

STRUGGLES OF A 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.”

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MARCH-

BIRTHDAYS: 3-Brandon Peevyhouse, 3-Ty De Priest, 5-Barbara Holt, 5-Scott Long, 11-John Henry Long, 16-Dustin Bryant, 20-Martha Nell Reed, 21-Steve Foster, 23-Callie Bryant, 23- Olivia Peevyhouse, 28-Derek Box, 30- Jacob Keen

ANNIVERSARIES: 24-Gaylon & Linda Sydnor, 26-Nick & Mandy Bryant

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

We must hear the word of God. Romans 10:17

We must believe the word of God. Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16

We must repent of our sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

We must confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21

We must live faithfully until death. Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2

•THOSE TO SERVE – March LIST IN FOYER

(Please check for your assignment and PLEASE contact one of the Deacons if you know you are going to be absent on that date).

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 11th: Fellowship Meal

March 17th Sara Beth & Blake's Wedding at Juno Church of Christ

April 7th Brunch Reception for Nick and Bethany Aden Davenport

SHUT-INS /NURSING HOME: Margaret Barlowe, Van Ayer Manor, 640 Hannings Lane, Martin 38327

Martha Nell Reed, Lakeside Retirement Community, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie 38201

Elvy Sauls Jr., Life Care of Bruceton, 105 Rowland Ave., Bruceton 38317

PRAYER LIST: Sympathy to Dylan Holt and family in the passing of his uncle, Ricky Griffin, also to the family of Pam Joyner in the passing of her sister. Wanda Smith will have surgery Mar. 12th, Kaffie Green, Sybil Hamilton, Charlie Wachsmuth, Jimmy McClain, Tom Aden, Christina Cannon, Margaret Barlowe, Doris Haskell, Mary Bryant, Tim Rogers, Harold Hutcherson, Charles Foster, Penny Warren, Vicki Murphy (Lexington), Mike Lane, Ruth Bennett, Mark Wright

CANCER: Kenneth Foster, Joe Gordon, Linda Cherry; Jackie Smith, Keith Inman. Lynn Harrison, Barry Barber, Carmen Bobbitt McCain, Sue Price; Deborah Browning; Rhyann Loos; Hattie Brinkley Berry, Christine Johnson, Jimmy Greene, Lalanie Murphy

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## Services:

Sunday Morning

Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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MISSIONS: Partners in Africa; West TN Childrens Home

## MARCH 2018

| DATES                         | WEEK OF MAR. 4                                                    | WEEK OF MAR.11                                                    | WEEK OF MAR.18                                                    | WEEK OF MAR.25                                                    |  |
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| PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER         | DAVID AND PAM BRYANT                                              | DAVID AND PAM BRYANT                                              | DAVID AND PAM BRYANT                                              | DAVID AND PAM BRYANT                                              |  |
| GREET                         | STEVE AND RITA FOSTER                                             | STEVE AND RITA FOSTER                                             | STEVE AND RITA FOSTER                                             | STEVE AND RITA FOSTER                                             |  |
| POWERPOINT                    | JOSHUA BRASHER                                                    | JOSHUA BRASHER                                                    | JOSHUA BRASHER                                                    | JOSHUA BRASHER                                                    |  |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS                 | GREG MC CLAIN                                                     | GREG MC CLAIN                                                     | GREG MC CLAIN                                                     | GREG MC CLAIN                                                     |  |
| OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.    | DALE BALLENTINE                                                   | CHARLIE WACHSMUTH                                                 | NICK BRYANT                                                       | DALE ADEN                                                         |  |
| LEAD SINGING SUNDAY A.M.      | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE                                                  | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE                                                  | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE                                                  | KEITH PEEVYHOUSE                                                  |  |
| PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER         | SHERRILL SMITH                                                    | SHERRILL SMITH                                                    | SHERRILL SMITH                                                    | SHERRILL SMITH                                                    |  |
| PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER         | TERRY HALL                                                        | TERRY HALL                                                        | TERRY HALL                                                        | TERRY HALL                                                        |  |
| SERVE LORD'S SUPPER           | JACK LAWRENCE<br>DANIEL ROGERS<br>NORRIS DEPREIST<br>MONTE MORRIS | JACK LAWRENCE<br>DANIEL ROGERS<br>NORRIS DEPREIST<br>MONTE MORRIS | JACK LAWRENCE<br>DANIEL ROGERS<br>NORRIS DEPREIST<br>MONTE MORRIS | JACK LAWRENCE<br>DANIEL ROGERS<br>NORRIS DEPREIST<br>MONTE MORRIS |  |
| SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY A.M. | BARRY MOORE                                                       | NOAH BRASHER                                                      | MARK WRIGHT                                                       | DYLAN HOLT                                                        |  |
| CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.    | STEVE FOSTER                                                      | JACOB KEEN                                                        | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                  | NOAH BRASHER                                                      |  |
| OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.    | MARK WRIGHT                                                       | TIM ROGERS                                                        | CHARLES WACHSMUTH                                                 | DAVID BRYANT                                                      |  |
| LEAD SINGING SUNDAY P.M.      | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                  | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                  | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                  | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                  |  |
| SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY P.M. | DREW KELLEY                                                       | STEVE FOSTER                                                      | NOAH BRASHER                                                      | NICK BRYANT                                                       |  |
| CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.    | MONTE PAUL MORRIS                                                 | JOSHUA BRASHER                                                    | NICK BRYANT                                                       | DAVID BRASHER                                                     |  |
| OPENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY      | MAR. 7 NICK BRYANT                                                | MAR. 14 TIM ROGERS                                                | MAR. 21 SHERRILL SMITH                                            | MAR. 28 STEVE FOSTER                                              |  |
| LEAD SINGING WEDNESDAY        | NICK BRYANT                                                       | NICK BRYANT                                                       | NICK BRYANT                                                       | NICK BRYANT                                                       |  |
| DEVOTIONAL WEDNESDAY          | TIM ROGERS                                                        | DALE BALLENTINE                                                   | DALE ADEN                                                         | JACOB PEEVYHOUSE                                                  |  |
| CLOSING PRAYER WEDNESDAY      | JACOB KEEN                                                        | JOSHUA BRASHER                                                    | NOAH BRASHER                                                      | DANIEL ROGERS                                                     |  |