



**Let's Keep Praying For**

- The church in Haiti
- Joan's granddaughter, Barb issues in building a house.
- Alex as she relocates to Hilton Head
- Ruby as she deals with maintenance chemo
- Anne
- Joan
- Brian as he struggles with Tinnitus
- Jerry M as he adjusts to long term care
- Betty, in long term care home
- Dan's father, Tim F
- Franco, cancer
- Chad's parents Marilyn and Roy. Health issues



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

# Kingston Church of Christ

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*Every member a minister*

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**“Quote”** of the week

"Believe your beliefs and doubt your doubts."

—F. F. Bosworth

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

In these days of social distancing, we may not hug 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.

**Those Scheduled to Serve:**

	Today	July 25	Aug 1
Song Leader	Glenn	Glenn	Glenn
Communion	Chad	Art	Chad
Preaching	Art	Chad	Art

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

**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).

## Struggles of the Christian

The following is a story of nature demonstrating the fact that struggles are a necessary part of growth and development for the Christian in this life. God places these struggles (or trials) before us to prepare us for that perfect home in heaven with Him.

### The Man And The Cocoon

One day a small opening appeared on a cocoon. A man sat and watched for the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could and could go no further. The man decided to help the butterfly, so he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It was never able to fly.

What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand was that the restraining cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening was God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

As Christians, struggles (or trials) are exactly what we need in our life in order to grow and develop properly. If God allowed us to go through our Christian life without any obstacles, it would cripple us spiritually. We, like the butterfly, would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!

### Conclusion

Brethren – Let's thank God for our daily struggles (trials) and display the same attitude toward trials as the Apostle Paul. The great Apostle said in 1 Peter 4:12-13 – NKJV:

"Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy."

-Mike Riley

## Read the New Testament in a Year

July 19-25

Mon	Galatians 6
Tues	Ephesians 1:1-14
Wed	Ephesians 1:15-2:10
Thurs	Ephesians 2:11-22
Fri	Ephesians 3
Sat	Ephesians 4:1-16
Sun	make-up day



Copies of the **Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society** Newsletter are available on the table in the foyer. Feel free to take one and read it.

Let Art know if you are interested in a copy of the agenda for their Annual Meeting on Aug. 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Hamilton.

**Camp Omagh** is hosting its annual **Singspiration** Aug 1 at 3:00 p.m. (rain date Aug 8-check at Omagh.org at 1:00 p.m. on 1<sup>st</sup> if in doubt). This will be an outdoor event limited to 60 people to ensure social distancing. Pre-registration is required. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/singspiration-tickets-162440366509>

The July issue of **Gospel Herald** is available at [www.gospelherald.org](http://www.gospelherald.org).

We were happy to learn that **Karl and Debbie Klemm** were not affected by the tornado in Barrie.