - Young Adult Fellowship,**

**6:00 pm; Girls and Guys night**

**Prayer and fasting - Sept. 24,25**

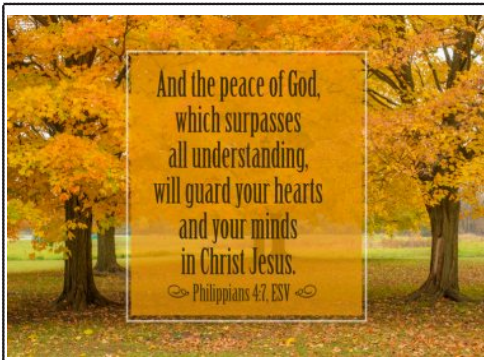
**Sept. 25 - Potluck following assembly**

**Great Falls**

**Prayer and fasting Sept. 18**

**Butte**

**Sept. 18 - Fellowship dinner 6:30 pm**



**BOZEMAN -**

***Wed. night, 7:00 pm:***

*Jerry Hoffman*

**GREAT FALLS -**

***Wed. night, 7:00 pm:***

*Jay Wilson — "Momentum"*

***Congratulations to Eli***

***Odell, who was immersed***

***into Christ in Bozeman on***

***Thurs. Sept. 15 by his older***

***brother Jon, after personal***

***Bible studies!***

***Congratulations to Lily Reijgers who was immersed into Christ in Bozeman on Fri. Sept. 16 by her older brother Kaden, after personal Bible studies!***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Spiritual Warriors' Weekend - Oct. 28,29**

**Theme: "Defending the Faith"**

**Bible Bowl - Mar. 11, 2023**

**Ladies' Advance - April 13-15, 2023**

**Men's Peaks - July 20-22, 2023**

**Family Camp - Sept. 1-4, 2023**



### Question of the week:

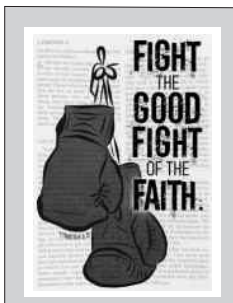
At the council at Jerusalem concerning whether the Gentiles had to be circumcised, James and Cephas and John offered something to Barnabas and Saul, What was it?

Last week's question: When God spoke through Isaiah as recorded in chapter one, He spoke of His people's having their dross smelted away. In that context He gave His coming holy city a name. What was it? *Answer: City of righteousness (Isaiah 1:26).*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School — 86  
Morning Assembly — 101  
Evening Assembly — 68

Wednesday Night (9/14) — 84  
Butte Lord's Day — 11  
GF Lord's Day — 73,81 Wed. - 50



## The Epistles to the Evangelists

### *Insuring Salvation*

Timothy was laboring as an evangelist at the congregation in Ephesus. The formation of this congregation under the efforts of Paul on his third missionary journey is significantly recorded in the book of Acts, and the congregation at Ephesus is one of the seven churches featured in the book of Revelation. Thus Paul (and the Lord) was concerned about Timothy's work in this congregation, and the apostle has further instruction for his son in the faith, following up on his exhortation that Timothy be "an example of those who believe."

● **Public reading of scripture** – During the time of Jesus' earthly sojourn, the only scriptures in existence were the scrolls of the Old Testament, to be read in the synagogues. However, by the time Paul

wrote this epistle to Timothy around 61-63 AD, letters that became part of our New Testament were already in circulation and read aloud in the congregations. For example, Paul told the congregation in Colossae, "And when this letter [Colossians] is read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and you, for your part, read the letter that is coming from Laodicea" (Colossians 4:16). Hence, the apostle's instructions, "Until I come, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhortation and teaching" (1 Timothy 4:13). The scriptures they had were to be read to the congregation (no one, for the most part, had a copy of his own), taught about, and preached on!

- **Gift of evangelist** – Timothy, as discussed earlier, was declared an evangelist through the laying on of hands of the elders (presbytery) of the congregation at Lystra as a result of one of those who had the gift of prophecy in that local church. The apostle exhorts Timothy, "Do not neglect the spiritual gift [of being an evangelist] within you" (1 Timothy 4:14).

- **Efforts at improvement** – The apostle Paul is encouraging Timothy as a younger preacher to mature spiritually and in wisdom. "Take pains with these things," he adverts, "be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all" (1 Timothy 4:15). When the apostle used the expression, *take pains* with these things, the more literal phrase is "do not neglect these things." The idea is that much consistent effort on Timothy's part should be applied to implementing Paul's advice on Timothy's character growth, and that his mind should be intensely focused on those issues. If he would take that advice, his personal progress would be obvious, and that would increase his credibility among those with whom and over whom he labored. "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching," are some supplemental thoughts; "persevere in these things" (1 Timothy 4:16).

- **Insuring salvation** – The core of Timothy's improvement and effectiveness in the congregation at Ephesus or any of the churches where Timothy might end up is connected with "the public reading of the scriptures." The word of God, taught effectively, consistently, without distortion, and in love, is what brings the message of salvation and the indwelling Spirit to the lost and continues to disciple the saved. When that would be coupled with Timothy's personal example of purity, prowess, and power, then the gospel would root and flower in the hearts of those impacted through the younger evangelist. "As you do this," Paul projected, based on his own experience and special knowledge as an apostle of Jesus Christ, "you will insure salvation both for yourself and those who hear you."

Saints are greatly impacted by those who do the public teaching and preaching. It is in that context that James comments, "Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment" (James 3:1). When Paul wrote to the congregation in Corinth, he emphasized that he had laid the proper foundation for the church, doctrinally and in character exhibition. He then added, "But let each be careful how he builds upon it" (1 Corinthians 3:10). The apostle was justly strident in telling Timothy, "Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will insure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you." Modern teachers and evangelists should heed these exhortations as well!

JAY WILSON

**"Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching."**