

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS

- ✓ Evensong service is scheduled for the first Sunday of each month, Logos Auditorium, 6:00 pm.
- ✓ Heads of Households parish meetings: Usually held the second Tuesday of each month, 8:00 pm, locations to be announced on email.
- ✓ Family Psalm Sing is usually held the third Sunday evening of each month, 6:00-7:00 pm, Logos Auditorium.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ✓ No Sunday School classes are being held at this time.

NURSERY

- ✓ A nursing room is available for mothers only to use in the literature room (Room 2) out the west doors, down the stairs to the main building, first door on the left. If a father needs to take a crying baby or toddler out of the service, he may use the room down the hall next to the storage room. Dads, please don't go into the nursing room. Both rooms are sound wired, so the church service can be heard. Also, the sixth grade classroom is available for parents to use for disciplining their children.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ✓ Prayer requests: If you have a prayer request for the Sunday morning service or for the email prayer chain, please call the church office (882-2034) by Friday morning or contact Wes Struble (882-6163) or Ed Iverson (882-4848).
- ✓ Visitor cards are available on the back table. If you're visiting this morning, please fill one out and drop it in the offering box.
- ✓ The elders visit different homes on Tuesday nights, except for the Heads of Households meeting nights. If you'd like to receive a visit from an elder, please contact the office.
- ✓ The deacons fund is for needy families in our church. If you would like to donate toward this cause, please make your check to Christ Church, designating the Deacons Fund. Remember the Christian Education Fund, and the fact that some families are in need. Funds are available, and questions can be referred to the deacons.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 29

Tuesday, December 1

- ✓ Orchestra practice: Anselm House, 7:00-9:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 2

Thursday, December 3

- ✓ Ladies' Fellowship Craft Dinner: 6:00-8:00pm, Logos Auditorium.

- ✓ Adult Choir: Anselm House, 7:00-8:30 pm.

- ✓ Precept-Romans Study: 9:00-11:00 am at the Crossing

- ✓ "Heaven Misplaced" Ladies Book Study: Donna Grauke's home, 2:00 pm.

Friday, December 4

- ✓ Men's prayer for reformation and revival: Anselm House, 6:30 am.

- ✓ Weekly ladies prayer meeting for outreach ministries: 8:15-8:45 am, Greyfriars' Hall.

NEW NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ NSA Christmas Concert: Thursday, December 10, 7:30pm..

- ✓ Christmas Caroling in front of Ross: Sunday, December 20, 4:00. This event will replace the Family Psalm Sing..

- ✓ Winter Feast: Friday, January 22, 6:00-8:30pm, SEL.

COLLEGE MINISTRIES NEWS & EVENTS

Contact Matt Gray- 883-7903 (o), 596-9787 (c)

- ✓ Weekly meeting: Monday, December 30, 7:30 pm, Commons Whitewater Room. Patch Blakey will be speaking on "Faithfulness in Obscurity."

- ✓ CRF Christmas Party: Saturday, December 5, 7:30pm, Palouse Ice Rink.

- ✓ College Girls Inductive Bible Studies: Ephesians: Thursdays, Lisa Jackson's home, 730 E. 8th St, Apt 1, 8:00 pm. Philipians: Brooke Newman's home, 223 E. 7th #3, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm.

- ✓ NSA/UI/WSU Men's Bible Studies: Tuesdays, 12:00 pm, Beza Classroom, (CJ Bowen). Tuesdays, 8:30 pm, 110 Lilly Apt. 201, (Hans Leidenfrost). Wednesdays, 7 am, 916 E. 7th St. (Sean Johnson). Wednesdays, 8 pm, 406 "D" St., (Danny Ryan). Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, 226 Circle Dr., (Brian Kohl).

- ✓ UI Guys' Study: Saturdays, 7:30 am, Bucer's Smoke Room. Contact: Tucker Douglas, (817) 694-1955.

CHRIST CHURCH

Lord's Day Service - 1st Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION & PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP - *God Summons His People*

V SCRIPTURE READING OF PRAISE

Minister: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who are in awe of Him.

Congregation: He will hear their cry and save them. Amen.

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?" For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen (Romans 11:33-36).

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

V PRAYER OF PRAISE

V CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Magnificat.....416-419 (416-419)

CONFESSION - *God Cleanses His People*

EXHORTATION

SCRIPTURE READING OF CONFESSION

Congregation is invited to kneel if able

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin (Romans 3:19-20).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has

made me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1-2).

