



# VISTAS

For Independent Baptist Churches in the  
Mountain West United States

JAN/FEB 2021

## Spring Preaching Conference



"SO GREAT SALVATION"

MARCH 29 – 30, 2021

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAUREL, MONTANA

Call (406) 628-4366 for more information

### Schedule

Monday – March 29

3:00 p.m. – Executive Committee

6:00 p.m. - Registration

7:00 p.m. - Preaching

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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### DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2021

March 29-30	Spring Preaching Conference @ FBC Laurel, MT
June 10-12	Nehemiah Work Retreat @ Castle Rock
June 16-19	Elisha's Academy @ Castle Rock
June 28-July 3	Caleb's Kin @ Castle Rock
July 12-17	Senior High @ Castle Rock
July 19-24	Intermediate @ Castle Rock
July 26-31	Junior @ Castle Rock
August 19-21	Men's Trail Ride @ Castle Rock
October 4-5	IMBF Annual Meeting @ GBC Billings, MT

Tuesday – March 30

9:00 a.m. - Preaching

Coffee Fellowship

Preaching

Lunch on your own

Preaching

Castle Rock Baptist Camp

Presentation

Church Planting Report

5:30 p.m.- Supper provided by FBC-Laurel

7:00 p.m.- Preaching

### RESURRECTION SUNDAY ATTENDANCE EMPHASIS

We would like to encourage each of the churches in the fellowship to have an attendance goal for Sunday April 4, 2021 which is Easter. We are hoping that as we pray for souls we will as a fellowship of churches have altogether over 1,000 in attendance. Let's seek souls for eternity!

**IT IS OUR PRAYER THAT WE MIGHT RELAY TO OUR READERS THE VISTAS OF THE GLORIES OF CHRIST AND HIS WORK, ENJOY THE SWEET FELLOWSHIP OF GOD'S PEOPLE, AND SHARE OUR BURDEN FOR THE GREAT AND NEEDY HARVEST FIELDS OF THE IMBF.**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Isaiah 52:7

## FIELD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Pastor Paul and Cindy Hoover (pauldhoover@icloud.com)

Pastor Charles Nichols who pastored for nineteen years at First Baptist Church of Cody, Wyoming went home to be with the Lord on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. His funeral was on Saturday February 20, 2021 at Independent Baptist Church of Ramsey, Minnesota. The following tribute written by Dr. Paul Hoover was read at the home going celebration.

Pastors of fellowship member churches can send news articles from their churches to Pastor Paul D. Hoover to be included in future issues of this newsletter.

Contact Pastor Hoover:  
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From Dr. Paul Hoover, Field Director of the Inter-Mountain Baptist Fellowship

Dear friends and family of Pastor Charles Nichols.

We here in the Inter-Mountain Baptist Fellowship would like to extend the promise of our prayers during this time of bereavement after the home going of Pastor Charles Nichols. He was a faithful preacher and pastor having pastored one of our fellowship churches, the First Baptist Church of Cody, Wyoming. His pastorate in Cody was from 1969 until 1988 and during that time he was very involved in our fellowship. He also supported and helped at Castle Rock Baptist Camp in the Gallatin Gateway of Montana. We will miss him yet we know our loss is heavens gain. As he enjoys being with the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, we all are rejoicing at the Bible promise of being able to see him again. May you know God's nearness in your heart and life today.

### TRUSTING CHRIST DURING THE CRISIS CHRIST FOR THE CRISIS

On Thursday, March 19, 2020, the State of California ordered its forty million residents to stay at home except for essential activities because of the Covid-19 Virus. Since then similar orders have spread across most of the United States and around the world. It has been called the biggest lockdown in history. But how does God work in a lockdown?

In scripture we see that there was social confinement in the life of the Apostle Paul. During his ministry he was imprisoned often for preaching the gospel. I think of how he handled the storms in his life. He used his confinement time to write what we call the Prison Epistles. These epistles are Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians and Philemon.

These epistles show us that in these times of confinement Paul continued to Proclaim the Gospel. Acts 28:31.

He also continued to Pray and Intercede for other believers. Phil. 1:3-4, Col. 1:3-4.

He then continued to Exhort and Encourage the believers. Eph. 4:1-3.

And then we know he continued to Rejoice. Phil. 3:1, 4:4,10,13. This brought contentment.

Finally, Paul continued to maintain his Contact with other Christians. Phil. 1:4-7



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