

**“Do not let your heart envy sinners,
But live in the fear of the LORD always.
Surely there is a future,
And your hope will not be cut off.”
-- Proverbs 23:17,18**



Decorations for the Awards & Graduation ceremony
May 20, 2026
Bozeman Christian School
an integral ministry of Christ's Church in Bozeman

**Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and
like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals
of thunder, saying,**

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

**“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the
marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself
ready.” It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright
and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**

Revelation 19:6-8

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

May 31, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Justin Shanahan

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**

L.S. - Justin Shanahan

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Jon Reijgers

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

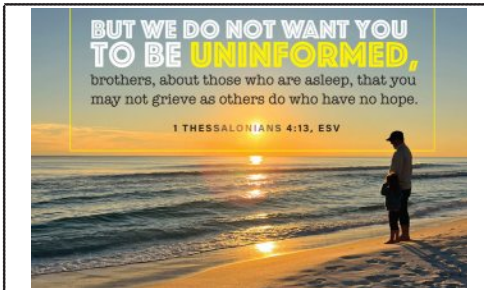
Bozeman

May 31 - Fellowship dinner following assembly

Congratulations to **Thomas Jay Wilson**, born Thurs. May 28 to Matthew and Alina Wilson!

Butte

June 21 - Fellowship dinner following assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Luke Wilson - "The Minor Prophets"

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Caleb Wilson - "Equipping for the work of service"

Congratulations to

Samantha Workman, who was immersed into Christ on Fri. May 22, by Caleb Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Youth Camp - June 14-19, 2026

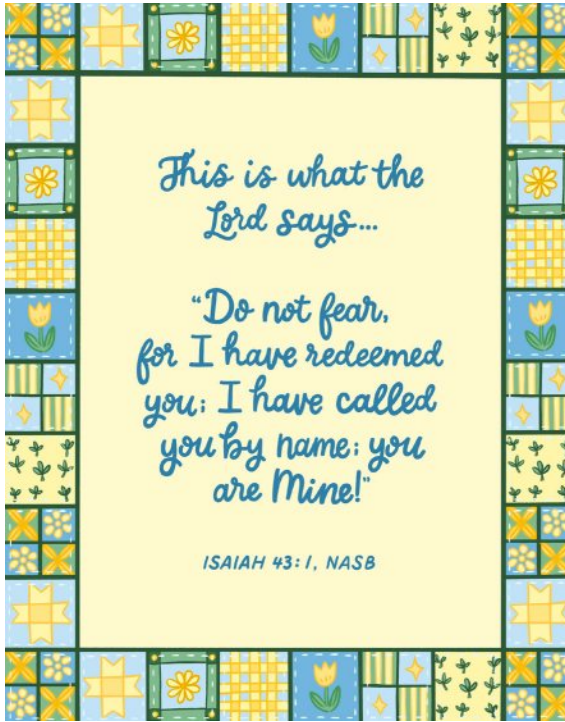
Men's Peaks - July 23-25, 2026

Family Camp - Sept. 4-7, 2026

Great Falls

June 7 - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Theme: "Picnic in the park"

VBS - June 22-25



Quotation of the week:

"Let us not be discouraged: let us rather as soldiers of salvation, and not of condemnation, arm ourselves with renewed courage, and advance the interests of our religion with alacrity; let us meet, and prepare ourselves to meet, men of all sentiments, with the respect and courtesy due to them, as men; and with the philanthropy and piety, expected from us as Christians. Let us reason the case with Atheists, Deists, Sceptics, and Sectarists, and in our reasonings, let us appeal to fact and to the evidences of revelation; let us appeal to Nature and to the views of Nature, speaking by the thousand tongues, that the Hand which made us is Divine. Finally, let us show to all, that if nature and society combined, have made men what they are, religion by her united energy, has made us what we ought to be, innocent, elevated, kingly, and divine!" -- Walter Scott, *"The Evangelist,"* -- "An address to those who have obeyed the gospel," from Carthage, OH, Jan. 6, 1834

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 39
Morning Assembly – 78
Evening Assembly – 32

Wednesday Night (5/27) – 52
Butte Lord's Day – 10 (ph: 2)
GF Lord's Day – 55, 67 Wed. - 47



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

To the Congregation in Rome

No apostle of Christ had yet been to Rome. The congregation had come together from those of Jewish background who had been converted (maybe elsewhere) and those of Gentile background who had turned to the Lord (maybe elsewhere). The cultural barriers between these two backgrounds was great, and it is going to take someone like the apostle Paul (a “Hebrew of Hebrews” and yet an apostle to the Gentiles – Philippians 3:5; Romans 11:13) to break down the barriers so that the congregation could function better. Hence it is that the apostle has an intense desire to get to Rome.

- **Compliments their faith** – Rome was the political and cultural center of the “known world” at this time. This city of an estimated one million residents (about half of whom were slaves) had tentacles

reaching all parts of the Empire, so news of what happened in Rome spread across the domain. Thus Paul would write concerning the congregation in the capital city, “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world” (Romans 1:8). Rome has not yet quite figured out that there was a difference between Christians and Jews (Rome tended to allow conquered territories to keep their religion, and the Jews were thus legal), but the faith of the congregation of Rome was beginning to come to the attention of the authorities as the reputation of the congregation spread, as the apostle phrases it, “throughout the whole world.” Paul is indeed thankful for these brethren in Rome.

- **Service to the gospel** – Saul of Tarsus, from the time of his conversion in immersion in Damascus, was an intense teacher of the gospel of Christ. That intensity continued to increase as his name transferred from “Saul” of Tarsus to “Paul” the apostle of Christ. Here, to the congregation in Rome, he writes of God “whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son” (Romans 1:9). “Preaching” and “teaching” fit the category of “service” to God; therefore the apostle speaks, in this context, of “serving” “in my spirit.” This flowed from his inner man to the action in his outer man.
- **Prayers** – “For God,” affirms the apostle, “is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you, always in my prayers making request...” (Romans 1:9,10). The apostle is a great example of a Christian who has a deep and consistent prayer life. Paul has clearly wanted to come to Rome for some time, but certain things had to be taken care of before that could happen. His repeated request: “if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.”
- **Why?** – When the Lord set up what He called “My church,” He ordained apostles and inspired people upon whom the apostles had laid their hands. Through the laying on of the apostles’ hands gifts of the Holy Spirit were given, which enabled the local congregations to function in the absence of the apostles and without the completion of the writings of the new covenant. Hence Paul writes, “For I long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established” (Romans 1:11). There may have been some who had spiritual gifts given elsewhere before they migrated to Rome, such as Andronicus and Junias mentioned as “in Christ” before the conversion of Paul (Romans 16:7). The result of the giving of more spiritual gifts, distributed by the laying on of Paul’s hands, would be, as he explains, “that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other’s faith, both yours and mine” (Romans 1:12).

The apostle Paul, sending this letter by “Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchræa,” clearly has contact with the brethren in Rome and has a good idea of what is transpiring in the congregation (Romans 16:1). His earnest desire is to get to Rome to assist the brethren and extend the preaching of the gospel. And he prays “always” to that end, the power of death [the devil] in His resurrection/ascension. But the battle for the minds of men continues, and this is where the saint must, in the encouragement these visions give, engage the enemy and win souls!

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