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

V CONFESSION OF FAITH

CHRISTIAN, WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE? APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin, Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hades. On the third day He rose again from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

V HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Are both the Word and the Sacraments designed to direct our faith to the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?.....Q.67 (69)

Yes, indeed, for the Holy Spirit teaches in the gospel and confirms by the holy Sacraments that our whole salvation is rooted in the one sacrifice of Christ offered for us on the cross.

How many Sacraments has Christ instituted in the New Testament?.....Q.68

Two, holy Baptism and the holy Supper.

V *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*.....219 (306)

CONSECRATION - *God Equips & Prepares His People*

V READING THE UNIVERSAL WORD

This week: Isaiah 40:1-9 & Mark 1:1-8

Next week: Leviticus 24:1-9 & Matthew 25:1-13

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Christ Church - 205 E. 5th St, Moscow, ID - 208.882.2034 - office@christkirk.com

Elders:

Bill Church
Dale Courtney
John Grauke
Matt Gray
John Howell

Ed Iverson
Mike Lawyer
Csaba
Leidenfrost
Jim Nance

Ralph Plaza
John Sawyer
Wes Struble
Matt Whitling
Douglas Wilson

Gordon Wilson
Fred Kohl

Deacons:

Eric Burnett
John Carnahan
Andrew
Crapuchettes
Tom Garfield

Joe Myers
Rusty Olps
Marc Rust
Marc Wintz

HOUSEHOLD BAPTISM: FINN MILLER (1st service) ;
LAYLA SHAW (2nd service)

*Congregational Charge: "Little child, for you Jesus Christ came to this earth
struggled and suffered; for your sake He crossed Gethsemane and went through the
darkness of Calvary; for your sake He cried: 'It is finished'; for your sake He died and
for your sake He overcame death; indeed for your sake, little child, and you—still—
know nothing of it. And thus the word of the apostle is confirmed: 'We love God, for He
loved us first'". (Taken from an old French Reformed Baptism Rite)*

*My Heart Has Found a Ready Theme.....***80-81** (CS 4-5)

OPENING PRAYER

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

THANKSGIVING

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32).

PETITIONS

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:26-28).

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*V Savior of the Nations, Come.....***225** (4-5)

PREACHING OF THE PARTICULAR WORD

Text: Romans 11:7-11
Message: And the Rest Were Blinded
Concluding prayer, ending with the Lord’s Prayer 411

MEDITATION

*Offertory - What Child Is This.....***250 vs. 3** (251 vs.3)
*V O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.....***227** (242)

COMMUNION - God Nourishes His People

THE BREAD & WINE

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People.....***226** (220-21 vs. 1-3)
*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying.....***228-229** (220-23 vs. 4-7)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— AMEN

COMMISSIONING - God Blesses & Sends His People

The congregation may raise hands

V CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Savior of the Nations, Come.....***225 vs. 6** (225 vs. 6)

CHARGE & BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen (2 Cor. 13:14).

MISSIONS UPDATE- LEIDENFROSTS

This month I would like to focus our prayers on audio Scripture recording. **Pray** for Perez and Alexis as they work on making a good recording of the books that we have translated so far. They are new at this and will need a lot of patience as they do things over and over again when they don't turn out right the first time. We are hoping to allow many more people access to the Bakwe Scriptures via audio. We do not plan to stop teachin reading and writing. Long term, that is the way to go. We just want the older people, and many women, who will not learn to read in this generation, to have access to the Scriptures. **Pray** for the team to work efficiently, and with a minimum of interruptions. I continue to work on Acts. Alexis and I are also working on getting the second half of Luke ready for being checked by a consultant early next year. When I have time I am working on studying the grammar of Bakwe poetry with the goal of someday translating Psalms and other Biblical poetry. A Hebrew poetry class will be necessary at some point. Shrot List for Prayer: 1. Robust health for Alexis, Perez and Firmain, and their families (they have been well recently). 2. The translation: wisdom and efficient use of time; and, a consistent internet connection in the village (so far so good). 3. For God to raise up more Bakwe preachers, and that they would faithfully teach the Scriptures. 4. For the growth and maturity of the Bakwe church. Pray Colossians 1:3-6, 9-11 and Phillipians 1:3-11 for them. 5. Lisa: for complete healing.

Thank you for your faithul prayers.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

THANKSGIVING — FOR...

