

**“BUT THE LORD HAS TAKEN YOU AND BROUGHT YOU OUT OF  
THE IRON FURNACE, FROM EGYPT, TO BE A PEOPLE FOR HIS  
OWN POSSESSION, AS TODAY.”  
-- DEUTERONOMY 4:20**



Luke Wilson of Bozeman, MT  
Shaun Greene of Chula Vista, CA  
enjoying the time at the men's 2024 Peaks  
Delmoe Reservoir, east of Butte, MT

**“Stand firm, therefore, having girded your loins  
with truth, and having put on the breastplate of  
righteousness, and having shod your feet with the  
preparation of the gospel of peace...”**

***Ephesians 6:14,15***

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

**August 11, 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

Prayer med - Gary DiPaolo

L.S. - Cliff Renner

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

**\* GROUPS STUDY - PHILIPPIANS**

L.S. - Jeff Landsgaard

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**BUTTE - 7:30 pm** - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Tracy Baker

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

**Butte**

**August 18** - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm

Congratulations to **Tell Kent Hunsicker**, who was born on Wed. July 31 to Cole and Hailey Hunsicker of Boulder, MT. Joins big brother Trayden in the family!



**BOZEMAN -**

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

*Jerry Hoffman*

**GREAT FALLS -**

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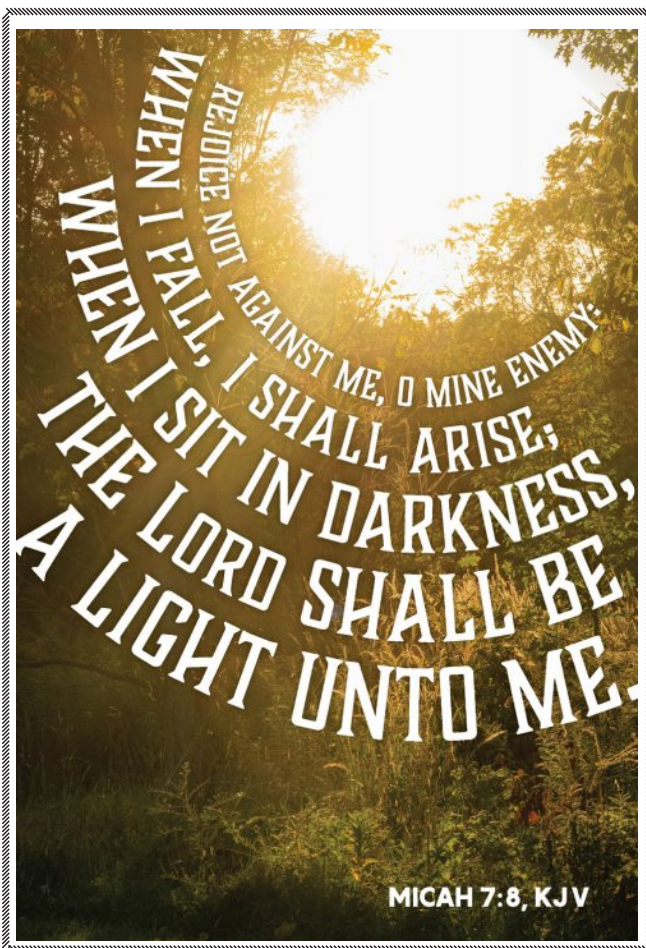
*Jay Wilson*

**Great Falls**

**Aug. 18** - prayer and fasting for evangelism

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Family Camp** - Aug. 30 - Sept. 2, 2024. Theme: "The Call of the Apocalypse" -- selected themes from Revelation



### Question of the week:

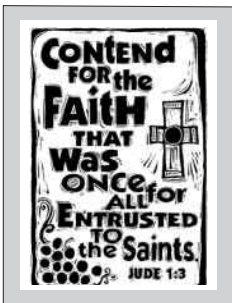
When David tried transporting the ark of the covenant into the Jerusalem the second time, why did they succeed the second time as contrasted as failing the first time?

Last week's question: In the book of Romans, as Paul discussed how mercy came to both Jews and Gentiles, he had a general statement about that mercy. What was it? *Answer: God shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all (Romans 11:32).*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 55  
Morning Assembly – 78  
Evening Assembly – 65

Wednesday Night (8/7) – 52  
Butte Lord's Day – 12  
GF Lord's Day – 65,82 Wed. - 54



Reasonings from Revelation

## The Nature of the Apocalypse

The apostle John, exiled to the isle of Patmos, early on states, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day" (Revelation 1:10). This is similar to what happened to the apostle Peter as the Lord was preparing him to accept the Gentiles. About noon, as the representatives from Cornelius (the first Gentile to be saved) approached the house where Peter was staying, he went up on the rooftop to pray before lunch. The scripture records, "And he became hungry, and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance" (Acts 10:10). He then saw in a vision a blanket being let down from heaven with all sorts of unclean animals with instructions to kill and eat; God gave Peter the vision and it took awhile for him to figure out

that the purpose of the vision was to open the door of salvation to the Gentiles, prefigured by the acceptance of "unclean animals." Similarly, John in a trance received a series of seven successive visions, and it is the saint's job to try to figure out what was meant as those visions have been given and have been written down.

The Greek word is *apocalypse*, and its Latin equivalent is *revelation*. At its core, it means "unveiling" or "uncovering." It is a style of prophecy wherein the reader is seated in front of a stage, and periodically the curtain lifts, revealing the scene on the stage.

- **A general overview of Revelation** – The book of Revelation roughly breaks down into these segments or visions, often with a mini-vision as an interlude between scene changes:
  - Messages directly to the seven churches
  - Vision of the seals
  - Vision of the trumpets
  - Vision of the bowls of wrath
  - Judgment upon Babylon, the "beast" and the "false prophet"
  - "1000 year" reign of Christ, and judgment upon the dragon
  - What would generally be called the future heaven or the eternal kingdom
- **Letter introduction** – The book of Revelation is a letter which was sent out simultaneously to seven congregations in the Roman province of Asia. "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," are the beginning words, "which God gave Him [Jesus] to show to His bond-servants" (Revelation 1:1). God [the Father], interestingly enough, gave this revelation to Jesus Christ for Him to pass on to His bond-servants (the saints then and now).
- **Content** – A brief overview of what is in the letter is given. It consists, He says, of "the things which must shortly take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John." "The time is near," he says a sentence later (Revelation 1:3). The general perspective of the new covenant writings is that the time of Jesus' return and the wrapping up of all things earthly is "near." "Be patient, therefore, brethren," was James' exhortation, "until the coming of the Lord...strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand" (James 5:7,8). The message is consistent that, once the great "apostasy" is finished (of which the apostle Paul spoke in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-9), the saints are to "be ready."
- **John the faithful** – The apostle John, in his gospel account and in his letters, makes it clear that he was an eyewitness, either during the days of Jesus' earthly sojourn or in the days when these things were revealed in the spiritual realm. "John," says the apostle of himself, is the one "who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw" (Revelation 1:2).

This, then, is called the revelation or apocalypse of John. What he saw in his visions, he recorded. The brethren in Christ are to go honestly and objectively to the writings, read them, and process them.

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ness "to all  
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JAY WILSON