

**“Acquire wisdom!
Acquire understanding!
Do not forget nor turn away
from the words of my mouth.”
-- Proverbs 4:5**



Marshall Harbour (on the left)
interacting with men at
the Leadership Conference/Men's Challenge
near Rotorua, New Zealand

**“They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore;
nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat;
for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their
shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water
of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”
-- Revelation 7:16,17**

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

August 30, 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 - Nick Jacobs

L.S. - Luke Jacobs

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***GROUPS AT BUILDING: 1 THESSALONIANS**

L.S. - Elliot Ashley

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Stan Zech

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Nick Liston

L.S. - Rick Vaught

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

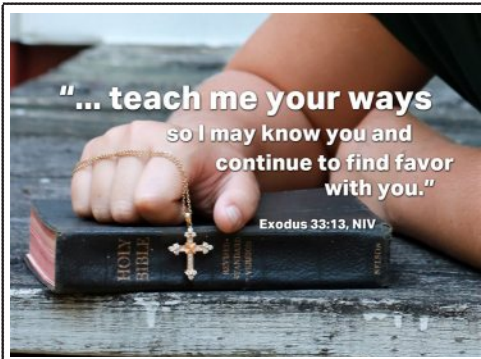
L.S. - George Stone

Preaching - Bob Edgar

Bozeman

Butte

September 20 - 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

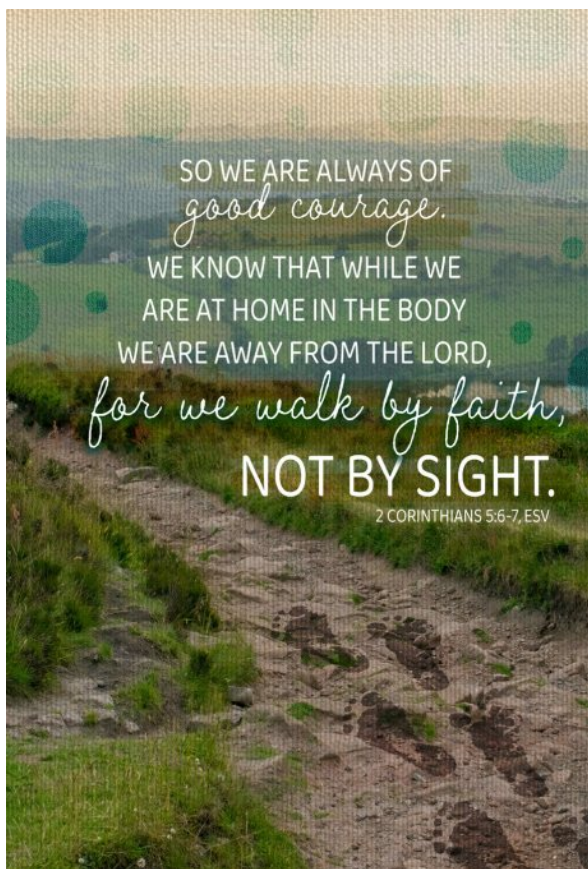
for the work of service

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Great Falls

Sept. 6 assembly - regular assembly
at 4:00 pm; **no classes**



Quotation of the week:

"One of the most important principles for soldiers in the resurrected army to remember is that we can produce faith in other people. The apostle Paul made his point clear: 'But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith' (1 Timothy 1:5). Unless sincere faith can indeed be produced in another person, it does not do much good to have it as a goal. Our solid Bible teaching, our personal consistency, and our willingness to stand for the truth of the gospel regardless of pressure, have much to do with encouraging assurance and conviction in others who follow our examples. And, praise God for the record of the scriptures for its accounting of the faith of men in both Old and New Testament records." -- *Messages to a Resurrected Army*, "Current or Conviction"

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 68
Morning Assembly – 120
Evening Assembly – 63

Wednesday Night (8/) – 61
Butte Lord's Day – 21 (ph: 1)
GF Lord's Day – 64,90 Wed. - 46



“What then?” – Apostle Paul to the Romans

Preparation for Judgment Day

“The wrath of God,” the apostle Paul had stated, “is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men” (Romans 1:18). Those of Jewish background tended to think that they were going to be okay on Judgment Day just because they were Jews. The apostle is in the process of disabusing them of that idea, pointing out that “all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law,” and that will not turn out well. A person cannot just be a hearer of the Law and expect to “get a pass” on the day of reckoning. “When the Gentiles, who do not have the Law,” is Paul’s reasoning process, “do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves” (Romans 2:14). That

Gentile will pass through successfully on Judgment Day, and the Jew who prided himself on his inheritance will not pass the test.

- **“Written in their hearts”** – What would make the Gentiles “a law to themselves”? Paul answers “in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts” (Romans 2:15). The writer of Hebrews quotes the great prophecy of Jeremiah regarding the coming new covenant and its people. The Old Covenant people didn’t keep the Law, as the writer pointed out, God was “finding fault with them” (Hebrews 8:8). So God was going to make a new covenant which would not be like the old covenant; this time there would be a people about whom God said, “I will put My laws into their minds, and I will write them upon their hearts” (Hebrews 8:10). This new covenant would be for those of Jewish background (“house of Judah”) and those of Gentile background (“house of Israel”). Thus the Gentiles that are “a law to themselves” are those who have become Christians.
- **Conscience as a guide** – Every person on the planet has a conscience; for those outside of Christ it is an “evil conscience” that needs to be cleansed (Hebrews 10:22; 9:14), and for those inside Christ it is a “good conscience” that is to be maintained (1 Timothy 1:19). Hence as Paul writes of those who “show the work of the Law written in their hearts,” he speaks that “their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them...” The conscience for the Christian is not a perfect guide, but it is instantaneous and it is programmable with the word of God. So if a Christian were to sin, his “heart” would condemn him; but the apostle John reassures saints that “God is greater than our heart” (1 John 3:20). The conscience may defend the saint when he does and says what is right when under pressure, commending him and thus encouraging him to keep following the upward call.
- **Judgment Day** – The conscience may alternately accuse or defend the Gentile Christian in the moment, but there is an ultimate Judgment Day. The apostle is particularly directing his comments toward those of Jewish background, and ushers them to this point, speaking of “the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Jesus Christ” (Romans 2:16). For the saint who has been honest with God, only the “good works prepared beforehand” (Ephesians 2:10), will appear on the record, for “their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more” (Hebrews 10:17). For the unconverted Jew, even the secrets of his heart will be exposed.

*God will judge
the secrets of men
through Jesus
Christ*

Jesus said that “not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son” (John 5:22). And Jesus the Judge stated, “the word I spoke is what will judge him on the last day” (John 12:48). This judgment is not arbitrary; that word is perfectly designed to expose whether the person has an evil heart, or whether he has a good heart. As John the Immerser explained to the Sadducees and Pharisees, “His winnowing fork is in His hand” (Matthew 3:12). The good go into the barn; the evil are burnt with unquenchable fire.

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