- ✓ The ministry of the Word and sacraments.
- ✓ The ministry of Emmanuel Chapel of Helena, MT and for Michael Saville.
- ✓ Leidenfrosts: thank you for your prayers for our recent trip out to the Bakwe. Everything went splendidly. What a blessing to have had the help of Benjamin, Scott and Kjell! And thanks to God for our protection the whole time.
- ✓ The birth of Caroline Grace Rumrey to KC and KeriAnn.
- ✓ The birth of Ezra Daniel Penney to Joel and Grace.

NEW REQUESTS, PRAY FOR:

- ✓ Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in N. Korea.
- ✓ The United States Congress.
- ✓ The Local Church

REQUESTS FROM NOVEMBER 22, 2009

- ✓ Christians who are persecuted in other countries, especially in Laos.
- ✓ The United States Supreme Court.
- ✓ Nancy Rust’s recovery from surgery and for her cancer to go into remission.
- ✓ The Crossing: Prayer for Pastor John Hauser as he preaches through his sermons series on “Who is Christ”. Also, pray for the church as they bring on an additional pastor and a pastoral intern to help with the ministry load. Lastly, pray for financial wisdom as they pursue these two new positions.

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✓ Education: NSA, Logos School, Montrose Academy, ACCS, Pullman Christian School, UI, WSU, LCSC.
- ✓ Eddie Gray, Jr., James Denham, Heather Casebolt Teston, Neil (Ray) Crawford, Emily Peterson, Jerry Langreder.
- ✓ Repentance of sin and salvation for Jon LaMoreaux and Daniel Miller.
- ✓ Pray for Douglas Wilson and the Christ Church elders as they seek to serve God in leading the church.

- ✓ Parents as they educate their children.
- ✓ Upcoming marriages of Ryan Handerman to Courtney Wright (12/18), Justin Spencer to Emily Gray (12/29), Timothy Van den Broek to Anna Davy. (12/30), Skyler Hoeft to Chelsey Bowes (1/1/10), Jordan Leithart to Jamie Van Till (1/9/10), Brad Belschner to Sara Field (1/23/10), Isaiah Eyre to Leia Thomas(5/22/10), Drew Hicks to Samantha Ricketts (6/5/10), Eric Mabry to Hannah Benton.
- ✓ Pray for the Greyfriars’ Hall students.
- ✓ Complete healing for Billy Amos, Evangeline Anderson, Betty Appel, Fran Atwood, Paige Atwood, Arie DeWinkle, Julie Garfield, Emmaline Handel, Lizzie Klier, Fred Kohl, Lisa Leidenfrost, Brady, Erin, and Sherry McIntosh, Brian Nuttbrock, Beza Qualls, Kalkidan Qualls, Lisa Qualls, Don Quist, Cecily Rathbun, Michelle Roise, Daniel Rosendahl, Nancy Rust, Morgan Schlect, Nesradine Schumaker, Layla Shaw, Andrew Stafford, Tovia Sumpter, Bessie Wilson.
- ✓ Colleen McGarry, who is working with Servant Group, Int’l. in northern Iraq.
- ✓ The Christ Church and Trinity Reformed Church expectant mothers: December-Katie Nuttbrock, Jennifer Bunch; January-Casey Griffith, Nancy Jacobs, Heather Wilson, Ruth Hill; February-Amber Myers, Jenny Story, Ashley Antkowiak; March-Lindsey Tollefson, Katie Grauke, Alberta Arrick, Beth Peterson; April-Rachel Jankovic, Mary Dowers; May-Kristen Telling, Emily Bartlett, Alexis Stevenson, Brooke Newman; June-Melissa Breese.
- ✓ Other expectant mothers who don't attend either church or have moved but are connected to the churches in some way through family members, etc.: December-Hannah Griffith; January-Christine Creason; May-Natali Rose (Greenfield).
- ✓ Ian Bloomsburg, as he serves in the U.S. Army in New York; Mike Fenimore as he serves in Germany; Kelly VanNuland, Sam Kimmell in the U.S. Navy in Spain; Daniel Klier in the Marines; Nate Atwood; Chilton Williams in the Navy on the USS Enterprise.

STANDING PRAYER REQUESTS — PRAY FOR...

- ✓ Cultural stability, that we might live quiet and peaceable lives.
- ✓ State and local authorities as well as UI/WSU/NSA Presidents.
- ✓ The Bakwe’ in the Ivory Coast and for stability and peace in the country.
- ✓ Reformation and revival in the church.

“MAY I COME TO THE LORD’S TABLE?”

The Lord’s Supper is observed every Lord’s Day at Christ Chuch. We warmly invite to the Lord’s table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being active in a congregation which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and sacrament. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to the elders before or after the service.

