

## THE LESSON FROM THE HONEYBEE

A beekeeper explained an interesting fact about the development of a bee within the hive. When the little bee is in the first stage, it is put into a hexagonal cell, and enough honey is stored there for its use until it reaches maturity. The honey is sealed with a capsule of wax, and when the tiny bee has fed itself on the honey and exhausted the supply, the time has come for it to emerge into the open. But, oh, the wrestle, the tussle, the straining to get through that wax! It is the strait (i.e. difficult) gate for the bee, so strait that in agony of exit the bee rubs off the membranes that held its wings, and on the other side it is able to fly!

The beekeeper then told me of a time that a moth got into the hive and fed on the wax capsules, and the bees got out without any strain or struggle. But because they did not go through the needed process that removes the cumbersome membrane around their wings, they could not fly. As a result, the other bees stung them to death.

To truly follow Jesus and ultimately reach heaven, it is important that we bear our "daily crosses" (Luke 9:23). Are you congratulating yourself on having an easy time? No hardness, no real difficulties, no crosses? Beware lest like the bees, you lose your wing-power and perish miserably in the dust. "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13,14)

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# WELCOME

to the  
**Church of Christ**  
meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:  
**What happens if one dies before the end comes?**  
1 Thessalonians 5:13-18



### **Congregational Meeting Times:**

#### Sunday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am  
Evening Service 6:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 am  
Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

## Visitors

The members here would like to offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please allow us to shake your hand and talk with you, as we take great joy in getting to know you. Visitor cards are available at the pews for you to provide us with a record of your attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to fill these out.

### Important dates to remember:

#### April:

Sun. 22nd - Business Meeting at 4:15 PM

Sun. 29th - Friends service, am services. Members are encouraged to invite friends. A short question/answer period will follow the services.

Sun. 29th - Last Sunday of the month song service, pm services

#### Fellowship Opportunities:

Sun. 22nd - **Group 1** meets following evening services

Fri. 27th - Family Night Potluck at the Uptegrove's Home

**April:** 6-11th local missionary work planned, see Mike for details



### Ladies House to House Fellowship

We are starting a new book, it is from the Life Principles Study Series  
Lesson Book: "Developing Inner Strength, Living in the Joy of God's Love"

**Next class:** April 19th at Jennifer Stiltz's home.

Please prepare lesson 2. Lunch will be provided.

### MEMBER'S CORNER

Recently baptized: Priscilla was baptized March 6th

#### Classes

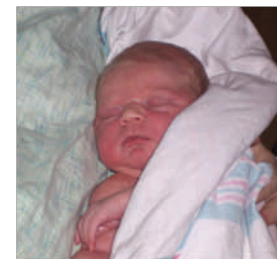
**Growing Kids God's Way:** Tuesdays at 6:45pm at the Stiltz home.

**New Converts Class:** 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:00 at the building.

**Young Adults Class:** Fridays at Caleb's (Steve Sarff's) home. See Caleb for details.

Revelation 4:11

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."



Safe Arrival!

Brianna Nichole Riemer

Born Sunday, March 15th at 11:18am, 8lbs., 4oz.

Congratulations to new grandparents,  
Bill and Linda and new aunt Rachelle

#### **Birthdays this week:**

Fae Fritzsche

March 24