

**“For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
The LORD gives grace and glory;
No good thing does He withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
O LORD of hosts,
How blessed is the man who trusts in You!”
-- Psalm 84:11,12**



Connor Maphies - doing the opening
getting the brethren ready for a good Lord's Day
Christ's Church, Great Falls, MT

**“But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which
they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing
everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is
written in the Prophets; having a hope in God, which these
men cherish themselves, that there shall certainly be a
resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.” -- The
apostle Paul testifying before Roman governor Felix
*Acts 24:14,15***

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

June 15, 2025

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Jon Odell

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Jeff Landsgaard

L.S. - Su Nguyen

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***PHIL SUTTON ON MARRIAGE**

L.S. - Elliot Ashley

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Bobo Womagno

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Jay Wilson

BUTTE - 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Butte

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



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Caleb Wilson

*Congratulations to **Jesse Cooper**, who was immersed into Christ on Lord's Day, June 8, by his grandfather **Mike Cooper**!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

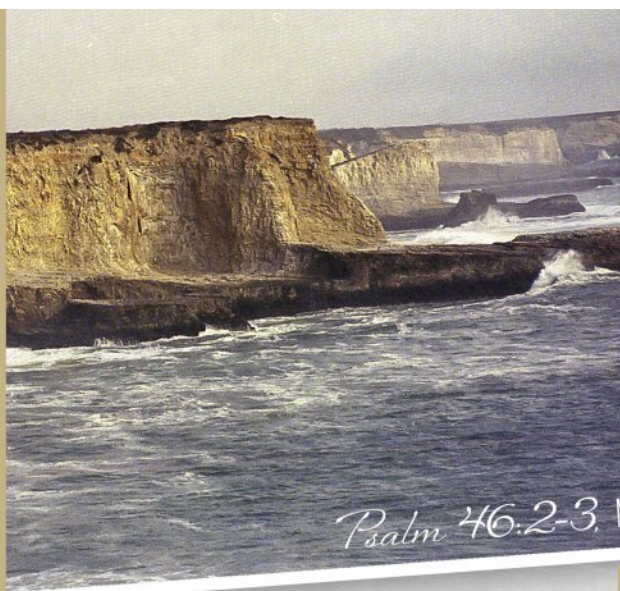
Men's Peaks - July 24-26, 2025

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

Great Falls

June 15 – Fasting and prayer for evangelism

June 16-19 – VBS



Psalm 46:2-3, N

Therefore
we will not fear,
though the earth give way
& the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar & foam
& the mountains quake with their surging.

Quotation of the week:

“God has a plan, from which He does not deviate. The message of salvation is always carried by men to men through the agency of preaching. Philip preached to the Ethiopian in the chariot. The angel told Cornelius to send for Peter. The thousands saved in the book of Acts were all saved through preaching. Don’t take preaching for granted.

The church grows and is sustained by preaching. Love it; look forward to it; enjoy it; get others excited about it. But don’t take it for granted.” -- *Things We May Take for Granted - “The Importance of Preaching”*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: (MONTANA YOUTH CAMP)

Bible School – 72
Morning Assembly – 109
Evening Assembly – 35

Wednesday Night (6/11) – 38
Butte Lord’s Day – 8 (ph: 5)
GF Lord’s Day – 45,54 Wed. - 35



Reasonings from Revelation

The Seventh Trumpet Saga Begins

In the vision of the seven seals, the breaking of the seventh seal, with a short interlude, introduced the vision of the seven trumpets. In parallel fashion, the sounding of the seventh trumpet, with a longer interlude, introduces the vision of the seven bowls of wrath beginning in Revelation chapter sixteen. "And the seventh angel sounded..." (Revelation 11:15).

- **The forever kingdom** – In the vision, as soon as the trumpet blast's reverberations died away, "there arose loud voices in heaven." Loud voices? Voices of triumph! They were saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). These words, magnified in Handel's *Messiah* in the majestic "Hallelujah Chorus,"

signify the subjection of everything to Christ. "Then comes the end," stated the apostle Paul, in describing Christ's ultimate act, "when He delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power" (1 Corinthians 15:24). It ties in with the thread found earlier, "...there shall be delay no longer, but in the days of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets" (Revelation 10:6,7).

- **The twenty-four elders** – The readers again see the twenty-four elders (in this writer's opinion, twelve representing the saints of the Old Testament times, and twelve representing new covenant saints, who are kings and priests, and are seated with Christ on thrones in the heavenly places). "And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God" (Revelation 11:16).
- **Worthy** – The twenty-four elders are described as saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign" (Revelation 11:17). The Almighty was always powerful enough to crush the forces of darkness, but He wanted His "mystery," His long term plan with many facets, to be carried out. Now, in this eternal sense, He "has begun to reign."
- **Overview** – In this section, the plan of God is pictured as complete. "And the nations were enraged," are the praises of the elders recorded of this vision, "and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to Your bond-servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth" (Revelation 11:18). It is interesting that, even as God's judgment looms over the "nations" or Gentile peoples of the earth, they are still enraged; no repentance ever. But God's great wrath meets their wrath, and His wrath wins! Sin and rebellion anger Him, and His righteous judgment is upon all. "Those who destroy the earth," which has nothing to do with so-called greenhouse gases or impacting the ozone layer, are those whose sin pollutes the world, and whose actions require the execution of His justice. Ah, but *great reward* for those who were bond-servants of the Lord, slaves by choice: the prophets, the saints in general, and for all who truly fear His name, whether "great" or "small."

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As this "mystery of God" is pictured as coming to a close in the days of the seventh trumpet's blast, as a transitional interlude to the next section of the vision, the scene shifts to the true temple of God. "And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm" (Revelation 11:19). This is serious; as the temple of God is opened the ark of the covenant is seen, the only time in Revelation that happens. The cycle of forces at work on earth, of God's efforts to get man to repent in general fail, and of judgment is finished. Then there are the flashes of lightning, the sounds of thunder, and an earthquake and a massive hailstorm...what could be in the next vision?