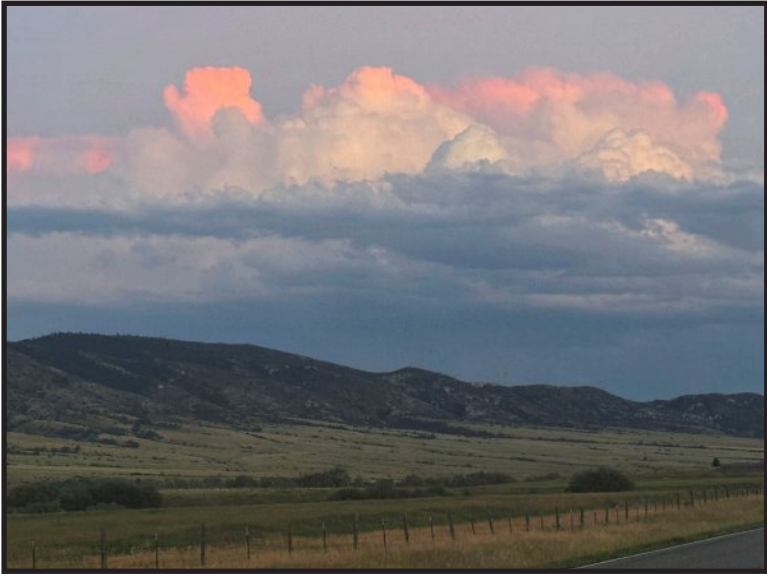


**“Teach me to do Your will,  
For You are my God;  
Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.  
For the sake of Your name, O LORD, revive me.  
In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.”  
-- Psalm 143:10,11**



Sunset thunderheads  
seen from the Boulder River Valley north of Cardwell, MT

**“He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders,  
but which became the very corner stone. And there is  
salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under  
heaven which has been given among men, by which we  
must be saved.**

**ACTS 4:11,12**

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

**July 20, 2025**

## Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

**BOZEMAN** - 8:45 - Corban Icenogle

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Luke Jacobs

L.S. - Phil Sutton

Preaching - Luke Wilson

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

**\*JOE SHANAHAN**

L.S. - Justin Shanahan

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Zac Zech

L.S. - Cody Kruck

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Joe Martin

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

**August 3** - 4:00 pm - Annual Picnic  
in the Park: food, fellowship, and evening assembly (and prayerfully meet some contacts)

**Butte**

**July 20** - Fellowship dinner - 6:30  
pm before assembly



**BOZEMAN** -

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

**Luke Wilson**

**GREAT FALLS** -

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

**Jay Wilson**

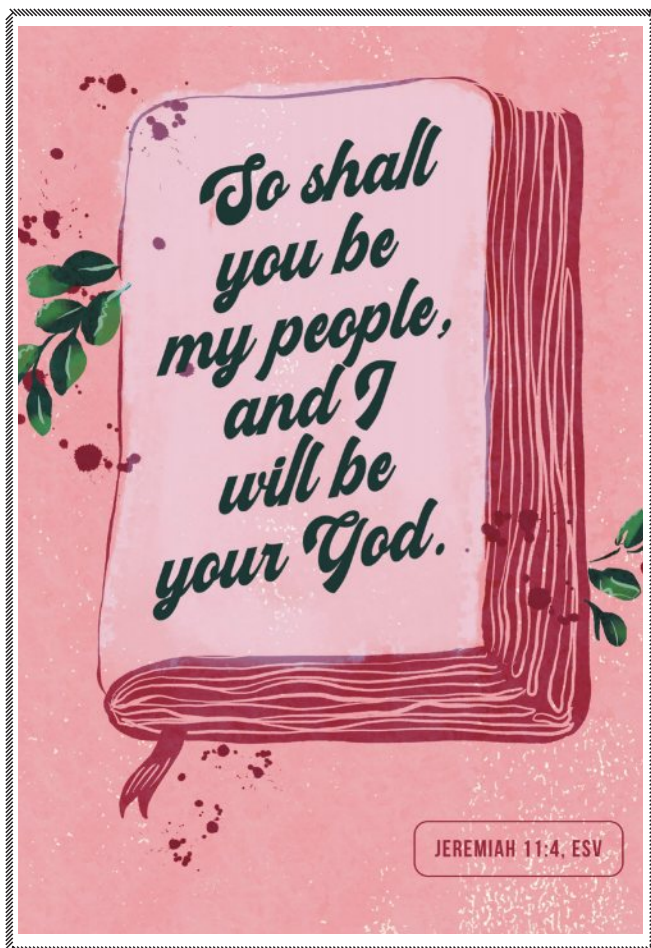
### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Men's Peaks** - July 24-26, 2025. Theme: "Drawing from Deuteronomy"

