

**‘So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them before the LORD at Hebron; then they anointed David king over Israel.’**

**-- 2 Samuel 5:3**



Physical births, weddings, and physical deaths  
are part of the realm in which the church ministers  
Saints and guests sharing a meal following the memorial service  
for Mike McDonald's mother Arlene  
Christ's Church in Great Falls

**“When He had made purification of sins, He sat  
down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,  
having become as much better than the angels, as  
He has inherited a more excellent name than they.”**

*Hebrews 1:3b,4*

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

**June 28, 2026**

**Christ's Church**

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

**BOZEMAN** - 8:45 - Lance Ashley

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Daniel Arriaga

L.S. - Herb Burnell

Preaching - Davis Ashley

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

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

L.S. - Phil Sutton

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

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Nick Liston

L.S. - Zac Zech

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

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

3:00 pm - Assembly

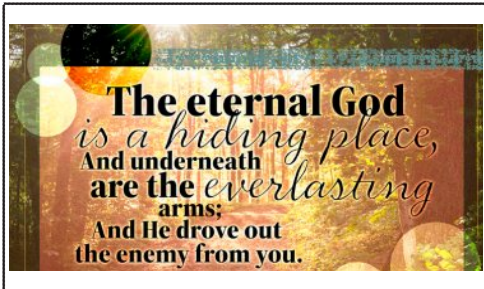
L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Bob Edgar

**Bozeman**

**Butte**

**July 19** - Fellowship dinner following assembly



**BOZEMAN** -  
*Wed. night, 7:00 pm:*  
Luke Wilson - "The  
Minor Prophets"

**GREAT FALLS** -  
*Wed. night, 7:00 pm:*  
Caleb Wilson - "Equip-  
ping for the work of  
service"

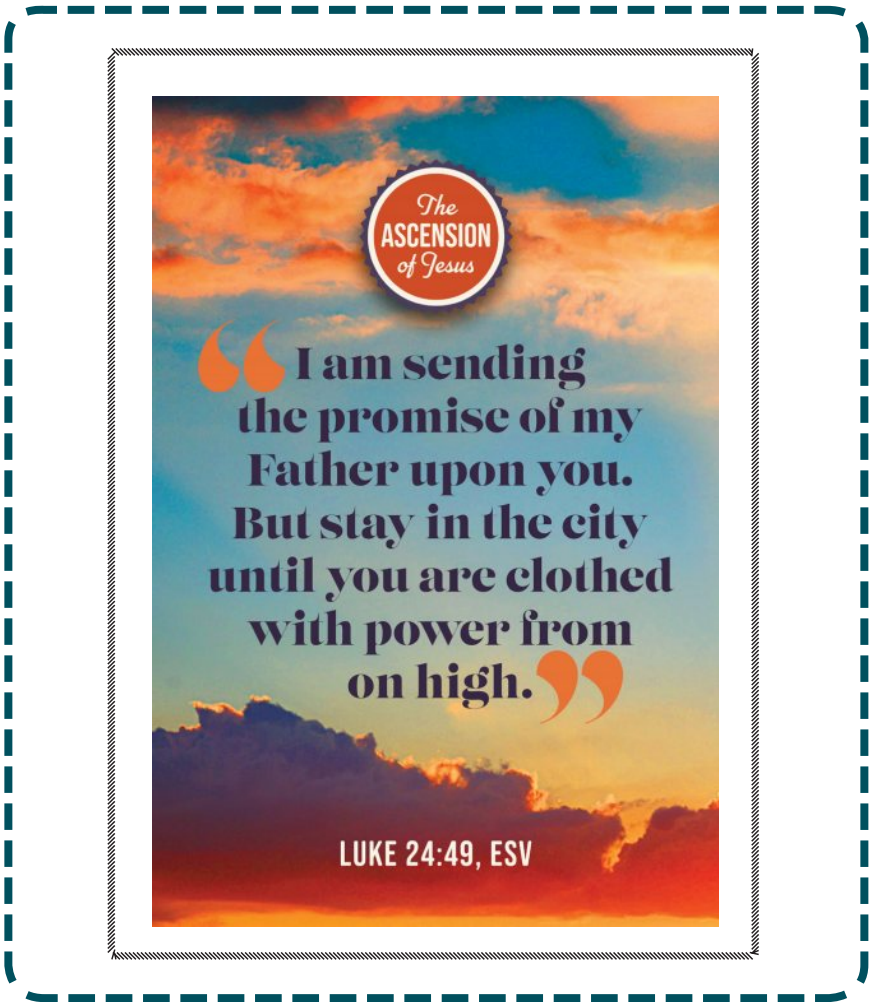
**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

