

**“Every man’s way
is right in his own eyes,
But the LORD
weighs the hearts.”
-- Proverbs 21:2**



Landon and Hannah Reeves
with son Samuel
at a get together in The Village, near Oklahoma City, OK

**“And He said to me, “It is done. I am the
Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the
end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the
spring of the water of life without cost.”**

Revelation 21:6

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

August 31, 2025

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

Holiday Inn Express — Butte

MORNING SCHEDULE:

7:00 am - Devotion, **Caleb Wilson**, Great Falls, MT

9:00 am - Bible classes (**Mike Martin**, Missoula, MT - Adult Class)

10:15 am - Assembly

Stewardship - **Jared Shaefer**, Billings, MT

Communion meditation - **Kyle Hinebaugh**, near Glendive, MT

Preaching - **Luke Wilson**, Bozeman, MT

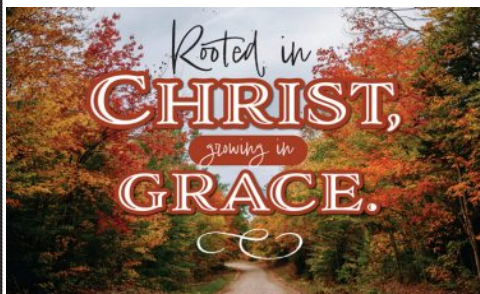
EVENING SCHEDULE:

7:00 pm

Communion meditation - **Brayden Miller**, Billings, MT

Preaching - **Mark Miller**, Missoula, MT

Preaching - **Steve Doty**, Bellevue, MI



BOZEMAN -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Luke Wilson

GREAT FALLS -
Wed. night, 7:00 pm:
Jay Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors - October 24,25, 2025

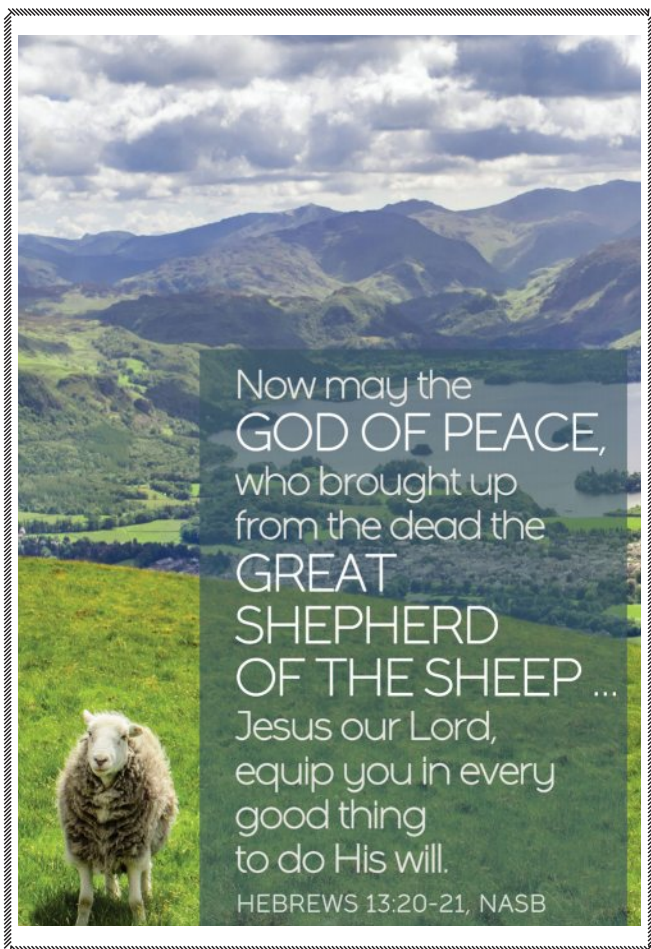
Bible Bowl - March 14, 2026

Ladies' Advance - TBA, Missoula ladies in charge

Youth Camp - about the second week of June,2026

Men's Peaks - July 23-25, 2026

Next Family Camp - Sept. 4-7, 2026



Quotation of the week:

But who would have thought it remained for any so late as 1827, to restore to the world the manner, the primitive manner, of administering to mankind the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; or which of you, brethren, would have thought, two years ago, of men coming from 40 to 120 miles to the ministers of the Mahoning churches for baptism? Yet these things have actually occurred; and who cannot see that, by the blessings of God, the ancient gospel and ancient order of the church, must prevail, to the certain abolition of all those contumacious sects which now so wofully afflict mankind. -- *Extracts from a Circular Letter*, Walter Scott, published in the Jan. 1830 *Millennial Harbinger*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 64
Morning Assembly – 99
Evening Assembly – 70

Wednesday Night (8/27) – 70
Butte Lord's Day – 12 (ph: 5)
GF Lord's Day – 58,72 Wed. - 80



Reasonings from Revelation

The 144,000 “First Fruits”

Another 144,000 shows up. The first 144,000 was from Revelation chapter seven, where it was posited to represent the Israelite core that formed the early church. Here, in Revelation chapter fourteen, the apostle John says, “And I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads” (Revelation 14:1).

- **Mount Zion** – Zion in the physical realm was the mountain on which the original city of David, Jerusalem, was built after he captured the area from the Jebusites. But the Zion of Old Testament prophecy and New Testament reality is a spiritual mountain, the church of the living God. The writer of the book of Hebrews informed his audience,

“But you *have come to Mount Zion* and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and *church* of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven...” (Hebrews 12:22,23). This would lead to the conclusion that the 144,000 is the totality of all Christians from the beginning of the church to the end of the age (with the Old Testament saints being joined with them – Hebrews 11:39,40).

- **Wonderful singing** – No earthly chorus could match this one pictured in John’s vision. “And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps” (Revelation 14:2).
- **A new song** – What an awesome song this must have been for John to hear in the vision! “And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders” (Revelation 14:3). The Lamb is pictured as standing with this 144,000 and joining in the song with them. This ties in with the writer of Hebrews’ comments concerning Jesus’ not being ashamed to call Christians His “brethren,” and to note the Old Testament forward-looking quotation, “In the midst of the congregation I [Jesus] will sing Your praise” (Hebrews 2:12). What about this new song? The Revelator made this point: “and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.” This is the “new song” from the new covenant people. Angels cannot sing it, nor any other of the heavenly host. Only those “purchased from the earth” by the blood of Christ can sing that song.
- **Their purity** – What a blessing it is for the saints to have been able to wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb, to have the past wiped away, and to stand before the throne blameless and with great joy. Their purity is illustrated in these words: “These are the ones who have not been defiled with women,” is the language, “for they have kept themselves chaste” (Revelation 14:4).
- **Their devotion** – “These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes,” is the portrayal of the devotion of these disciples of Christ. (The modern individual making a claim to godliness could ask himself this question — am I following the Lamb wherever He guides me to go? Am I truly led by the Spirit?)
- **Their value** – And what is the scriptures’ view of the value of the saints? “These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.” The blood of Christ is not used by the Almighty to make cheap, bargain-basement purchases. “In the exercise of His will,” averred James, “He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the *first fruits* among His creatures” (James 1:18). The “first fruits” — an expression taken from the first offering brought to the Lord from the harvest — is “the best of the best”!

*These are those who
stand with the Lamb
through all the
challenges of faith!*

These 144,000 standing with the Lamb on Mount Zion are those who stand with Him through all the challenges of faith during the years of their earthly sojourns. Because they are of the truth, they speak the truth. “And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless” (Revelation 14:5). Stand with the Lamb!

JAY WILSON