

Struggle of the Butterfly

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.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives too. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, we would not be as strong as what we could have been.

"I asked for strength, and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom, and God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity, and God gave me a brain and brawn to work.

I asked for courage, and God gave me danger to overcome.

I asked for love, and God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for favors, and God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I asked for but everything I needed!"

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Our Mission....to teach the inspired Word of God, to encourage our congregation to worship, serve, and proclaim salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sundays this Month:

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship time 10:30 a.m. -socially distant please

Family Bible Hour 11:00 a.m.

Date	Speaker	Chair	Piano	Jr SS	Greeters
May 1	Tim Harden	Bob	Chris	Martha	Laverne
May 8	Bob Heywood	Chris	Marilyn	Bev	Jim N
May 15	John Aldom	Graham	Bob	Laura	Carling
May 22	Mike Nelson	Jim	Laura	Anne	Bob
May 29	John Aldom	Bob	Marilyn	Martha	Laverne
June 5	R Haverkamp	Bob	Chris	Bev	Jim N

COVID Update: Exeter Bible Fellowship encourages everyone to follow public health measures to keep our community safe. We ask that when we gather be sure to do the following: Stay home if you are sick. Read the screening questions upon entrance.

Broadcasts: Our broadcasts are livestreamed weekly. Subscribe to our youtube channel and watch the service LIVE The broadcasts can also be seen on Hay Television channel 1 at 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings They can also be seen on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ExeterBibleFellowship> (Don't forget to "like" our page) or on our website: exeterbiblefellowship.ca

Coffee Time Snack:

May – Bev

June – Anne

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday Evenings: Prayer and Bible study at the chapel every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We continue our study on the book of Mark. Remember you can also join by Zoom. We hope to see you there!

Zoom Info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7053366289?pwd=bWQ0a3IHdFpEUEZ3OUVKRDQwR3JkZzU9>

Meeting ID: 705 336 6289

Passcode: 4AcRj9

We can email you the link if you like.

May 1: Musical afternoon concert with the Watchmen Quartet, the Chapelaires and Trish Aldom and Gabrielle Ferguson. There will be one concert that will be held at the Baptist Church Exeter at 3:00 p.m.

May 4: Funeral service for Greta Zwaan will be held at the Exeter Christian Reformed Church on Wednesday May 4 at 11:00 a.m.

May 13: Movie night—watch for details.

May 21: Men's breakfast. See Vern Postill for details

August: VBS will be held. Watch for details

Sympathy:

Our sympathy is extended to Jim and Anne Finlay on the loss of Jim's sister Liz Hendrik on April 5.

Praise:

John Zwaan has moved to Queensway Nursing home in Hensall to continue his recovery there. We give praise for his remarkable recovery thus far.

Prayer Requests:

Pray for Ukraine

Jack and Mae as Jack continues his cancer treatments in Sault Ste Marie.

Bill Jeffery continues to have trouble with his eyesight following a recent stroke.

John Zwaan	Elsie Ennis
Jerry DeBoer	Mary Gardiner
Jim & Anne Marie Finlay	Garry Kline
Marilyn Dykeman	Ron & Kathy Rosborough
Eileen Parker	

Famela Baruado- Famela has returned to Canada with her daughter Franky.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries:

May 4 – Happy Birthday Louise Lavigne

May 12 – Happy Birthday Jim Finlay

May 25 – Happy Birthday Rob Jolly

Zambian Container:

The boxes for the container were packed by a great team and are ready to be shipped.

Thank you for your support!!

Food Bank:

There is a box in the foyer for items for the food bank. Items are delivered at the end of every month. Please consider helping others in need at this time.

Library Note:

We have a great library of books and DVD's downstairs. All are welcome to use it. Donations are accepted. Thank you Ron and Vurra for looking after it.