

“So they assembled at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of Asa’s reign [896 BC]... They entered into the covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and soul; and whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, man or woman.”

-- 2 Chronicles 15:10,12-13



Fellowship dinner at LaQuinta Inn
following assembly on the Lord's Day
“laying the foundation for the future”
Christ's Church in Butte

God “has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...”

2 Timothy 1:9,10

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

September 27, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman

2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls

LaQuinta Inn — Butte

BOZEMAN - 8:45 - Micah Miller

9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

St'dship - Tony Huitron

L.S. - Justin Shanahan

Preaching - Luke Wilson

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

***GROUPS: 1 THESSALONIANS**

L.S. - Jim Mitchell

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Damien Herwick

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

St'dship - Cody Kruck

L.S. - Nathan Zech

Preaching - Caleb Wilson

BUTTE - 2:00 pm - Classes

3:00 pm - Assembly

L.S. - George Stone

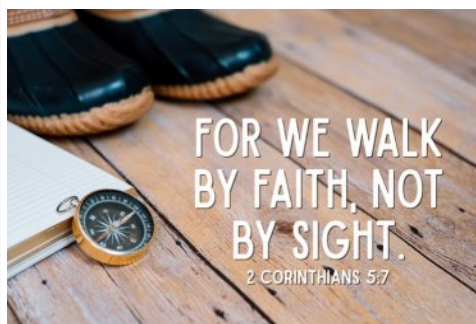
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman

Sept. 27 - Fellowship dinner following assembly; theme: football tailgate food

Butte

October 18 - Fellowship dinner following assembly



BOZEMAN -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Jerry Hoffman - "Song of Solomon"

GREAT FALLS -

Wed. night, 7:00 pm:

Caleb Wilson - *Equipping for the work of service*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Spiritual Warriors Weekend - Oct. 23-24, 2026

Bible Bowl - Mar. 13, 2027

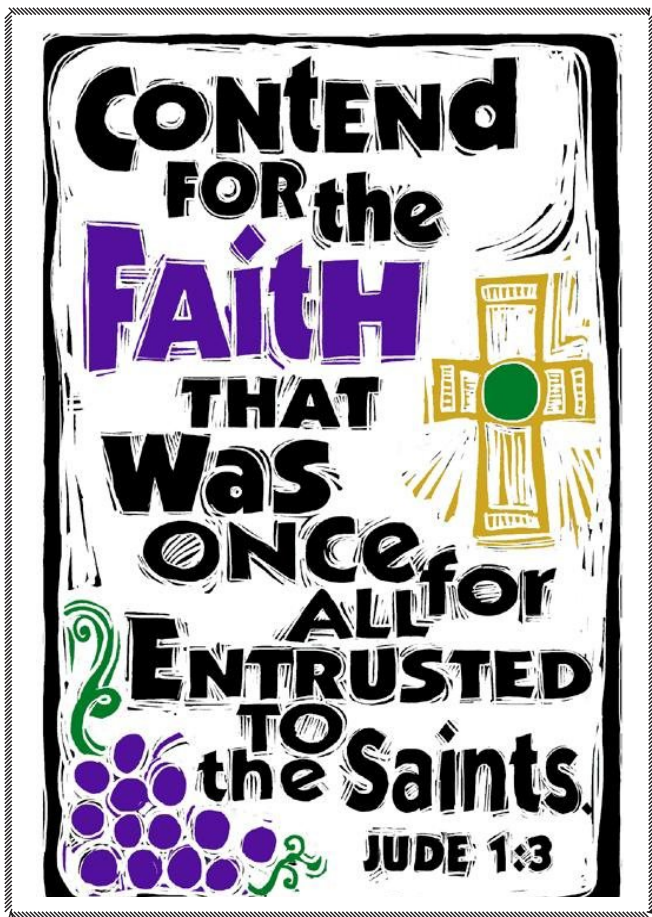
Ladies Advance - April 15-17, 2027

Men's Peaks - July 22-24, 2027

Family Camp - Sept. 3-6, 2027

Great Falls

Oct. 4 - Fellowship dinner following assembly; theme: "Fall favorites"



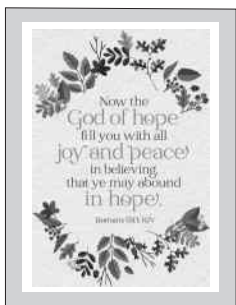
Quotation of the week:

