

**“...indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”**

**-- GENESIS 22:17,18**



Justin Shanahan preaching at the Ghana Family Camp  
organized by Jeff Hostetter and Christ's Church in Kumasi  
Kumasi, Ghana, W. Africa  
(Photo courtesy of Attah Osebrah)

**“We love, because He first loved us. If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. ”**

***1 John 4:19,20***

*On Christ our eyes are fixed in 2026 - (Heb. 12:1,2)*

## April 12, 2026

### Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

**BOZEMAN** - 8:45 - Kaden Reijgers

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Cliff Renner

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

Preaching - Jay Wilson

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

\*"RESTORATION" MOVEMENT - Jay Wilson

L.S. - Corban Icenogle

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Bobo Womagno

L.S. - Jared DuPaul

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

**BUTTE** - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

L.S. -

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Bozeman**

**April 19** - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: "Finger Foods"

**Butte**

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**BOZEMAN** -

*Wed. night, 7:00 pm:*

**Luke Wilson** - "The Minor Prophets"

Congratulations to **John Brown and Bruce Fisher**, who were immersed into Christ by Luke Wilson on April 5th!

**GREAT FALLS** -

*Wed. night, 7:00 pm:*

*Jay Wilson*



### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Ladies' Advance** - April 23-25, Beartooth Camp

**Lancaster OH Family Camp** - May 22-25

**MT Badlands Family Camp** - May 22-25


**Youth Camp** - June 14-19, 2026

**Men's Peaks** - July 23-25, 2026

**Family Camp** - Sept. 4-7, 2026

### Great Falls

**April 19** - Fasting and prayer for evangelism



Blessed be the  
*God and Father*  
of our  
*Lord Jesus Christ!*  
By his great mercy  
he has given us a  
*new birth*  
into a  
*living hope*  
through the  
resurrection  
of Jesus Christ  
from the dead.

*1 Peter 1:3, NRSV*

#### **Quotation of the week:**

“Since we have nothing to offer, the Father offered Christ in our stead. Not only did Christ die on the cross for us, but the mantle of Christ Himself descends upon us. Thus when the heavenly Father looks at us, He sees, not an unclothed sinner, but a son of God, someone who by His grace looks like Christ. ‘For all of you...have clothed yourselves with Christ’ (Galatians 3:27).

Modern ‘accept Jesus into your heart’ types hate the description which the Holy Spirit gives as to how an individual is clothed with Christ. ‘For all of you who were immersed into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ’ (Galatians 3:27). There is no means by which a person can be clothed with Christ other than by being immersed into Christ.” -- *Glory in Galatians*, “Clothed with Christ”

#### **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 70  
Morning Assembly – 137  
Evening Assembly – 55

Wednesday Night (4/1) – 51  
Butte Lord’s Day – 14 (ph: 3)  
GF Lord’s Day – 63,86 *Wed. - 81*



## The Alpha and the Omega

Some of the first words written in the book of Revelation are, “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty” (Revelation 1:8). This is a clear reference to the Father, as the next verses in Revelation chapter one refer to the Holy Spirit and Jesus, respectively. What is also interesting is found in Revelation chapter twenty-two. Jesus, in one of His insertions, states, “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done” (Revelation 22:12). He then immediately follows that with this: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Revelation 22:13). He obviously is the One

who has been from everlasting and will be to everlasting, the One from Whom all things flow. So, is Father “the Alpha and the Omega” [the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet], or is it Jesus?

- **Helps from John’s gospel account** – When Jesus healed the man beside Bethesda’s pool, the Jews (the Jewish hierarchy) were upset that this healing had occurred on a Sabbath. Jesus explained that the Father was working and therefore He was working also. “For this cause therefore,” the apostle commented, “the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God” (John 5:18). When Jesus stated, “I and the Father are one,” the Jews took up stones to execute Him (John 10:30,31). When Jesus asked why they wanted to stone Him, they responded, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God” (John 10:33). He had even pointed out earlier that “before Abraham was born, I am” (John 8:58). His claim to be the great I AM resulted in another attempt to stone Him. Attempts break down the interrelationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit into something simple and explainable (such as using the non-Biblical term “Trinity”) all fail. God is “the Alpha and the Omega.” Jesus is “the Alpha and the Omega.” Let it stand.
- **“Wash their robes”** – Another pithy instruction comes: “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city” (Revelation 22:14). Those “robes” initially are washed clean in the waters of immersion in accordance with Acts 2:38 and related scriptures. Saul of Tarsus, for example, the future apostle Paul, was told by Ananias (and who was sent by none other than King Jesus Himself), “Arise, and be immersed, and wash away your sins, calling on His name” (Acts 22:16). That is the new beginning. But the saint has the obligation to mortify the flesh (Romans 8:13) and to continue to put on Christ (Romans 13:14). Failure to do so will result in his name’s being erased from the Lamb’s book of life (Revelation 3:5). Thus “no right to the tree of life” in eternity, and no entrance into the eternal city.
- **Who is on the outside?** – Inside the city forever and ever are the faithful saints. “Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying” (Revelation 22:15). The “dogs” are the “male cult prostitutes” that served in temples such as the worship of Baal, whereas their counterparts were the female cult prostitutes serving at the Asherah. “You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the wages of a dog into the house of the LORD your God for any votive offering,” God had stated through Moses (Deuteronomy 23:18). The other listings are very clear.

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”*

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men” (Romans 1:18). God will apply His righteousness to those who walk by faith, and who then endeavor to govern their lives accordingly. They will wash their robes, and will receive the reward that Jesus is bringing with Him!.