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

**Great Falls**

**July 5** - Fellowship dinner following assembly. Picnic in the park: theme, "Brats and Hotdogs"



**Quotation of the week:**

“It is one thing to say all the right things, it is another to back those fine sounding Words with appropriate action. After referring to the coming of the gospel to Thessalonica, the apostle then adds, ‘just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you.’ The conduct of Paul and his preaching companions was so clearly consistent with the principles and practices of Christianity that he could say that the brethren knew’ about their character. Furthermore, their exhibition of character had shone brightly in the face of some severe testing and persecution; Paul used the words, ‘proved among you.’” -- *Thoughts from First Thessalonians*, “With Full Conviction”

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

Bible School – 70  
Morning Assembly – 124  
Evening Assembly – 63

Wednesday Night (6/24) – 50  
Butte Lord’s Day – 12 (ph: 3)  
GF Lord’s Day – 60, 73 Wed. - 53



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

## The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

In the days of minor prophet Habakkuk, about 650 BC, the onslaught of the Babylonian destruction for Judah and Jerusalem was just over the horizon. God had instructed the prophet, “Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run” (Habakkuk 2:2). That is an attention grabber!! The prophet continues, “For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal, and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay” (Habakkuk 2:3). The prophecy here in Habakkuk directly relates to the coming Babylonian army, but it is later quoted in the book of Hebrews as pointing to a similar destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, and ultimately the destruction of a rebellious world Christ at His coming (Hebrews 10:37). What to do?

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Habakkuk speaks “Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him” (Habakkuk 2:4). The proud, the rebellious, those who want to run their own agendas...their souls are being exposed in these judgment processes. Then follows one of the greatest lines out of the entire Old Testament, “But the righteous will live by his faith.”

Implicit in the statement is that the unrighteous will die by his lack of faith. That happened in the physical realm as the Babylonian army, in waves, subjugated and eventually destroyed Judah, Jerusalem, and the temple of Solomon. The righteous were led alive into captivity; the unrighteous perished in the land or in Egypt.

- **The righteousness of God** – “The gospel,” the apostle Paul had just stated, “is the power of God for salvation,” and this salvation would be for everyone who came under the terms of “the faith of Christ.” Of this gospel, Paul adds, “For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘But the righteous man shall live by faith’” (Romans 1:17). Man on his own merits cannot stand before the righteous and holy God, as David under inspiration of the Holy Spirit pleaded, “do not enter into judgment with Your servant, for in Your sight no man living is righteous” (Psalm 143:2). In order for an individual to stand justified before the righteous God, he needs to be given the righteousness of God. Hence, in the gospel, “the righteousness of God is revealed”; the righteousness of God is revealed through Jesus Christ, as well as how that righteousness may be granted to the devotee of Christ.
- **“Faith alone”?** - As Luther was translating the New Testament from Erasmus’ freshly published conflation of Greek manuscripts, working particularly in the book of Romans, he lifted his pen and issued the decree that salvation is by “faith alone,” and that decree has continued to reverberate down the halls of Protestant and Anabaptist thought. But Luther and those who followed never allowed scripture to define “faith”; they simply imposed their own definitions on that word, designed especially to exclude immersion into Christ as being necessary. In this missive to the Romans, the apostle Paul expounds at length on faith, the common bond of those of Jewish background and Gentile background. A literal translation of Romans 3:22 brings out the idea that this “righteousness of God” is “by faith of Jesus Christ.” This “faith of Christ” is a system of thought that is in contrast to the “Law of Moses.” The appropriation of the general terms of the “faith of Christ” on an individual basis is “faith in Christ.” Thus Paul stated, “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:26). And how does a person become a son of God through “faith in Christ.” Answer: “For all of you who were immersed into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:27). New covenant “faith” includes immersion!

Anything that is not “the faith of Christ” as defined by the new covenant writings is not faith; it is lack of faith. The righteous man shall live by faith—eternally. The unrighteous man shall die by lack of faith—eternally.

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