"Let the field exult, and all that is in it.
Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy
Before the LORD, for He is coming,
For He is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
And the peoples in His faithfulness."
-- Psalm 96:12,13



Wild geese near the parking lot
LaQuinta Inn and Suites
Butte, MT
location where Christ's Church in Butte meets

"But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison. Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word."
-- Acts 8:3,4

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

November 15, 2026

Christ's Church

Meeting at
30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman
2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls
LaQuinta Inn — Butte

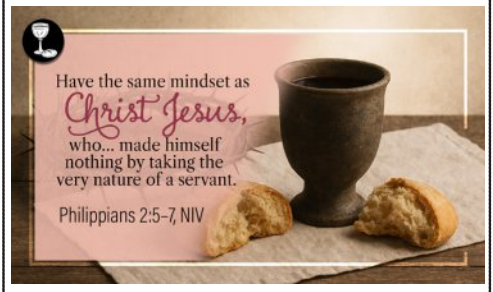
Bozeman - 8:45 - Elliot Ashley
9:00 am - classes
10:00 am - Assembly
Prayer med - Jim Mitchell
L.S. - Herb Burnell
Preaching - Luke Wilson
L.D. Evening 7:00 pm -
***Groups: 1 Thessalonians**
L.S. - Elliot Ashley

Great Falls - 2:45 - Damien Herwick
3:00 pm - classes
4:00 pm - Assembly
St'dship - Zac Zech
L.S. - Cody Kruck
Preaching - Caleb Wilson

Butte - 2:00 pm - Classes
3:00 pm - Assembly
L.S. - Jay Wilson
Preaching - Jay Wilson

Bozeman
Nov. 22 - Fellowship dinner following assembly; theme: "Thanksgiving"

Butte
November 15 - 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:
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
Nov. 15 - Prayer and fasting for evangelism

Congratulations to **Adelaide Rain Compton**, born to parents Ryan and Kayla Compton on Nov. 4!!!

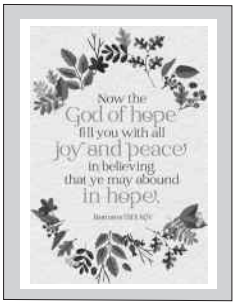


Quotation of the week:

"Most people will see out their days harbouring a list of broken promises; all of them thinking that are "the hardest done by." The only advice that I can offer them is to open their Bibles. Therein they will find two groups: Those who have clung to the broken promises of man, and those who have clung to the certain promises of God!" - John Staiger on Facebook, Nov. 12, 2026, *"Not one promise has failed"*

Attendance Last Week:

Bible School — 71	Wednesday Night (11/11) — 43
Morning Assembly — 117	Butte Lord's Day — 13 (ph: 6)
Evening Assembly — 62	GF Lord's Day — 68, 106 - Wed. - 53



"What then?" - Apostle Paul to the Romans

"Apart from the Law"

The apostle Paul called himself a "Jew." Standing on the steps of the Antonia which overlooked the temple area in Jerusalem, addressing an angry mob from which he had just been rescued by Roman soldiers (who actually had to carry him up the stairs), he stated, "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers..." (Acts 22:3). If anyone knew the stubborn mindset of the Jew, it was he! Thus, when he is directly speaking to those of Jewish background in the congregation in Rome, he works hard to drive the point home that "the law of our fathers" would not justify anyone, but rather that "through the Law comes the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). Those of Jewish background were going to have to move past their old thinking and process a new system which Paul introduces as the "faith of Christ."

- **True righteousness manifested –** The law system did not provide forgiveness for anyone. Another step was therefore necessary. "But now apart from the Law," the apostle points out, "the righteousness of God has been manifested" (Romans 3:21). Manifested... made visibly known! The system of law has thus been shoved off to the side, and a separate entity has been introduced to bring the knowledge of God's righteousness to men, to have that righteousness attributed to men by Biblically defined faith, and to have that righteousness actually exhibited to the world through faithful followers of Christ.
- **Witnessed by the Law and the Prophets –** This new system did not arise in an empty space or obscurity. This which is "apart from the Law" is characterized as "being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets" (Romans 3:21). Paul had opened this epistle by speaking about "the gospel of God" (which is another name for this new system of thought), "which," he averred, "He promised beforehand in the holy Scriptures" (Romans 1:2,3). The entire tabernacle of Moses' day, given as part of the Law, pointed to Jesus and the true tabernacle of "the new covenant." Moses himself, lawgiver and priest of the institution of the Law, stated that God would eventually raise up a prophet like himself, pointing to Jesus as the Lawgiver and High Priest of the new covenant. And the prophets, like Jeremiah, looked ahead to the coming of the Christ and the institution of a "new covenant," as God stated prophetically, "not like the covenant which I made with their fathers" (Jeremiah 31:32).

The system of faith provides for the righteousness of God to be applied

- **Appropriation of God's righteousness –** The principle of the scripture is clear: "those who have sinned without the Law will perish without the Law; and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged [condemned] by the Law" (Romans 2:12). Nothing in the Law provides a way of being declared righteous before God. Thus God, in His infinite love for mankind, brought in a system in which the righteousness of God could be appropriated by a sincere individual if he would operate in accordance with God's terms. This righteousness, set in motion in the Old Testament, is "even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe..." (Romans 3:22). [A more literal and important rendering of this would be "through {the} faith of Jesus Christ."] This system of faith provides for the righteousness of God to thus be applied to the person who comes under the condtions of "the faith of Christ."

The apostle has shown, in a reemphasis here, that the Gentile world is all under sin. He has been writing diligently to help those of Jewish background understand that they are all under sin, and there is no remedy for that perilous situation under Law. His established point is that only a person who comes into the faith of Christ will be justified. This common faith is what he is using to unite both Jew and Greek in the church in Rome. This is the "like precious faith" [KJV] of 2 Peter 1:1, the common "faith" of great value. And it is of great value, for the only way for a person to be declared righteous by God is through that faith.

Jay Wilson