AND THE REST WERE BLINDED Romans 14

INTRODUCTION:

So we have learned that there are two Israels, formed as a result of two different ways of "hearing" the Word of God. One hears the Word in a way that quickens true faith, and the other hears (after a fashion) in a way that hardens the heart in a persistent but wrong-headed pursuit of God—because it is a pursuit of God on *our* terms, instead of on His.

THE TEXT:

"What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back always. I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy" (Rom. 11: 7-11).

SUMMARY OF THE TEXT:

What then is the result? Israel has not obtained it (v. 7), but the election has obtained it (v. 7). This means that the election here were those Israelites who heard to the salvation of their souls. Those who did not hear were Israel in the other sense, Israel according to the flesh. And so the election (which included Paul) obtained, while the rest were blinded (v. 7). This fulfilled the Word from two places—Deuteronomy 29:4 and Isaiah 29:10, quoted in verse 8. David also points to the same reality in Psalm 69:22-23), quoted here in vv. 9-10. This being the case, Paul asks if they have stumbled past the point of no return (v. 11). Is the apostasy final? His answer to this is his standard *may it never be*, rendered here as *God forbid*. This answer sets up the discussion to follow, where we learn how Israel according to the flesh will eventually be brought back, to be grafted back in. In the meantime, they have stumbled for a time, and that stumbling resulted in salvation coming to the Gentiles, which in its turn will provoke the Jews to jealousy, and cause them to return again to the true Israel (v. 11).

IN EVERY AGE:

Israel was "going about" to establish her own righteousness, and they were ignorant of the righteousness of God. This means that they were seeking something—righteousness—which they were not really seeking. To use the words the Lord used, they already had their reward. They got what they were seeking, but they didn't get what they were seeking. This is because they heard without really hearing. This is because they were sons of Sarah who were really sons of Hagar, sons of Abraham who were really sons of the devil. They were Jews who were not Jews. This is the dividing line that separates the believer from the unbeliever *in every age*.

CHOSEN BY GRACE:

So the election obtained it, and as Paul has just emphasized, they obtained it by grace. They were the remnant *chosen by grace*. This means that God was the one doing the choosing, and that they were not the ones doing the choosing. When men choose God, it is not really God they choose. When men choose righteousness, it is not really righteousness they choose. When men do the pursuing, they soon veer off in another direction entirely. Paul was chosen by God, and not another of his classmates in Gamaliel's school, entirely and solely because God determined to do it this way, and He made this determination according to "His good counsel and will" (Eph. 1:11).

THE REST WERE BLINDED:

Those who were not chosen were left to their own devices. Those who were not sought out by God were left to their own pseudo-seeking of God. The Bible calls this a blinding. When God lets men go, God is giving them something—He is allowing them to eat their own cooking. Remember that in chapter one, the wrath of God is described as God "giving them up." Here God is striking them with a judicial blindness, a spirit of stupor. And in that stupor, what do they see? They see exactly what they insist upon seeing. God gives them over to their own vision of things. *They see what they want.*

In Deuteronomy 29:4, the Israelites had not been given a mind to understand, or eyes to see, or ears to hear, despite the fact that great miracles had been done for them (v. 3). Isaiah 29 is a chapter that is filled with this truth—God gave a stupor to their prophets and seers. And in Psalm 69, we see that the whole thing relates to Jesus. In Psalm 69:4, those who hate Christ hate Him without reason (v. 4; Jn. 15:25). In v. 8, rejection by His brothers was prophesied (John 7:5). In verse 9, we see the zeal of the Lord for the Temple (Jn. 2:17) and Paul applies the latter half of this verse to Christ as well (Rom. 15:3). A prediction is made of the gall Christ was offered on the cross in v. 21 (Matt. 27:34). The context swirls around the treatment that the Jews gave to their Messiah, and in *that* context, David says "let the table set before them become a snare" (vv. 22-23). And verse 25 is applied by Peter to the fall of Judas (Acts 1:20).

So we should see that the counsel of God's will in this had been settled 700 years prior (Isaiah), 1000 years prior (Psalms), and 1400 years prior (Deuteronomy). God's gifts and His refusal to give those gifts stand outside the give and take of history. History cascades from His decrees, and not the other way around.

REFORMATION FROM GOD:

So how much of Israel was really Israel was in the palm of God's hand—so that grace might be really grace. And in every age of the Church, it has been the same. How much of the Church is really the Church is in the hand of God. And so we must turn to Him.