**Family Camp** - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2025. Theme: "Instructions from an Elder in Jerusalem"

### **Great Falls**

**July 20** - Prayer and fasting for evangelism



### Quotation of the week:

"It is important to nail down the concept that man chooses eternal life or eternal death; the philosophy of Calvinism confuses the issue by promulgating the idea that man cannot choose, that he is so totally depraved that God has to choose him without man's willing participation. The general picture is this: God confronts man with the gospel, and man chooses either to believe or disbelieve the message from heaven. "Therefore, brethren," appeals the apostle Peter, "be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things you will never stumble ..." (2 Peter 1:10)." -- *Principles from 2 Peter - "Calling and Choosing"*

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 70  
Morning Assembly – 99  
Evening Assembly – 62

Wednesday Night (7/16) – 60  
Butte Lord's Day – 15 (ph: 4)  
GF Lord's Day – 55,81 Wed. - 43



## Reasonings from Revelation

### *The Church in the Wilderness*

In Revelation chapter twelve, the “woman,” which is the church from its inception as recorded in Acts chapter two, is pictured as being in the wilderness for “a time and times and half a time” (Revelation 12:14). The endeavor has been made to show that this is a reference to the entire church age. During this time the dragon “poured water like a river out of his mouth,” to cause her to be swept away. But the woman got help “from the earth, which drank up the river which the dragon poured out from his mouth” (Revelation 12:15,16). Some comments:

- **The Catholic Church** – The Catholic Church and her Protestant daughters are not the church of the Lord, and therefore not “the woman” of Revelation chapter 12.
- **The “primitive” church** – There were attempts in Western Europe to get back to “primitive” Christianity. What was meant by that terminology was a return to the doctrines, principles, and simplicity of the first century church. Those movements could never quite make that return because of state churches (such as the Church of Scotland or the Church of England) and related prohibitive legislation.
- **Freedom in the new United States of America** – With the establishment of the U.S.A. and the ratification of its Constitution, true freedom of religion was a reality. Thus the true church of the Lord, which had become undetectable in the Old World, got a fresh beginning and came back in a measurable way in the New World. This is how “the earth helped the woman.” In the words of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement inside the Church of England, in a letter to “our American brethren...now totally disentangled from both the state, and from the English hierarchy [the Church of England]”: “They are now at full liberty, simply to follow the Scriptures and the primitive church.”
- **Importance of the church** – The only reason planet earth exists is for the distribution of the gospel and the salvation of souls. From God’s perspective the important history of the world has to do with His church and the events connected with her progress. It is not unreasonable, therefore, that a nation that would allow for the reestablishment of the church and provide for the spread of the gospel throughout the world as preached in Acts chapter two and related scriptures should be somewhat featured in scripture.
- **Stages in the restoration of primitive Christianity** – The freedom in the U.S.A. allowed for a restoration, but it took time. In 1793, some of the Methodist “brethren” realized that the scriptural name for one of God’s servants under the new covenant was “Christian.” (Later this was termed the Restoration of the Ancient Name.) The next step was a recognition that the creeds, such as the Westminster Confession which governed the Presbyterian Church, were unnecessary and that the Bible alone was sufficient, was signaled by Thomas Campbell’s “Declaration and Address,” published in Washington, PA, in 1809. This is where he made the famous statement “Where the Scriptures speak we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent.” (Later this was called the Restoration of the Ancient Book.) In 1823 in the first edition of *The Christian Baptist*, Thomas’ son Alexander called for a “restoration of the ancient order of things.” This was a way of saying that the New Testament alone was sufficient for the local church to function, appropriately called the Restoration of the Ancient Order. In 1827 Walter Scott preached Acts 2:38 as the basis for his invitation for those who desired to come to Christ for salvation. In his “Restoration of the Ancient Gospel Letter No. 6” Scott writes: “the church of God on that day, had restored to it publicly and practically the ancient gospel, and a manner of handling it, which ought never to have been lost by the servants of Jesus Christ.”

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Scott noted, “The Rubicon was passed” (a reference to Julius Caesar’s crossing with his army into Italy and thus essentially declaring war). From this point on, the “woman” will be fully at war with the “dragon.” As the NASB phrases it, in reference to the dragon, “And he stood on the sand on the seashore” (Revelation 13:1).