

**SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABED-NEGO SAID TO NEBUCHADNEZZAR THAT  
GOD COULD DELIVER THEM FROM THE BLAZING FURNACE.**

**“BUT EVEN IF HE DOES NOT, LET IT BE KNOWN TO YOU, O KING, THAT WE  
ARE NOT GOING TO SERVE YOUR GODS OR WORSHIP THE GOLDEN IMAGE  
THAT YOU HAVE SET UP.”**

**-- DANIEL 3:18**



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**After the death of Stephen, “a great persecution arose  
against the church in Jerusalem; and they were all  
scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria,  
except the apostles...”**

**“Therefore, those who had been scattered went about  
preaching the word.”**

***Acts 8:1,4***

*Win one more in 2024 - "...he who is wise wins souls" - Proverbs 11:30*

## June 9, 2024

### Christ's Church

Meeting at

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

**BOZEMAN - 8:45** - Joe Shanahan

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Joe Shanahan

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

\* **GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Su Nguyen

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Ryan Compton

L.S. - Jared DuPaul

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

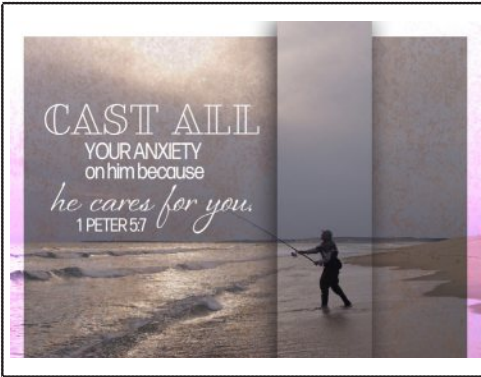
#### Bozeman

**June 22,23** - Prayer and fasting for evangelism

**June 23** - "Dessert/snack" social following evening assembly

#### Butte

**June 16** - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm



**BOZEMAN -**

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

**GREAT FALLS -**

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

*Congratulations to Gabrielle Luxmore, who was immersed into Christ late at night on Tues. June 4, by Steve McDunn.*

#### Great Falls

**June 16** - Prayer and fasting for evangelism

**VBS - June 24-27**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Montana Youth Camp - June 9-14** (Fishtail, MT)

**Men's "Peaks" - July 25-27, 2024**

**Family Camp - Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2024**

A scenic view of a lighthouse on a rocky island. The lighthouse is white with a black top. There are several buildings, including a large white house and a smaller red house. The foreground is filled with large, dark rocks. The sky is blue with white clouds, and a faint rainbow is visible in the background.

*My grace*

is sufficient for thee:  
for my strength is made  
perfect in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9, KJV

**Question of the week:**

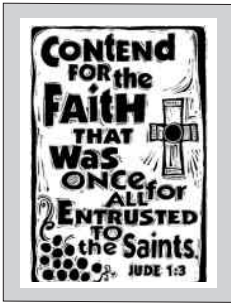
On the day of Pentecost, Peter and the apostles quote from Joel's prophecy about "the last days." The words of that prophecy were directed toward what point?

Last week's question: Who was the "king's friend" who thwarted the counsel of Ahitophel, and thus helped preserve David from the rebellion of David's son Absalom? *Answer: Hushai the Archite (2 Samuel 15:32,37).*

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 76  
Morning Assembly – 106  
Evening Assembly – 60

Wednesday Night (5/29) – 61  
Butte Lord's Day – 19  
GF Lord's Day – 65,95 Wed. - 58



Jewels from Jude

## “Hidden Reefs” in the “Love Feasts”

The apostle Peter describes the devil as a prowling, “roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). What better place to find prey than in the assembly of the saints! And what better tools to use than those who are accepted as being in the body of Christ, and seem on the surface to be brethren in good standing. Jude has opened this epistle speaking of “certain persons who have crept in unnoticed,” and described them as “ungodly persons who turn the grace of God into licentiousness” (Jude 1:4). Tools of the roaring lion! “These men” is a term that Jude uses often in pointing them out to the faithful saints. “These” men indulged in gross immorality as did Sodom and Gomorrah. “These men” revile angelic majesties. “These

men” revile things which they do not understand.

- **Hidden reefs** – Jude continues: “These men,” he says, “are those who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves” (Jude 1:12). The “love feast,” a term used by Jude, refers to a meal taken in connection with the weekly assembly of the saints. The apostle Paul had to tell the congregation in Corinth to back away from the meal in connection with the Lord’s Supper because they were not mature enough in Christ for the “love feast” to be positive and edifying. “In your eating,” he commented, “each one takes his own supper first [the thrust being that there was a scramble to be first in line]; and one is hungry and another is drunk” (1 Corinthians 11:21). Jude talks about the destructive men working their counterproductive agendas, using the love feast as the time for finding prospects open to their subtle but fleshly appeals. “Hidden reefs,” Jude termed them, referring to the dangerous coral reefs often just below the surface of the sea and which can quickly rip open the bottom of a wooden vessel. And, says Jude, “they feast with you without fear.” These “shepherds,” as some translations bring forth, are so far down the licentious trail that they have no fear of God left in their darkened hearts. Deceptive, devious, dangerous men!
- **Descriptive litany** – These men, observed the author, are those who are only “caring for themselves.” Self-willed, they justify their behaviors by turning the grace of God into licentiousness, and then work to pull others into their self-justification scheme. The writer brings forth a series of graphic descriptions of these men, showing how fruitless and empty are the actual positive productions of their efforts. “Clouds without water,” is the first on the list, using the picture of uselessness of a darkened sky passing over a parched land, “carried along by winds.” Another is this representation: “autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted.” Followed by this one: “wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam” (Jude 1:13). Where the ocean meets the shore, what is most visible and notable is the crashing of the waves and the resultant foam. These men’s shameful deeds, from “wild” behavior, is visibly flaunted as the foam spraying up and splashing the rocky coast. The final illustration: “wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.” “These men” are going nowhere, plunging into the pit of eternal destruction, and taking as many with them as they can.

These graphic pictures painted by Jude are necessary to expose how evil these men are. They “crept in unnoticed,” spreading their evil influence, their destructive conversations masked by suave smiles. It is often difficult for the brethren to believe that such urbane individuals can be evil; hence the somewhat brutal appellations are given by Jude and by the Holy Spirit. Make no mistake about it; these same types of individuals are constantly working modern congregations, pushing the same lawless agenda. Brethren must recognize who they are, resist their appeals, and expose their shameful behaviors and false doctrines.

The devil is still the roaring lion seeking someone to devour. And he has men (and women) like these as his willing tools.

*“These men”  
are the devil’s  
willing tools!*

JAY WILSON