

**The LORD said to [Rachel],
“Two nations are in your womb;
And two peoples will be separated from your body;
And one people shall be stronger than the other;
And the older shall serve the younger.”
-- (of Jacob and Esau) Genesis 25:23**



Sandhill Crane, lord of its domain
north of the Bozeman church building on Spain Bridge Road
Christ's Church in Bozeman, MT

“Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.”

1 Corinthians 5:6,7

Fully ALIVE in 2025 - "It is the Spirit who gives life..." - John 6:63

June 8, 2025

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Elliot Ashley

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Jerry Hoffman

L.S. - Su Nguyen

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***PHIL SUTTON ON MARRIAGE**

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Levi DuPaul

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Butte

June 15 - Fellowship dinner - 6:30
pm before assembly

"The word of the Lord endures
forever" -- 1 Peter 1:25

BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Su Nguyen

Congratulations to **Henry
Charles Jacobs**, born to
Luke and Leann Jacobs on
Thursday June 5!!!

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jay Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MT Youth camp - June 8-13 at Fishtail

Men's Peaks - July 24-26, 2025

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

Great Falls

June 15 – Fasting and prayer for
evangelism

June 16-19 – VBS

**Pentecost Lord's Day - June 8! Happy birthday to
the Lord's Church**

Rooted in Christ, **GROWING IN GRACE**

So then, just as you received
Christ Jesus as Lord, continue
to live your lives in him,
rooted and built up in him...

Colossians 2:6-7, NIV



Quotation of the week:

“This faith, says Jude, ‘was once for all delivered to the saints.’ This faith was delivered only one time, during the time of the early church by the apostles. The completion of the New Testament or new covenant writings was the unchangeable print version of what the apostles had been teaching in their seeking and saving the lost and in their educating and exhorting the saints. This is an extremely significant point in God’s communicating His truths to mankind; it makes it clear that any future claimants to apostleship or having revelations from heaven are false.” -- *Jewels from Jude- “The Faith ‘Once for All’ Delivered”*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 66
Morning Assembly – 110
Evening Assembly – 66

Wednesday Night (6/4) – 65
Butte Lord’s Day – 12 (ph: 6)
GF Lord’s Day – 73,84 Wed. - 56



Merry-making and Then...

The visions of Revelation are separate, but they have threads that run from one vision to another. In Revelation chapter eleven, “the beast that comes up out of the abyss [depths]” is the same as the beast in Revelation chapter thirteen that comes “up out of the sea” (Revelation 13:1; 17:8). Without going into it too deeply at this point, this “beast” is empire-sized government, with power to oppress and destroy. Hence it makes sense that an oppressive world government near the end of earth’s existence would execute “the two witnesses” (the case has been made that these “two witnesses” are the testimony of the Old and New Testament writings). In other words, government will suppress the word of God on a world-wide scale, pictured as “their dead bodies” lying in the street of “the great

city.”

- **Rejoicing** – The very early church attributed Psalm two to David’s speaking by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, saying, “Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples devise futile things? The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ” (Acts 4:25,26). The “peoples” generally are hostile to God and His word, and want to position the scriptures so that its truths and requirements don’t bother them. Thus when the “two witnesses” are described as “dead,” “those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth” (Revelation 11:10). “Those who dwell on the earth” is a description of the non-Christian world, and they are happy that the word of God has been removed from public proclamation.
- **Surprise!** – Just when those who dwell on the earth are relaxing because the “two prophets” aren’t “tormenting” them anymore, surprise! “And after the three and a half days the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were beholding them” (Revelation 11:11). “The three and a half days” is a reference to a short period of time; God brought them back to life, so to speak, and that the two prophets are alive and prophesying is terrifying to those who had planned on having them silenced forever. But the word of God is “living and abiding [enduring],” and its words will never pass away (1 Peter 1:23; Matthew 24:35). Somehow the Almighty is going to demonstrate that His word cannot be permanently suppressed.
- **“Come up here”** – What’s next for the “two witnesses”? “And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ‘Come up here.’ And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies beheld them” (Revelation 11:12). The parallel between the “two prophets” and Jesus cannot be missed: dead three and a half days, resurrected, and then seen ascending to heaven in a cloud. Jesus and His word are intricately linked, as He said, “The word I spoke will judge ... at the last day” (John 12:48).
- **The end** – These visions tend to have the same pattern: there are forces at work, things get really bad, then it is “the end.” In this case, the two witnesses testify, things deteriorate, the witnesses are “killed,” the witnesses are brought back to life to show the world that God’s word cannot be stopped, then it is “the end.” “And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; and seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven” (Revelation 11:13).

The two witnesses are brought back to life to show the world that God’s word cannot be stopped!

The eagle had flown in midheaven, crying, “Woe, woe, woe, to those who dwell on the earth” (Revelation 8:13). The first woe was when the “bottomless pit” was opened, and all kinds of torment was turned loose upon those outside of Christ in an effort to get them to repent. The second woe included the unleashing of plagues at the sixth trumpet (but men still wouldn’t repent) as well as the prophesying of the “two witnesses” and their execution. “The second woe is past,” noted John; “behold the third woe is coming quickly” (Revelation 11:14).