

# Kingston Church of Christ

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*Every member a minister*

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## ***Quote of the Week:***

"If ours is an examined faith, we should be unafraid to doubt....There is no believing without some doubting, and believing is all the stronger for understanding and resolving doubt."

—Os Guinness

## ***Let's Keep Praying For***

- Robyn and her siblings as they mourn their mother's passing
- Ron C as he continues his recovery at home
- Levi's recovery
- Alex as she faces ongoing health issues
- Ruby during stem cell transplant recovery
- Anne
- Joan
- Brian as he struggles with Tinnitus
- Glenn and Betty
- Dan's father, Tim F
- Chad's parents Marilyn and Roy. Health issues

**Now meeting virtually  
at 10:00 a.m. Sundays**

## ***Read the New Testament in a Year:*** April 19-25, 2021.

Mon Acts 5-6  
Tues Acts 7  
Wed Acts 8  
Thurs Acts 9  
Fri Acts 10  
Sat Acts 11-12  
Sun make-up day

## ***News:***

### ***May Birthdays***

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The **Central Church of Christ** in Winnipeg, MB is inviting us to join their Spiritual Growth, Renewal, and Outreach Weekend. It's a free zoom seminar April 30 to May 2. Register at [Winnipegchurch.ca/grow2021](http://Winnipegchurch.ca/grow2021) or get information about connecting by phone when you call Jay Manimtim at (204) 515-7415.

See more details at <https://winnipegchurch.ca/grow2021/>

Great Lakes Bible College Fundraising and Promotional event is Saturday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m. Jim Holston is the guest speaker. This will be a zoom gathering.

<https://bit.ly/3m9LoxS> Meeting ID: 870 8061 4083 Passcode: 458868

### **Key to the Kingdom Day**

May 2 has been designated as Key to the Kingdom Sunday. We are being asked to Pray for this ministry and to make a gift to the ministry. If you wish to send a cheque, make it payable to Strathmore Church of Christ (with "Key" on the memo line) 346 Strathmore Blvd., Toronto, ON M4C 1N3

**Contributions:** send to churchcollege@yahoo.com or leave in box in foyer.

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

### **Growing In Faith**

Have you wondered why we have Bible Classes each Sunday and Wednesday evening? Or why preaching of the Word of God is so essential to our Sunday worship? Or why the Lord encourages us to read and study the Bible daily (Psa. 1:2)? It is because Bible study is a faith growing event. Rom 10:17, States, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

If the "hearing," that is getting the word of Christ into our heads and acting positively upon it, produces faith; should-n't the Christian be more diligent with spending time with God and His word? Who reading this article can say they have enough faith? Isn't our faith being challenged each and every day? Are we not bombarded by sin and "hearing" things that do not produce faith?

Ephesians 6:16 reminds, "In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one." Notice again how essential faith is, not only does God's word produce faith, but it helps us overcome our sin!

Seeing how necessary growing our faith is; why would we as a Christian want to neglect an opportunity to spend time reading and studying God's word? Why do we let the TV, ball games, or other self-interest prevent us from daily Bible study and the services of the church? Are these things more important than spending time with the Al-mighty? Can the TV help us get to Heaven? Can sports draw us closer to God and help us grow our faith? Can anything else whether it be jobs, family, hobbies, or other self-interest help us deepen our relationship with God, like the word of Christ?

How important is growing our faith to us? What are we spending more time with, things of this world or the things of God? What are we willing to do, sacrifice, or even give up to develop a stronger faith in Christ?

I wonder how do we compare to William McPherson? A dynamite charge blew up in his face. Damage was severe. He lost his hands. Part of his face was left numb. Realizing how much the Bible meant to him, he set out to find a way he could read it. Without hands he

tried to use his lips to read Braille, but numbness made that impossible. He discovered he could use his tongue to decipher the Moon Type system of dashes. This method left his tongue bleeding and very sore, but he kept at it. Gradually it became easier and he learned to read. In sixty-five years he was able to read the Bible through four times with his tongue!

The story of William McPherson makes it clear that we do what we want to do. The one who will not read, or study the Bible, and does not come to the services of the church has no advantage over the one who cannot read, or at least in the traditional way at Mr. McPherson illustrated. Think about it!

~ Mark T. Tonkery Camden Avenue church of Christ, Parkersburg, WV