

Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?”

-- Jeremiah 32:26,27



Brethren from the Mahoning Valley Church of Christ
(near where Walter Scott first preached the Ancient Gospel)
Salem, OH area
well represented at the Lancaster Family Camp
Lancaster, OH

“I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence.”

Luke 19:26,27

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

June 7, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Elliot Ashley

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Bob Woodburn

L.S. - Charlie Brown

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

* **KADEN REIJGERS-"RELIABILITY OF GOSPELS"**

L.S. - Jerry Hoffman

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Bobo Womagnò

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Dan McDunn

L.S. - Rick Vaught

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

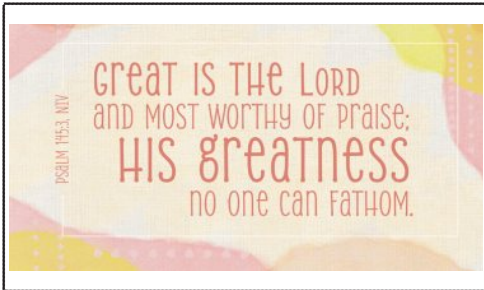
L.S. - Jay Wilson

Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

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"

HELENA - Congratulations to **Caleb and Gabrielle Goll**, who were united in marriage on Sat. June 6!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Youth Camp - June 14-19, 2026

Men's Peaks - July 23-25, 2026; "Themes from First Thessalonians"

Family Camp - Sept. 4-7, 2026; "Awesome Prophecies from Psalms"

Great Falls

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

VBS - June 22-25

THE
GRACE
of OUR LORD OVERFLOWED
FOR ME WITH THE
FAITH
AND
LOVE
THAT ARE IN
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JESUS.
1 TIMOTHY 1:14

Quotation of the week:

“The word of God affirms, as would be expected, the purity of Him who reigns on high...There is no deception in the One who loves men’s souls, who tells them up-front in His scripture what it is going to cost them to be real followers of Jesus. There are no ‘bait and switch’ scams going on with the Lord and what is written in His word; He is unchanging, the same today and yesterday and forever. Since Jesus volunteered to undergo the gruesome and challenging death on the cross for the sins of mankind, His motive is clearly established as clean and pure; He desires that mankind be redeemed and spend eternity with Him. Clearly the price was high enough that had He any other motive for His suffering, the benefits to be gained would not have been worth it! God is pure. ‘And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him,’ John animadverts, concerning seeing Jesus at His second coming, ‘purifies himself, just as He is pure’ (1 John 3:3).” -- “Lots of Love from the Letters of John,” *“Pure as He is Pure”*

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 60
Morning Assembly – 113
Evening Assembly – 61

Wednesday Night (6/3) – 60
Butte Lord’s Day – 12 (ph: 6)
GF Lord’s Day – 57, 91 Wed. - 47



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

Paul's Desire

“All roads lead to Rome” is a proverb even today. That was nearly literally true in the first century AD, where every major road leading to Rome throughout its empire had mile markers (one Roman “mile” was 1000 paces, the “left/right” of a soldier’s marching), measured from the “golden milestone” at the Forum in the center of the city. Often these markers mentioned the distance to Rome, so the apostle Paul as he traveled through the regions where he preached was constantly reminded about Rome, with thoughts of the brethren located in “the city” sparking in his mind. “I long to see you,” he had stated, desiring to come to “impart some spiritual gift” to establish them, and to enjoy the mutual encouragement

arising from such interactions.

- **His plans** – The apostle wants to emphasize his desire to interact with the brethren. “And I do not want you to be unaware, brethren,” he asserts, “that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far)...” (Romans 1:13). It has been his plan, but things have gotten in the way. As the proverb noted, “The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps” (Proverbs 16:9). Many events happened in the life of Paul that altered his plans, but the Lord was always putting him in the right place at the right time. The “right time” for Rome hasn’t happened yet.
- **The reason** – The apostle knows that life is short and that the harvest must be brought in when it is ready. He explains, then, that his desire is not to come to Rome to see the sights; his desire is “in order that I might obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles” (Romans 1:13). This “fruit” is going to be the conversion of more people in Rome, especially the Gentiles. Jesus Himself set the priorities of His followers, by example and by exhortation. In speaking of Zaccheus, He stated, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). Speaking to Andrew and Peter by the Sea of Galilee, He called them, saying, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). As He approached the Garden of Gethsemane, He instructed the apostles, “By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples” (John 15:8). Small wonder, then, that Paul wants to come to Rome and “obtain some fruit.”
- **His obligation** – The apostle was fully aware of what punishment should devolve upon him for his early treatment of Christians. He was also fully aware of the grace which came to him through his belief in and obedience to the gospel, and he well remembered the words of Jesus spoken to him in his blindness on the Damascus road, “[I am] delivering you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you” (Acts 26:17). Hence, to the brethren in Rome, he writes, “I am under obligation both to Greeks [Greek-speaking, north of the Mediterranean] and to barbarians [residents of the north coast of Africa, non-Greek-speaking], both to the wise and to the foolish” (Romans 1:14). His gratitude to Christ for His personal deliverance, and now his Christ-inspired love for the lost, place him “under obligation” to get the gospel to the lost in the empire’s capital city. “I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel,” he explained to the Corinthian brethren (1 Corinthians 9:16). “For the love of Christ controls us,” he added in his second epistle, concluding that “He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf” (2 Corinthians 5:14,15). The obligation of love is the strongest motivator.

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With these points in view, he then states, “Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome” (Romans 1:15). Point noted, and point understood!

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