

**“Let the favor of the Lord our God
be upon us;
And confirm for us the work of our hands;
Yes, confirm the work of our hands..”
-- Psalm 90:17**



Claire Ashley and Taryn O'Connell
having a girls' face to face fun conversation
at assembly
Christ's Church in Bozeman

**“Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from
this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. As they went
along the road they came to some water; and the
eunuch said, ‘Look! Water! What prevents me from
being immersed?’ ”**

Acts 8:35,36

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

November 17, 2024

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Micah Miller

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Joe Shanahan

L.S. - Herb Burnell

Preaching - Luke 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

St'dship - Caleb Wilson

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

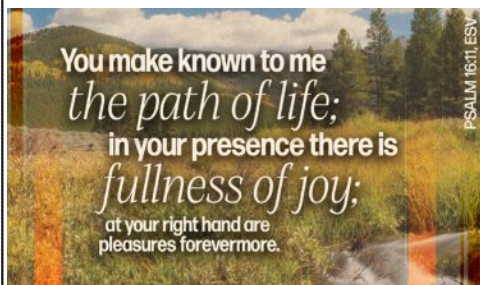
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Nov. 24 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: "Thanksgiving"

Butte

Nov. 17 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm before assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Study on Hebrews

Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bible Bowl - March 15, 2025

College Camp - March 21-23, at Camp Utmost

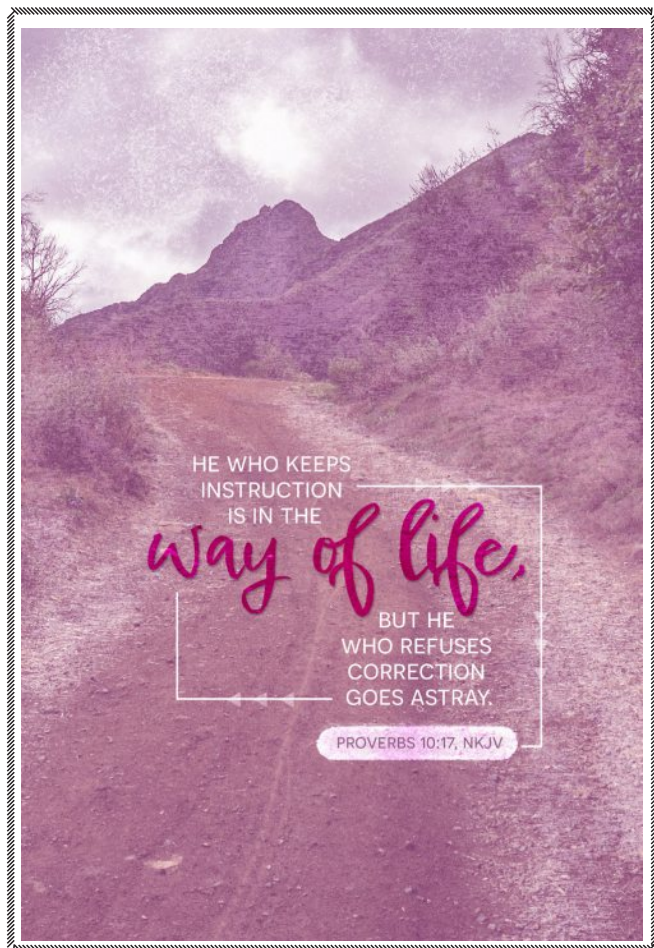
Ladies' Advance - May 1-3, 2025 at Fishtail

Men's Peaks - July 24-26, 2025

Family Camp - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2025

Great Falls

Nov. 17 - Fasting and prayer for evangelism



Question of the week:

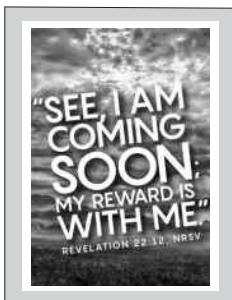
Ezekiel heard the words of the Lord about a sword "sharpened to slaughter, polished to flash like lightning." In whose hand was the sword, and where was it coming to slaughter?

Last week's question: Finish the words of this verse from Hebrews: "Now the main point in what has been said is this..." Answer: *"we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens"* (Hebrews 8:1)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 72
Morning Assembly – 97
Evening Assembly – 49

Wednesday Night (11/13) – 53
Butte Lord's Day – 7
GF Lord's Day – 73,92 Wed. - 57



Reasonings from Revelation

To the Church in Laodicea

There are those with a pre-millennial mindset who think that the seven churches of Asia represent seven “church ages.” (Pre-millennialism is based on the idea that the kingdom of God is yet to come, and the “1000 years” of Revelation chapter twenty will be when Jesus comes down from heaven to reign on earth. That perspective is flawed at the foundation since the kingdom of God is the church as evidenced by Colossians 1:13,14.) The idea, then, (and it is very commonly believed), is that the current “age of the church” is the “Laodicean age,” called “the age of the luke-warm church.” “The church,” from that perspective is a historical “church,” and not the church depicted by the New Testament writings. This first section

of Revelation is straightforward; these are messages from Jesus to those first century congregations in the Roman province of Asia. The message “to the church in Laodicea” is a message to the church in Laodicea, and there are lessons for moderns to learn from that communication.

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write,” commands the Lord to John the apostle.

- **Titles** – “The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God” definitely has something to say to this congregation that had strayed from its moorings. The Lord Jesus is “the Amen,” meaning that He is the One who gives the stamp of approval to all scriptural truth. As “the faithful and true Witness,” He is the One who is testifying from heaven as the great raised-up prophet, and who from the beginning has been the One speaking of “heavenly things” (John 3:12). As “the Beginning of the creation of God,” Jesus is the One by whom “all things came into being”; He is the One who, so to speak, ignited the spark that brought the creation into existence.
- **Deeds** – What people say and what people do are often very different. Jesus says to the congregation in Laodicea, “I know your deeds” (Revelation 3:15). In this case, this is not positive, regardless of the claims that the Laodiceans might have been making. “You are neither cold nor hot,” the Lord points out; “I would that you were cold or hot.” If they were cold or hot, they would have at least been doing something, either right or wrong. “So because you are luke-warm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth” (Revelation 3:16). What a picture! Laodicea is in trouble, but they are so tepid they don’t know how close they are to having the wrath of the Lamb come upon them.
- **Their condition** – There is the gap between their words and their performance. “Because you say,” intones the Christ, “‘I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing ...’” (Revelation 3:17). That was their analysis of themselves. Now the Lord gives His analysis of their spiritual condition: “and yet you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.” If that were their physical condition, they would be occupying the worst begging location in the city!

The solution for these struggling brethren would be for them to get things right spiritually. “I advise you,” says the Lord Christ, “to buy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich, and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes that you may see” (Revelation 3:18). That “gold” would be their faith maintained and expanded through the fires of difficulty and persecution. The “white garments” would be deeds of the faith of Christ, performed for the glorification of the name of Jesus Christ and the spread of His gospel. The “eye salve” would be delving into God’s word and getting the scriptural perspective on the importance of God’s kingdom and His righteousness. Only if the fog of Satan’s confusion was penetrated would these pitiful saints be able to see what they would need to change.

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