

Weekly Services

Sunday	Bible Class	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am
Wednesday	Mid-Week Study	6:30pm

Happening in June

Monday, June 4	<i>Happy Birthday</i> Dan Farrington Tia Migliaro	
Sunday, June 24	Guest Speaker from the Albany Congregation	
Tuesday, June 26	Ladies Class 6:30pm @ Dawn's	

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Troy Church of Christ is to exhibit growth and development in the faith, love, and devotion of our members to Christ our Lord thru the recognition and utilization of the talents and skills of each member and through the teaching of the Word of God. The Church will eagerly embrace the opportunity to share the love of Christ through acts of service to those in need in the surrounding community via partnerships with community organizations and relationships of the congregation's members, all for the purpose of winning souls to Christ himself.

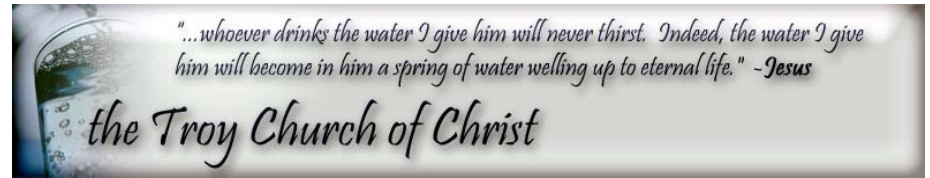
"27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world"

James 1:27

"19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

Answer: The Holy Spirit came to Jesus' apostles.



# Welcome

June 3, 2018

## Today's Service:

Sermon: Dan Farrington  
 Songs: Bob Shaver  
 Communion: Duane Cefalu

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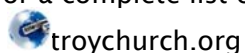
Troy Congregation - continued prayers during our transition

Mike Quillinan - migraines

Laura Sanderson - health issues

Dennis & Riina - Their work in Estonia

Visit our website for a complete list of prayer requests.



How can we pray for you?

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*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

**Bible Quiz**

*What happened on the day of Pentecost? (Acts 2:1-4)*

**Beloved, We Need Struggles**

An unknown author writes "A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched 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 it could go no further.

"So, the man decided to help the butterfly. 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 never was able to fly.

"What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were 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."

Inspiration records that Paul was involved in "confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). Just as a butterfly must go through the struggle of freeing itself from the cocoon to be able to fly, so must Christians go through various struggles to fly heavenward.

Perhaps this will allow us to better understand the words of James, "Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold temptations; knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience. And let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4). Beloved, we need struggles.

~Tom Moore  
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Sermon Notes:

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