“So, really, what was the wooden tub of Noah's day compared to that which the saint builds? What were the millions Moses led out of physical slavery compared to a follower of Christ leading even one person out of slavery to sin? What was the anointing of David compared to the anointing which abides in the Christian? Even Abraham, father of the faithful, believing that God was able to perform what He had promised, could only stare off into some incomprehensible distance in hope that he would become a father of many nations, while the citizen of Christ's kingdom is right now making disciples of all the nations. Christians are powerful through Christ; those who have gone before are pikers.” -- *Excitement from Ephesians*, “Exceeding Abundantly Beyond”

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 69
Morning Assembly – 112
Evening Assembly – 72

Wednesday Night (9/23) – 64
Butte Lord's Day – 11 (ph: 3)
GF Lord's Day – 68, 91 - Wed. - 59



“What then?” - Apostle Paul to the Romans

Entrusted with the Oracles of God

The person of Jewish background who tried to trust in his “circumcision” heritage to give him standing before God was blocked by the apostle Paul’s arguments in every way. If he had not practiced the Law perfectly, his circumcision did not count. The “true Jew” was one who possessed a “circumcised heart,” so “he is not a Jew who is one outwardly” (Romans 2:28). If his heritage gave the Jew no special standing before God, then Paul’s next question is a good one. “Then what advantage has the Jew?” Was it a waste for God to have set aside Abraham, to have made special effort for Isaac to be born? What about the preservation God gave the nation Israel, and even the scattered Jews of New Testament times? Paul’s arguments

have destroyed the value of physical circumcision, and set the stage for the next question, “Or what is the benefit of circumcision?” (Romans 3:1). The interesting answer follows: “Great in every respect” (Romans 3:2). Then follows a key statement, “First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.” “First” implies that there is at least a second point to be kept in mind.

- **Oracles** – “Oracles” are “the utterances of God,” messages delivered in the Old Testament times to physical Israel through divinely approved spokesmen. Sometime the NASB will translate it as “burden,” as in the case of Zechariah, one example being “The burden of the word of the Lord concerning Israel” (Zechariah 12:1). The word “oracle” is given the translation “burden” because it was a message “borne” or carried by the messenger, and a “weighty” one at that. Hence, Stephen, in his defense before the Sanhedrin, spoke of Moses’ important role in God’s plan and that Moses “received living oracles to pass on to you” (Acts 7:38). Those “living oracles” eventually included all the Old Testament writings, read aloud every Sabbath in every Jewish synagogue.
- **Entrusted** – God worked with the prophets to establish their authority among the people of Israel. Moses performed great wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and Israel and others had increasing respect for Moses and his utterances. When the dead bodies of the Egyptians were seen floating on the surface of the Red Sea following Israel’s successful crossing, the scripture records that the people of Israel “believed in the Lord and in His servant Moses” (Exodus 14:31). Moses’ writings were also placed “beside the ark of the covenant” and from that point on were regarded as authoritative. Similarly with Joshua, with Samuel, with David, with Isaiah, and with all whose writings ended up as part of the Old Testament canon. With the development of the Jewish synagogue as part of Jewish culture, these Old Testament scriptures were read aloud and preached on throughout Jewish society. James, elder in the church in Jerusalem and half-brother of Jesus, noted, “For Moses [the whole Old Testament] from ancient generations has in every city those who preach him, since he is read in the synagogues every Sabbath” (Acts 15:21). Thus the Jews “were entrusted with the oracles of God.”

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Thus the Jew could rightly claim “to approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law,” and could claim to be “a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,” and many other principles, “having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth” (Romans 2:18-20). The Jew also knew of a coming Messiah, a descendant of David, who would rule and reign over God’s chosen people. They knew of a coming kingdom, of a time when the Law of God would be upon their hearts and written upon their minds. The weight of their sins in the sight of God was impressed upon them by their repetitive sacrifices, and their knowledge of God’s righteousness was designed to make them cry out for a Savior. None of this was impacting the Gentile world (unless a Gentile was hanging out in the synagogue, listening to the Law and the Prophets). “What advantage has the Jew?” Because of their being entrusted with the oracles of God, “Great in every respect!”

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