



**Let's Keep Praying For**

- Alex re illness
- Anne, healing from fall
- Joan
- Brian as he struggles with Tinnitus
- Jerry M, Glen P and Doug M
- Betty, in long term care home
- Dan's father, Tim F
- Francesca
- Ruth Zimmerman COVID protection in PNG



Use this space to note an idea from the sermon that you would like to remember:

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**“Quote”** of the week

"Till you can sing and rejoice and delight in God as misers do in gold, and kings in scepters, you can never enjoy the world."  
 —Thomas Traherne

**Those Scheduled to Serve:**

	Today	Sept 6	Sept 13
Song Leader	Glenn	Glenn	Glenn
Communion	Chad	Chad	Art
Preaching	Chad	Art	Chad

**You may send contributions to**  
churchcollege@yahoo.com

**Key to the Kingdom** – Fridays 8:30 am on Vision TV

**Bulletin:** If you have news you would like to see shared in the bulletin, please get it to Art by Thursday noon (kingstonchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or 613-876-4605).

**Visitors, Welcome to our gathering! Join us in worship and fellowship**

In these days of social distancing we won't hug you or shake your hand, but we welcome you into our gathering.

Please join us in worshipping God as we sing, pray and read the Bible. We also share communion each Sunday remembering the sacrifice of Jesus who gave himself to die for our sins. If you wish to partake with us, you are free to do so.

We hold the Bible to be God's inspired message for us and hold it in highest esteem.

If a question comes to mind, please ask it. We will try to help you find answers from God. If you would like to request a special prayer, please let us know.

### **The Gift (3)**

Baptism is a gift through which God offers salvation. Rather than seeing it for what it is, we have often presented it simply as a command to be obeyed. It may be that, but it is much more. More than something I do, it is something to be received.

It is always exciting to hand someone a gift, especially when they are not expecting it. It is hard to imagine handing someone a wrapped box and having him or her say, “Oh, do I have to take this?”

On the Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2, Peter had convinced the audience that they had been responsible for putting to death the Messiah—the one for whom they had been waiting for hundreds of years! What could possibly compensate for that? Of course, we all understand that there is nothing that could possibly make up for killing the Son of God! Here is where the gift comes into play. Peter shares the secret! If they will just repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, they will have the forgiveness of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit! Can you imagine what your response would be, had you been there that day! Would you have turned down the gift of baptism as being a work that was just too much to expect of you? I don’t think so! What a wonderful relief!! What a gift!

Peter reminds his readers “this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also-- not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,” 1 Pet 3:21

Baptism was such a simple answer. In many ways it was what would have been expected. The Jews were used to undergoing a ceremonial cleansing after repentance as a way of receiving forgiveness. Not only had John taught that very thing, but also their temple and synagogues had pools for that very purpose. Now it was in the name of Jesus. Many people today want to turn down

baptism. As I read the pages of the New Testament, I cannot imagine anyone in the first century questioning whether they would be baptized! The gift would not have been turned aside.

Are you ready to accept the gift of God?

*-Art*



#### **Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

Sept 10    Robyn  
Sept 16    Marion

#### **Alex**

We wish you the absolute best as you return home. We have been blessed that you chose Queens for your schooling and our congregation as your church home away from home. May God go with you. You will always be welcomed should you have opportunity to come back to Kingston.